

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1) – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022****COMMUNICATIONS**

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<b><u>Received at meeting</u></b>		
C10.	<i>Presentation Material</i> – Mr. Mark Hopkins, Cold Creek Road, Vaughan, ON, dated September 13, 2022.	Presentation 1

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**Please note there may be further Communications.**



# Run for Vaughan

## 2022



# 2022 AIM & Objective:

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- ▶ Run started in 2003
- ▶ Total collection for 2021 is \$300,000.00
- ▶ Collected more than \$1M for CVH as of 2021
- ▶ Collect a further \$1M in the next 2 years
  - ▶ 2021 Goal: \$400,000.000
- ▶ Get the community involve, "EVERYONE"
- ▶ Approach entire neighborhood and raising awareness

# Date and Timing:

- ▶ Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- ▶ Opening Session: 8:30AM to 8:55AM (Tentative)
- ▶ Walk Start: 9:00AM (Tentative)
- ▶ Closing Session : TBA



# Proposed Route:

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North Maple Regional Park, This year plan is to have only 3K, 5K & 10K Run based upon city approval.





## 4

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# Considerations to the Council:

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- ▶ Requesting that Council members endorse the 2022 Run for Vaughan initiative
- ▶ Allow the Run for Vaughan Committee access to City marketing and communications channels to assist in promoting the event
- ▶ To put out mobile signs (mini billboard, 5'x8') as permitted by the City/Region
- ▶ Provide services-in-kind in accordance with City policy and fees

# THANK YOU





# Lace Up to End Diabetes

Communication: C2  
Committee of the Whole (1)  
September 13, 2022  
Item - Presentation #3

**DIABETES**  
**CANADA**

**LACE UP**  
TO END DIABETES



# JOIN US

This September, Diabetes Canada is hosting the third annual **Lace Up to End Diabetes!** A fundraiser that brings together the diabetes community from **coast to coast**. Supporting the 11.7 million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes.

**Lace Up to End Diabetes** makes it easy to track your KM's, challenge yourself, raise funds and connect with others. Whether you run, walk, dance or hike the choice is yours, all you need to say is YES to lacing up.

**Join us as we Lace Up to End Diabetes this September!**

[laceup.diabetes.ca](https://laceup.diabetes.ca)



## **Veronica Roth**

### **Team Marg's Majors**

*"Every hour 20 people are newly diagnosed with diabetes. My mom lives with diabetes, and IT IS HARD. It is a daily struggle, and, **in this family, no one fights alone**"*

**DIABETES**  
**CANADA**

**LACE UP**  
**TO END DIABETES**



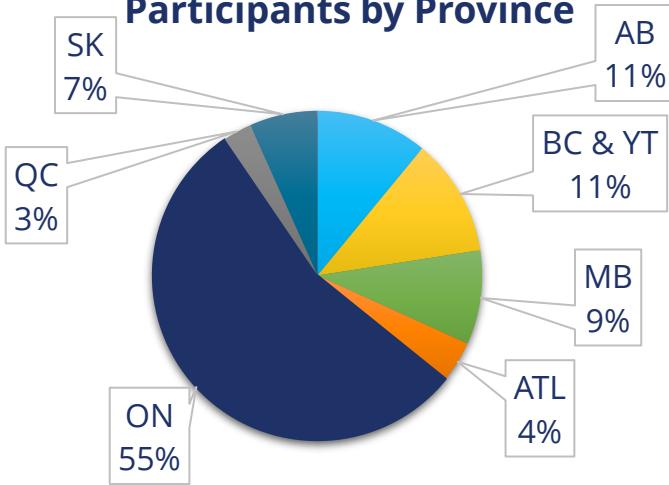
A woman and three children are outdoors in a park-like setting. The woman, wearing sunglasses and a white shirt with a logo, stands behind a stroller. Three children, also in white shirts and blue accessories (headbands, hats, and beads), are with her. One child is in the stroller, and two are standing. The background features trees, a wooden deck, and a street with a stop sign.

