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**Subject:** Opposition to Four-Story Stacked Housing

Dear Mr. Morgan,

I am disappointed in the motion that was made to enable developers to demolish housing to build up to four story stacked townhouses on neighbourhood connector streets in Old North. I recognize the need for urban growth, however this proposal appears to have been fast-tracked without allowing for community consultation.

I suggest that council consider alternative approaches to this proposal:

- Utilizing existing parking lots and vacant properties, especially in the downtown core
- Scaling developments to ensure that new builds align with existing neighbourhood character
- Promoting family-oriented housing for new developments to attract longer-term residents, which in turn helps build community
- Targeted development to consider other areas where higher-density housing will have a lesser impact on the heritage of Old North

These alternatives offer a more balanced approach, supporting growth without compromising the unique qualities of our neighborhoods. Once our historic homes are demolished, they are lost forever. Is this the lasting legacy that this council wishes to leave behind?

I respectfully request that a public consultation process be conducted so that the public has the opportunity to provide feedback.

Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding my concern.

Best regards,

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