

Transformation of Hopedale Mall is frustrating community residents

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about the many, many seniors who eat at El Spero's on a weekly basis and consider it an extension of their homes? Have you bothered to care about the people like Gena, Zorka, Leighanne and Tiffany, to name a few, who have worked years, serving this community.

And then there is the Kotsopoulos family. They have provided a wonderful place with great home-cooked food to this community and are deeply loved by us all.

We do not need more processed food places at Hopedale. We do not need a food court, which would end up being nothing more than

a hang out for our youths.

It will not be a place where our seniors will want to have lunch or dinner or to sit quietly having a cup of tea. It will not be a place where families will want to have a meal.

You are destroying our mall and you are hurting this community. Why don't you spend

a little time thinking about that?

This community is a strong one and there is a lot of talk about what you have done and what you are doing. Good luck with your mall... because many of us will not be shopping there.

Michele Lowe-Shaw, Oakville

Another family in support of El Spero

My family and I are regular patrons of El Spero restaurant at Hopedale Mall in Oakville.

We are heartbroken to hear that this restaurant's lease has not been renewed and that it will soon cease to exist.

El Spero is our family's restaurant of choice. It is in our immediate neighbourhood (within walking distance of our house), it serves healthy and homemade-style food, they provide amazing customer service and they are very family-friendly.

These days, restaurants like El Spero are exceedingly rare.

It is much more likely that you will find chain restaurants in strip malls that you have to drive to, at which your choice is limited to microwave-ready entrees and high-fat, low-nutrient foods that are unhealthy and have very few 'real' ingredients in them.

I have great concern for the health of our younger generation if we continue to choose

these types of eating establishments, or if we no longer have the choice to go to healthier establishments because these types of eateries no longer exist.

My sons, ages two and five, prefer to go to El Spero than to fast food restaurants, which I think says something very important and is an amazing testament to this business.

El Spero is always busy when I walk by and I believe that it should be permitted to retain its location in Hopedale Mall.

My sons' grandparents, who live 45 minutes away in Rockwood, also frequently take my sons to El Spero when they are in town babysitting for us.

I respectfully request that the mall management, Calloway Reit, allow El Spero to remain in Hopedale Mall and I hope that it will consider this request.

Jennifer Erbiceanu, Oakville

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Notice of Passing

Zoning By-law Amendment
North Oakville
(lands between Dundas Street and Highway 407)
Town Initiated
42.03.88, Ward 4, 5 & 6

Council passed Zoning By-law 2013-065 under section 34, of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended on July 2, 2013.

The changes proposed to North Oakville Zoning By-law 2009-189, as amended, are technical in nature.

The effect of the amendment would be a restructured Zoning By-law 2009-189 that it is more user-friendly and consistent with the format of the draft 2014 Zoning By-law (which will apply to all other areas of town). Existing permitted uses and regulations will be maintained, but zoning provisions will be renumbered and/or relocated within the new structure.

- Text in Section 1, Administration, and Section 2, Establishment of Zones, will be replaced with new text to improve clarity.
- Existing Performance Zones that have been applied on a site-specific basis will be relocated to a new Special Provisions section and identified as such.
- Existing Temporary (T) Zones will be relocated to a new Temporary Use Permissions section.
- Existing Holding (H) Zones will be relocated to a new Holding Provisions section.

- New zoning maps, with updated zone symbols to reflect the changes to the Zoning By-law structure, will be introduced.

The subject lands are located between Dundas Street and Highway 407. At this time there are no other applications, under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended, pertaining to the subject land.

Any appeals of the zoning by-law must be filed with Cathie Best, Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON L6H 0H3, setting out the reasons for the appeal together with a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$125 payable to the Minister of Finance. A copy of the appeal form is available from the Ontario Municipal Board website at www.omb.gov.on.ca.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Town of Oakville Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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You may view planning documents and background material at the Planning Services department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the town's website at oakville.ca/townhall/north-oakville-zoning-by-law-amendment.html. Questions or written submissions may be directed to Lesley E. Gill Woods, planner, Planning Services department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3261 or at lgillwoods@oakville.ca.

The personal information accompanying your submission is being collected under the authority of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended, and can form part of the public record which may be released to the public. Questions about this collection should be directed to the records and freedom of information officer at 905-815-6053.

Last date for filing an appeal: July 30, 2013

