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Subject: FW: Letter concerning the zoning change of 808 Powers St

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Rockland, March 24th, 2020
Mrs. Monique Ouellet, Clerk
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Subject : concerning REPORT No AMÉ-20-10-R

Good day to all city council members and thank you in advance for hearing out the concerns from one more family residing on Powers St concerning the zoning change request & construction project for 808 Powers St in the « AMÉ-20-10-R » report: semi-detached dwelling with second units at the basement level, Parking for a total of 8 vehicles is proposed to be provided on the property (page 2).

Our family resides more specifically at 835 Powers, immediately South-East from this project (right across the street in an angle).

We (my wife and I) moved in on Sept. 2011. At the time some of the homes on the street were either already rental properties (whether single family dwellings, the two lots North-East from us) or in the process of being converted/bought with the intent to covert into rental properties.

We understood that this was a partial natural occurrence due to the changing demographics/coming and going of homeowners/renters.

It was noted at the meeting, although very quickly and almost brushed off to the side, that the local residents do NOT object a new build consisting of a single family dwelling with a second unit in the lower level/basement. This would not quadruple but simply double the amount of current possible vehicular traffic originating from this property alone.

What we DO object in the change in the zoning that is the requesting of a duplex turned into a 4 units. This would not only mean a potential of 8 cars parked in 4 lanes (they may have to switch the order of their spots every so often, causing traffic/risk of accident(s)). With the current proposed parking of 8 cars, it is mentioned that the spots nearest to the street are very close to the curb. In the winter when the city clears this street, some of those cars could get damaged as packed snow would encroach on the parking spaces measurements on the current plans.

We spend a lot of our time outside as a family and play with more than ten children that reside on Powers street. We also have a disabled child, a disabled adult and multiple seniors. We strongly believe that having more traffic on Powers street would be dangerous for our community.

We have read in the report that the protective services and the fire department do not oppose to this project. We ask that you kindly show us this documentation that supports this claim since it is unavailable.

Two winters ago, there was an emergency on our street which required the services of an ambulance. The ambulance was NOT able to access the patient properly with safe measures because the street is small and was full of snow banks and the ambulance had no choice but to park at a nearby private parking. Could you imagine if an emergency happens again and the parking lot of 8 cars is full? The ambulance will have no choice but to stay on the street and block most traffic. In my logic opinion, having 4 more

families living on one property is definitely not safe considering the size of the street.

We trust that you will seek in you hearts and vote for what is best for our beautiful little community that we are part of.

Mr. Nathaniel and Mrs. Elodie Gauthier

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