

We are strongly opposed to the proposed rezoning of 4922 Chief Lake Road from type RS1m to RM1 for three big reasons: value, safety, and lifestyle.

With the addition of multi-residential homes at this distance from the city, the value of the surrounding single-home properties will very likely decrease in value as those who want to live away from city-type buildings will be less likely to want to live near a multi-unit houses.

Second, Chief Lake Road is a narrow, two-lane road without any shoulders or turning lanes. At present, traffic is able to flow freely; but with multiple residences on one property, there will be a great increase in the number of vehicles and pedestrians in a single stretch of the road. This will cause increased congestion, which means a much higher risk of vehicular and pedestrian accidents. This is especially a concern because children who walk to school have no safe place to walk, and there is no public transportation in the area to help these children - or other residents – to get around safely.

Finally, the chosen lifestyle of every resident who chose to live in this area is threatened by this rezoning. Exaggerated though it may sound, those who live in the area chose this area for similar reasons: country-style living, with single family dwellings that are family-oriented. To rezone for multi-residential housing means cutting down a large area of trees, removing natural sound and privacy barriers for those who live here; and it means a denser population of people, which naturally leads to more noise and less privacy. This has already been made clear by the fact that another rezoning proposal for this very property has already been rejected due to the protests of those who live in the area.

A further concern voiced by some of the residents is how late the Notification of the Rezoning Application was sent out. With responses needing to be in by November 22, and not receiving the notification until November 18, we are concerned that not all those who wish to submit concerns will have the time to put their thoughts together before that date. Additionally, not everyone in the area even received a notice, which means that unless they heard about this from a neighbour, they may not even be aware of the proposal's existence. This also means that they may not have the opportunity to voice their concerns at all.

We strongly feel that bring multi-residential homes into this area would not be a step forward, but a step back in the well-being of the residents of Chief Lake Road and surrounding area.

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