

Dear [Concorde Place resident],

Thank you for reaching out to Councillor Jon Burnside.

As you know the application (for the development at 10/12 Concorde Place/Gate) was appealed to The Province for a decision.

Jon pushed as hard as he possibly could to get a better proposal with more community benefits for the development at 1-3 Concorde Gate/10-12 Concorde Place.

Councillor Burnside did not support the first Settlement Offer in March and worked hard to convince City Council to reject it and again he did not support the second Settlement on June 14th. However, City Council as a whole (voted 18/6) to adopt the Staff Recommendation to accept the second proposal. This Offer was uncontested by The Don Mills Residents Association.

Councillor Burnside has heard the concerns from residents loud and clear before and since taking office and was proud to take part in the recent protest to make our voices heard at every level of government.

The Offer

The built form has been revised from 5 buildings with 9 towers ranging in height from 40 to 52 storeys to a mixed use development consisting of 5 buildings with 8 towers ranging in height from 42 to 47 storeys.

Two large on-site parks will be provided with the Owner agreeing to design and construct above-base park improvements (playground) at the North Park. Specific upgrades and programming shall be determined in consultation with the local community and the local ward Councillor at the appropriate time as per the normal process organized by Parks staff. The parks are to be completed and conveyed within 3 years from the date of the issuance of the first above grade building permit for the applicable Phase.

As requested by the community, a Construction Management Plan will be implemented to ensure that local residents are kept informed with respect to the development and may provide input as necessary. The applicant has also committed to study and to consider the provision of a private day-care space as a non-residential use within the development.

It is far from perfect, which is why Jon voted against both settlements. However, it is an improvement over the original proposal. A Full Hearing was highly likely to result in the loss of some community benefits. The Chair of the OLT (Provincial, Ontario Land Tribunal), will issue a final Order, at a time yet to be determined.

A quick update on the Wynford/Concorde Area Focus Study: it will finally be moving forward with a community Open House in the Fall of this year. It is our hope that this will guide future development more appropriately to improve the community without having to (strongly) bargain for benefits at the Province through Appeals.

Jon will never stop fighting for a more complete community and is always available to discuss concerns in person or on the phone.