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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Colin Clay - Proposed Structure at Knox United Church - File CK 710-49

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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Proposed structure at Knox United Church

Meeting (if known) December 8th to discuss Appeal by Meridian Development

Comments

I do not wish to speak to Council but I do wish to add my name to those who are deeply concerned with respect to the application to construct twin towers, twenty storeys high, in the vicinity of the roof of Knox United Church. I am aware that the church, needing money, sold land to Meridian several years ago, and, without consulting St. John's Cathedral, and other neighbours, permitted the developer to work with an architect to design a building which is totally inappropriate and would disfigure the beauty of this part of Spadina Avenue and, in my opinion, threaten our city's reputation as one of the most beautiful in Canada. I assume that this design (which we have only seen in pictures) would be accepted in a neighbourhood featuring modern high rise steel and glass buildings, but I believe it has no place alongside heritage properties. To be frank. I see this design as quite unpleasant, and I am very disturbed that Knox United Church, and the developer and the architect, only made the property committee at St. John's Cathedral (who will be profoundly affected) aware of this proposal during the several years when this structure was being considered. Other buildings have been constructed along Spadina which have blended quite well with the older ones, but it would appear that Meridian had not considered this. I believe that this proposal seriously threatens one of the most beautiful sections of the city we love, and I urge our Mayor and Councilors to deny this application by Meridian Development. I thank you for the opportunity to write this letter. Sincerely, Rev. Canon Colin Clay