**Connect with passionate diabetes  
advocates across Canada**

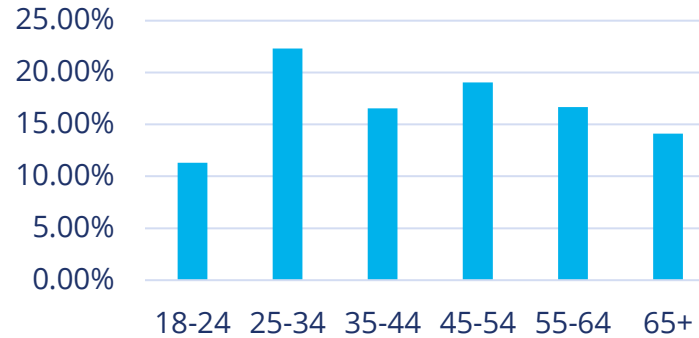


# ABOUT OUR AUDIENCE

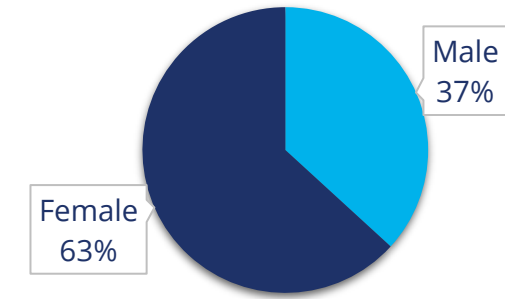
Participants by Province



Age Insights



Gender Insights



25%

**Direct connection**  
- Living with diabetes



41%

**Close connection**  
- Friends, family,  
caregivers



23%

**Cause chaser**  
- Support a good  
cause



12%

**Event seeker**  
- Have a good time,  
other



A close-up photograph of two hands shaking in a firm, supportive grip. The hands are positioned centrally, with fingers interlaced. The skin appears slightly wrinkled, suggesting age or experience. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal or blue tint. The background is a solid, darker shade of the same color.

**Support your community**

# Janet - Super Star T1D Mom

Tech Savvy

Purpose Driven

Passionate

Advocate

## BIO

Janet has an 8 years old son Cole who was diagnosed with T1D 5 years ago and has taken the initiative to join Diabetes Canada's Lace Up program. Cole attended virtual D-Camp last year and it was great to see the confidence that was built. Janet's day is consumed with thoughts on Cole is doing and is thankful for the advances in technology. Janet still has many sleepless nights. She is a runner and an active seeker for community sports events.

- **Age:** 35
- **Family:** Married with 2 kids
- **Career:** School Teacher
- **Income:** \$50,000 -\$99,000
- **Education:** College Degree
- **Technical:** Has a smartphone, tablet and laptop
- **Social media:** Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest
- **Screen time:** Spends 23 hours per week online

## Goals

- Support community initiatives
- Raise funds for Diabetes Canada
- Share her fundraising progress
- Share her activity/KM progress

## Motivations

- Wants to help find a cure
- Rally her community
- Teach her son about giving back
- Deepen connection with the diabetes community

## Frustrations

- Feels lost in the Type 1 diabetes world and is seeking some form of control
- Concerns around her monitoring her sons diabetes daily
- Feels isolated and alone



*"I can't say that I know what it's like to have diabetes. But I know what it's like to be a mom. It feels a little like this, being out in the middle of nowhere and hoping you are going in the right direction. I can't fix diabetes and we don't always get it right, but I'm hoping by lacing up I can help."*



# Lisa – Type 2 Advocate

Tech Savvy

Impact Driven

Passionate

Advocate

## BIO

Lisa was recently diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and saw ads for Lace Up to End Diabetes on her social media. After talking with her doctor, she knew she needed to act and make some changes in her life. As a mother of two and a business professional, Lisa had put the demands of her family and work above her own self care. Since the diagnosis Lisa has become an active advocate for the type 2 diabetes community, proactively bringing forward suggestions and recommendations for tools, resources and education that will support the community.

- **Age:** 48
- **Family:** Married with 2 kids
- **Career:** Senior Leader Asset Protection
- **Income:** \$50,000 - \$99,000
- **Education:** College Degree
- **Technical:** Has a smartphone, tablet and laptop
- **Social media:** Facebook, LinkedIn Pinterest
- **Screen time:** Spends 23 hours per week online

## Goals

- Connection to the type 2 diabetes community
- Share her story and diagnosis experience
- Kick start her lifestyle and physical activity journey
- Personal challenge with built in accountability and flexibility

## Motivations

- Improving overall health and wellness
- Connecting with a likeminded community
- To find programs and resources that support people experiencing the same thing
- Breakdown barriers and reduce stigma

