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Mississauga, Ontario (May 31, 2023) - Residents across the riding of Mississauga-Lakeshore were blindsided by the announcement from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) that a 16-year collaboration between the community, the City, and more recently the developers, has been broken by the Province and are demanding accountability from MPP Rudy Cuzzetto.

A Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) expedites projects deemed critical, and claims to rely on municipal input in the final decision-making process. With the MZO request from Lakeview Community Partners Limited (LCPL), the approval was fast-tracked and pre-empted public consultation. The decision to grant the request was announced at 4:30pm on Friday, May 12, 2023. This, despite awareness that Mississauga's Planning & Development Committee (PDC) would meet the following Monday, May 15 to hear community feedback prior to submitting Council's formal response to this MZO which has now doubled the master-planned 8,050-unit count to 16,000.

Residents' Associations in the Mississauga-Lakeshore riding understand the MZO process is designed to expedite building projects deemed "critical" and it is a tool the City may use prudently when public benefit, including employment and affordable housing, is realized in underserved areas. However, these key elements do not appear to have been considerations with this most recent decision.

In question, is whether MMAH Minister Stephen Clark has considered the serious implications before arbitrarily doubling the unit count and population, as thoroughly outlined in the City's Planning Staff report presented at PDC on May 15.

Cuzzetto is aware of the planning context for the area and the strains on local utilities, transportation, environment, and public facilities this MZO will precipitate and perpetuate along the Lakeshore Corridor.

Mississauga-Lakeshore residents are demanding that Cuzzetto explain: How could changes that so significantly benefit a development group, while violating the spirit and intention of the MZO process, be pushed through?

Without clear justification as to the rationale and exploration of the ethics behind the decision-making process, residents are asking for the original plan – developed and approved by the community, the city, and the LCPL - be reinstated.

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