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As a lifelong Cambridge resident and 20+ year West Galt resident, I am firmly opposed to the development proposal referenced above.

This development is NOT in the best interest of the Cambridge Community, nor is it appropriate for this site. Over the last two years we have experienced excessive traffic congestion in the downtown Galt Core (in many areas of Cambridge in fact). The existing infrastructure is already overwhelmed. Use of the "major transit area" referenced by the consultants is not a feasible option for many downtown residents for whom mobility is an issue and who rely on vehicle transportation. Businesses in the core are already at a disadvantage due to a severe lack of parking, public parking spaces are being eliminated on a consistent basis. Emergency vehicles heading to calls must AND DO traverse the congested downtown core streets multiple times throughout EACH day - with the addition of a new shelter as well as the existing one (The Bridges) and 2 retirement homes in this tight downtown space the potential for MORE emergency calls is very likely.

The City of Cambridge and especially the downtown Galt region has always been considered picturesque and unique with our historic church steeples and riverscape. The proposal of this 28-storey monster is blatant greed on the part of the developers and the City alike, in my opinion. More and more these things seem to be organized and arranged behind closed doors and then a bit of theatrics happen and then the proposal gets knocked down a couple storeys??? I suspect to make it look like our Municipality has the concerns and interest of the community... only to get pushed through at what was probably the goal of the developers (and the City & Region) all along.

I have serious concerns over this proposal, and also am amazed at the number of Galt and Cambridge residents who are even unaware of it (the proposal ??) - I guess they all missed the newspaper article from a couple weeks ago.

I was also unable to access the consultants supporting studies and would be very interested in reviewing their Traffic Study, Noise Study and Shade Study in particular.

Regards,

Suzanne Rerrie