## Frustrations

- Feels overwhelmed with lack of support at immediate diagnosis
- Daily struggle learning to manage a disease that has no handbook and is different for everyone
- Feeling judged by uneducated perceptions of being diagnosed with type 2



*"Lace Up to End Diabetes was the kick starter I needed to prioritize myself. It's allowed me to maintain physical activity that makes the most sense for me and is sustainable. I learned that living with type 2 diabetes doesn't have to define me and I can live a healthy life!"*

A photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The image is heavily blurred and has a strong blue color cast. The text "Digital and Media Presence" is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

# Digital and Media Presence



# WE REACH MILLIONS OF CANADIANS





# Help support

the 11.7 million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes in your community and join Lace Up today!

## **LAURA MALONE**

Account Manager, Community Development

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## **HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.**

*FOUNDED IN 2003*

September 2, 2022  
HPGI: 20637

**Clerk/Mayor and Members of Council**  
**City of Vaughan**  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON  
L6A 1T1

**Re: Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 13 2022**  
**3911 Teston Road Inc.**  
**3911 Teston Road**  
**City File No.OP.21.005, Z.21.008, 19T-21V002**

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Humphries Planning Group Inc. represents 3911 Teston Road Inc. ("3911") owner of lands located at 3911 Teston Road and subject to City of Vaughan application file numbers OP.21.005, Z.21.008, 19T-21V002. In June we submitted correspondence requesting that the application be deferred to a future meeting due to concerns on several matters.

We have been advised by staff that the applications are being scheduled for the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. We respectfully request that the applications be deferred from consideration until such time as the applicant advises staff that it wishes to proceed.

Yours truly,  
**HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.**



Rosemarie L. Humphries BA, MCIP, RPP  
President

cc. 3911 Teston Road Inc.  
Haiging Xu, Deputy City Manager-Planning and Growth Management  
Nancy Tuckett, Director of Development Planning





**Communication: C4  
Committee of the Whole (1)  
September 13, 2022  
Item #2**

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File: P-1732

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

City of Vaughan  
c/o Todd Coles, City Clerk  
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.  
Vaughan, ON  
L6A 1T1

**Attention: Mayor and Members of Council**

**Re: September 13<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Celvin Estates Inc.  
10130, 10144, 10160 Weston Road  
Part of Lot 21, Concession 6  
City of Vaughan File No. Z.16.018 and 19T-16V003**

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

KLM Planning Partners Inc. is the land use planner on behalf of Belmont Properties (Weston) Inc., owner of lands immediately adjacent to the north of the above noted lands on the south side of Chatfield Drive. We have had an opportunity to review Agenda Item No. 6.2) of the Committee of the Whole Report, dated September 13, 2022.

My client is not opposed to the proposed development in its current form as depicted on Attachment 3 of the report. However, we kindly request that we be notified of any future reports and/or public meetings as it relates to any the above noted lands and ask that we receive any notice of the Committee of the Whole or Council on this matter. We reserve the right to provide additional comments related to the subject lands as it evolves.

We trust the foregoing is in order. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,  
**KLM Planning Partners Inc.**

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Ryan Virtanen, BES, MCIP, RPP  
PARTNER



**Communication: C5  
Committee of the Whole (1)  
September 13, 2022  
Item #2**

September 12, 2022

Todd Coles, City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk Ground Floor, South Wing  
Vaughan City Hall  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario, L6A 1T1

Delivery by Email: [clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca)

**Attention:** Committee Members

**Re: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA – PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT ITEM 2**  
REQUIRING MEMBER RESOLUTION: RECOMMENDATION 'APPROVAL'. CELVIN ESTATES  
INC. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.16.018. DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FILE 19T-  
16V003. PROPERTY FRONTS ON DUNDONNELL PLACE, CHATFIELD ROAD AND WESTON  
ROAD.

We are the authorized planning agent for Calvin Estates Inc. ('the owner') with respect to the above referenced matters.

We have received notice that this matter will be heard on September 13, 2022 and is listed as item 2 on the Planning and Growth Management agenda.

We do not need this item pulled for discussion but we will be in attendance.

