

## Nicole Milrose

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**From:** Arjuna (RJ) Satchithanathan <rj.satchi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** October-03-17 10:39 PM  
**To:** Nicole Milrose  
**Subject:** Demolition of 49 & 51 Springmount

Hello Nicole,

My name is Arjuna Satchithanathan and I am writing to formally declare my opposition to the proposed "redevelopment" for 49 and 51 Springmount Avenue. I am currently a resident of 55 Springmount, which along with 53, 51, 49 and 47 are owned by the same group of landlords who are spearheading this proposal. Our primary concern is obviously that our friends and neighbours will lose their homes, and also that the wonderful character of the street itself will be irrevocably destroyed by this development.

The group of tenants that comprises these units are made up of artists, arts educators, musicians, not-for-profit workers, new families, people of colour, and the elderly. This redevelopment and the ones that would follow (under the assumption that the landlords will proceed with demolishing the other units if this proposal goes through) will displace a vulnerable sector of the cities population and further marginalize these groups. In short, there is an affordable housing crisis in this city and this proposal will only make it worse.

I am of the mind that increased density is a potential solution to our housing shortage, but this plan to demolish 2 houses (which currently house 4 separate family units) to replace them with 3 single family units is actually making the density issue worse. It is also clear that these units will be rented and or sold at a much higher market value than the current units, which will also worsen our city's affordability issue. It is quite clear to me that the people who would be able to afford the new units would most likely not be working in the arts field, thus contributing to the homogeneity that often accompanies gentrification.

Socioeconomic aspects aside, Springmount avenue is one of the most unique streets in Toronto due to the belt of trees running along the fronts of the houses. These trees allow for a an amazing array of wildlife to flourish, and act like parkland in the midst of a residential zone. Some of the species that I have personally witnessed include, Hawks, Racoons, Squirrels, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Finches, Rabbits and even an Opossum! The proposed development would completely eliminate a large section of this "parkland" and would be first domino to fall in the potential destruction of this unique urban habitat.

Once again, I would like to wholeheartedly reiterate my opposition to this proposal and urge the members of the board to consider all of the points mentioned in this email when making their decision.

Best,  
Arjuna Satchithanathan