



**CITY OF KINGSTON
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 18-2013
ADDENDUM**

Thursday, November 7, 2013
6:30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence received from Ms. Sharon Deline, dated November 7, 2013, regarding the application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment for 653-663 Princess Street and 582-604 Victoria Street. (File No. D14-263-2012).

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From: Sharon Deline
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 11:53 AM
To: Saunders,Fred
Subject: Application RE: 663 Princess Street

Mr. Mayor and City Councillors:

I am writing to speak AGAINST the proposed change by Applicant 2246955 for the reasons which follow.

a) The structure is known locally as the “Tinderbox” for an obvious reason: it is made completely of some sort of press or chip board with no concrete or steel. With the planned number of bedrooms already housed in the structure being directly proportional to the number of people to be sleeping there, presumably 485, there is already an extremely high probability that accidents resulting in fire will occur.

b) Given the massive nature of the structure, in spite of flame retardant plasterboard and whatever else is being used chemically to delay the burning of such a structure, the likelihood is that if there is a fire (God forbid), it will be horrific resulting in terrible injury and possible loss of life, as well as extreme air pollution as flame/fire retardants, even in carpeting, have been found to be toxic to pets and people in the throes of everyday living.

c) Given that this building is to house students only, and many of these may be foreign students, I wonder how susceptible to the strictures of international law the owner, the City, the Province and the Country may be might there be a disaster.

d) Given the possible nature of a fire, I would like to point out that there is a gas station across the street which further tips the scale, in my view, to the danger of this development.

e) Given the fact that fire engines scream up Princess Street once to several times a day, I trust that the Planning Committee has taken into account and provided for a more than adequate number of firemen to respond should an event occur.

f) Given the flooding all along Victoria Street and in spite of the movement to require appropriate deterrents to basement flooding, the system remains untried and unproven. How healthy would it be for students to be caught in, and/or to lose their belongings in a situation similar to the flooding of 2010?

My final comment is this: it is hard to feel safe in the City when the decisions being made by the Planning Committee and by City Council do not appear to care for the safety and welfare of the Residents and proceed unreasonably with such gigantic projects.

City Councillors need to remember that they are the TEMPORARY caretakers of the well being of all the citizens of this city, and as such should think about the how the long term ramifications of their decisions might affect others.

Again, I am speaking against the proposed increase in the number of units, particularly in the basement of the building where people can get caught in some kind of natural disaster.

Thank you for the opportunity, your time and attention to this response.

Sharon Deline