Sincerely,  
**mainline planning services inc.**

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Joseph P. Plutino, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.

cc: client



# JAN-SIL PROPERTIES LIMITED

Communication: C6  
Committee of the Whole (1)  
September 13, 2022  
Item #1

September 12, 2022

City of Vaughan  
Office of the City Clerk  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Sir:

**RE: OPA File OP.19.016/ZBA File Z.19.040  
Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario  
8001 Bathurst Street (Block 40, Plan 65M-3182)**

We are aware the above-noted applications will be proceeding to Committee of the Whole September 13, 2022 to seek approval to amend the Vaughan Official Plan and rezone the subject lands to RA3 Apartment Residential. By way of background, Jan-Sil Properties Limited are the developers of the lands immediately north of the Chabad Lubavitch site on Flamingo Road.

Jan-Sil Properties submitted comments, dated September 21, 2020, prior to the applicants first statutory public meeting, as well as April 4, 2022 prior to the applicants second public meeting. In summary, Jan-Sil Properties outlined three (3) concerns:

1. That Chabad Lubavitch be required to pay their share of benefitting proportionate costs of services front-ended by Jan-Sil Properties, either in advance of the applications proceeding or as a condition of approval;
2. That the disposition of the lands owned by Jan-Sil Properties identified as Block 154, Plan 65M-3195 be addressed prior to the application proceeding; and,
3. That the applications be revised to incorporate a right-in/right-out driveway access onto Bathurst Street, at the south end of the property.

To date, we have been in contact with Vaughan Staff to discuss Jan-Sil Properties concerns, however, we have not been contacted by the applicant directly.

We note the Staff Report, dated September 13, 2022 speaks to items 1 and 3 listed above. With regards to cost-sharing (item 1), we do not agree with the Staff's position that there is no mechanism for the City to impose a condition of draft plan approval related to cost-sharing on adjacent developments and respectfully request the City's standard condition of Draft Plan Approval with regards to cost-sharing be added to the Applicant's approval. Without such condition, Jan-Sil Properties is unfairly burdened with all historical servicing costs that the applicant benefits from.

With regards to Block 154, Plan 65M-3195 and its disposition (item 2), we note neither the Staff Report or Applicant have addressed this concern.

# JAN-SIL PROPERTIES LIMITED

We request that we be notified of any further meetings of Committee or Council concerning these applications, and that we be advised of any formal decisions in writing.

Sincerely,

**JAN-SIL PROPERTIES LIMITED**

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**Eric Del Favero**

**Project Manager, Land Development**

**Jan-Sil Properties Limited c/o The Remington Group Inc.**

cc. O. Apanisile, City of Vaughan Planning  
F. Suppa, City of Vaughan Engineering



**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] PRISTINE HOMES (PINE GROVE) INC. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.20.004 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.20.011 8337, 8341, 8345, 8349, 8353 AND 8359 ISLINGTON AVENUE VICINITY OF ISLINGTON AVENUE AND PINE GROVE ROAD (REFERRED)  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:58:41 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2022 3:26 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [External] PRISTINE HOMES (PINE GROVE) INC. OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.20.004 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.20.011 8337, 8341, 8345, 8349, 8353 AND 8359 ISLINGTON AVENUE VICINITY OF ISLINGTON AVENUE AND PINE GROVE ROAD (REFERRED)

Hello,

On behalf of the residents and owners of Riverview Condos ( 196, 198, 199 and 201 Pine Grove Road) I urge the Council to vote "no" on the Pristine Homes zoning by law amendment stated above(Islington and Pine Grove Road). The proposed construction is too tall and too large in comparison to the rest of the community and will have a negative impact to traffic in the area. The height will directly impact the residents in the immediate vicinity.

Our community urges you to vote "no" to the amendment.

Thank you,  
Gino Ortuso  
Director  
Riverview Condos

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Illegal Land Use - Vaughan  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 12:53:21 PM

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**From:** IRENE FORD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 11:33 AM  
**To:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**Cc:** [Council@vaughan.ca](mailto:Council@vaughan.ca); Wayne Emmerson <[wayne.emmerson@york.ca](mailto:wayne.emmerson@york.ca)>; John Taylor <[jtaylor@newmarket.ca](mailto:jtaylor@newmarket.ca)>; Frank Scarpitti <[mayorscarpitti@markham.ca](mailto:mayorscarpitti@markham.ca)>; Jack Heath - Markham Regional Councillor <[jheath@markham.ca](mailto:jheath@markham.ca)>; Margaret Quirk <[mquirk@georgina.ca](mailto:mquirk@georgina.ca)>; Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton – Markham <[dhamilton@markham.ca](mailto:dhamilton@markham.ca)>; Carmine Perrelli <[carmine.perrelli@richmondhill.ca](mailto:carmine.perrelli@richmondhill.ca)>; David West <[david.west@richmondhill.ca](mailto:david.west@richmondhill.ca)>; Joe DiPaola <[joe.dipaola@richmondhill.ca](mailto:joe.dipaola@richmondhill.ca)>; Joe Li <[joeli@markham.ca](mailto:joeli@markham.ca)>; Tom Vegh <[tvegh@newmarket.ca](mailto:tvegh@newmarket.ca)>; Robert Grossi <[rgrossi@georgina.ca](mailto:rgrossi@georgina.ca)>; Jim Jones <[jjones@markham.ca](mailto:jjones@markham.ca)>; Tom Mrakas <[tmrakas@aurora.ca](mailto:tmrakas@aurora.ca)>; Mayor-Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville <[mayor@townofws.ca](mailto:mayor@townofws.ca)>; Steve Pellegrini <[spellegrini@king.ca](mailto:spellegrini@king.ca)>; Virginia Hackson <[vhackson@eastwillimbury.ca](mailto:vhackson@eastwillimbury.ca)>; Steve Clark <[steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)>  
**Subject:** [External] Illegal Land Use - Vaughan

Vaughan Clerk,

Please add the following as my communication for Agenda Item 5 (1).

**Vaughan - Illegal Land Use for Equipment Storage and Industrial Operations**

I am thankful to see another resident come forward expressing concern about the extent and breadth of illegal land use in Vaughan. I am sad that it is so widespread and it has come to this point. The following sites are all documented as having established themselves illegally, in the absence of zoning permissions.

- 3501 King Vaughan Rd - approved on a temporary zoning permit that has expired and not been renewed, operated crushing operations in the absence of land use approvals, possible increased capacity and changed equipment on site in the absence of approval from the City of Vaughan and/or the MECP
- 3230 King Vaughan Rd. - zoned to store school buses, prefabricated structure erected, heavy equipment storage and company operating blatantly from this site in the absence of approved land uses to conduct such operations
- 3300 King Vaughan Rd - aggregate recycling facility operating in the absence of land use zoning to conduct such activities
- This staff report documents several other sites operating without permits or no information available: <https://pub-v Vaughan.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=114795>

It seems probable that there are numerous sites in the vicinity of the CP railyard that has seen rapid container storage expansion during the pandemic and since the Highway 427 expansion have started to store containers and heavy equipment in the absence of zoning permissions. There are several storage yards visible from Highway 427 located north of Rutherford Rd off Huntington Rd. There is a site off of



Highway 50 that has material visibly stockpiled from the road, does not appear on the above staff report, 10535 Highway 50 is this in compliance?

I once again ask Council if you do not have the resources, tools and ability to enforce land use compliance that you reach out to the Province of Ontario and work together with applicable Ministries to ensure that illegal land use does not persist. It destroys our natural heritage, likely endangered species habitat and is creating excessive and continue nuisance impacts for your residents dust, noise and traffic. The heavy truck traffic in some areas is becoming a matter of public safety. Highway 413 even if built will not arrive for decades and action is required now. I also ask Vaughan Council to look at stronger administrative penalties and deterrents that are of significant enough consequent to give pause or deter this type of land use from establishing itself.

The sites on King Vaughan Road were just rewarded for setting up illegally when York Region upgraded the road, we were told it was routine asset management but find this hard to believe given the nature of conflicts and complaints over recent years. So York Region and Vaughan property tax payers paid for the road to be upgraded due to illegal land use operations and Vaughan nor the Region have collected any development fees? What about property taxes, do these sites pay according to the operations being conducted at these sites or does that only happen upon zoning approval?

I have cc'd York Region council and traffic as well as planning staff b/c this is a problem that should require lower and upper tier coordination to resolve. It is very difficult for residents to understand which level of government is responsible for what services and when land use planning impacts regional roads, creates unsafe traffic conditions, contributes to traffic congestion then all levels of government should be involved even provincial ministries. This is not a problem isolated to Vaughan or York Region. Caledon has documented over 300 sites that are storing heavy equipment illegally. Our bylaws are not effective they appear to be a cost of doing business. The response to residents that the charges have been taken to court is not sufficient, nothing changes, sites continue to operate and now we are only seeing more illegal land use become established.

What will Vaughan Council do to document and respond to residents concerns? Anything? Or just push it off until next term and let residents endure or be forced to take legal action because there is no other recourse and their government has failed to protect their rights to the reasonable use and enjoyment of their properties and uphold, local, regional and provincial planning and environmental legislation.

Thank you for reading. I look forward to some kind of meaningful action.  
Irene Ford

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**Communication: C9**  
**Committee of the Whole (1)**  
**September 13, 2022**  
**Item - Presentation #4**



**women's support network**  
of york region

**Réseau de soutien pour les femmes**  
de la région de York

## The Women's Support Network of York Region

Speaker: Lindsay Carbonero, Board Member

Shannon Seeraj, Program Manager

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Request to The City of Vaughan  
to Endorse a Resolution for  
Increased and Sustainable Funding for  
Community-Based Sexual Assault Support Centres

Prepared by: Jacqueline Benn-John, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Women's Support Network of York Region



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Fall 2022***

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**Backgrounder – WSN Advocating with The City of Vaughan to endorse a resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to provide increased and sustainable funding for community-based Sexual Assault Support Centres  
Fall 2022**

**Women's Support Network of York Region:  
Request to The City of Vaughan  
to endorse a resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to  
provide increased and sustainable funding for  
community-based Sexual Assault Support Centres**

Prepared by Jacqueline Benn-John, Executive Director  
Women's Support Network of York Region (WSN)

**Some facts:**

- 1 in 3 women experience sexual assault in their lifetime.
- 1 in 6 men experience sexual assault in their lifetime.
- Trans-individuals (trans women and trans men) are at higher risk of sexual violence<sup>1</sup>. Existing societal attitudes justify, tolerate, normalize and minimize sexual violence against women, girls<sup>2</sup>, as well as trans and non-binary persons<sup>3</sup>.
- Sexual crimes are by far the most common offence against girls<sup>4</sup>. For boys, being under 12 years old heightens their vulnerability to being targeted for sexual offences<sup>5</sup>.
- Indigenous and people of color in Canada are at increased risk of violence: for example, a Canadian national inquiry found that Indigenous women and girls are 16 times more likely to be killed or to disappear than white women<sup>6</sup>.

Crime statistics, however, only reflect a small minority of the gender-based violence (GBV) that occurs. Most sexual violence cases do not engage the criminal justice system<sup>7</sup>. This means that the prevalence of sexual violence in Ontario is in fact much higher than the numbers shown here.

**History of our services and increasing resource challenge**

- Women's Support Network of York Region has been operating in the region since 1992.
- Since that time, we have provided many years of support and advocacy for survivors in the region, and offered prevention education to the community.
- During this time, the number of survivors wanting to access our counselling programs has increased substantially, without the provincial funds increasing to meet this demand.
- Our centre supports survivors of recent sexual violence, as well as survivors of historical sexual violence: for example, child sexual abuse, or adult sexual assault that occurred many weeks, months or years before.
- In the sexual and gender-based violence sector, under resourced agencies like ours must compete for project-based funding, spending scarce resources to repeatedly write grants, rather than having basic costs of operation increases to our base budgets.

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<sup>1</sup> Factor & Rothblum, (2007).

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization. *Understanding and addressing violence against women*. Online: [http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/77433/1/WHO\\_RHR\\_12.35\\_eng.pdf](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/77433/1/WHO_RHR_12.35_eng.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> TransPulse Ontario

<sup>4</sup> Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. Released on February 25, 2013. *Measuring violence against women: Statistical trends*. p. 15

<sup>5</sup> Measuring Violence Against Women: Statistical Trends 2006, Statistics Canada

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<sup>7</sup> Patel, A. October 30, 2014. for Huffington Post Canada. 460,000 Sexual Assaults In Canada Every Year: YWCA Canada. Online: [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2014/10/30/sexual-assault-canada\\_n\\_6074994.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2014/10/30/sexual-assault-canada_n_6074994.html)



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- Training and recruiting staff is difficult in our sector, with highly specialized skills and low wages and benefits relative to other mental health funded positions.

### **No increased funding from provincial government again this year despite increased service demand from pandemic**

- Awareness of sexual violence is increasing—a significant and positive achievement. More and more, survivors of violence are reaching out for support. Since 2014, sexual assault centres across Ontario have seen a significant influx of new referrals, crisis line calls and intake for counselling services.
- Most existing Ontario sexual assault centres have been operating in Ontario since the 1990s. During this time, the number of survivors accessing crisis counselling and long term counselling or therapy programs has multiplied—in some regions by up to 4 times<sup>8</sup>; yet funding has simply not kept pace.
- Instead, Ontario sexual assault centres have seen cuts, (5% 1995) nominal increases (2004-2005, an annualized 5% increase to re-instate the previous government's cutback; 3% 2007-2008) and some small increases connected to provincial action plans (2011, 2015) that were not always continued.
- In 2018, the then-Ontario government announced an approximately 30% increase to the sexual violence sector in Ontario. The 2018 announcement would have realized a significant increase for Ontario's community-based sexual assault centres. Despite this commitment, under the current provincial government, the [funding increase never became reality](#).
- In its 2021 budget, Ontario allocated some positive investments to address gender-based violence. The budget also saw some investment in victim services – 2.1 million over 3 years to improve victim and new sexual assault services in three underserved Ontario locations
- Of these dollars, however, none find their way directly to Ontario's existing sexual assault centres such as Women's Support Network of York Region.
- Other arms of government have recognized the need for a better-resourced violence response. For example, in August 2022, The City of Kingston; June 2022, The Region of Waterloo, and in December 2021, The Town of Bracebridge passed a resolution recognizing the need for increased community-based sexual assault centre funding, and encouraging the province to provide increased and sustainable funding for sexual assault services<sup>9</sup>. **Will The City of Vaughan do the same?**

### **Legal barriers to sexual assault are not getting better**

- In August 2022, Statistics Canada released its findings of *Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2021*. There were more than 34,200 reports of sexual assault in Canada in 2021, an 18 per cent increase from 2020,<sup>10</sup> and in September 2019, Statistics Canada released its findings of *Incident-based crime statistics*<sup>11</sup> in Canada. These statistics – aligning with our experiences – reveal that sexual assault in Ontario rose from 7,434 police-reported incidences

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<sup>8</sup> Provided by Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services in December 2021.

<sup>9</sup> Hartill, Mary Beth, for The Bracebridge Examiner/Toronto Star. January 7, 2022. *Say it in numbers: Bracebridge council backing victims of sexual assault A look at the numbers behind sexual assault services in Parry Sound-Muskoka*. Online: <https://www.thestar.com/local-bracebridge/news/council/2022/01/07/say-it-in-numbers-bracebridge-council-backing-victims-of-sexual-assault.html>

<sup>10</sup> Statistics Canada. *Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2021*. Data release – August 3, 2022. Online: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2022001/article/00013-eng.htm>.

<sup>11</sup> Statistics Canada. *Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations, Canada, provinces, territories and Census Metropolitan Areas*. Data release - July 22, 2019. Online:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3510017701&pickMembers%5B0%5D=1.16&pickMembers%5B1%5D=2.16>

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in 2016 and 8,782 in 2017 to 10,634 in 2018 — a year over year increase of almost 19%. The *Incident-based crime statistics* draws on data<sup>12</sup> on police reported crimes.

- As many sexual violence survivors choose not to engage the criminal justice system<sup>13</sup>, this means that the prevalence of sexual violence in Ontario is in fact far higher.
- The majority of all reported sexual assault cases are simply not resolved through the criminal justice system. According to Canadian research<sup>14</sup>, 33 out of every 1,000 sexual assault cases are reported to the police, and just 29 are actually recorded as a crime. These numbers speak volumes about how many are not held accountable, as well as why survivors may be afraid to report.
- In 2020, the York Regional Police Service received 691 reports of Sexual Assault violations<sup>15</sup>. This represents a minority of survivors we work with, year over year. WSN Research and experience tell us this represents about 5% of the sexual assaults happening in our community each year.
- WSN has always provided support to survivors of sexual violence who are reporting to the police, as well as those who choose *not to report* (or who do not see their case proceed through the system). In this, WSN is seeing far many more sexual violence cases than is apparent to the local criminal justice system in our region, or apparent to the public.
- We encourage municipalities to consult with sexual and gender-based violence agencies regarding community wellness and safety planning, not simply with police, for these reasons.

**Impact of the pandemic**

- The economic fallout from business closures, job loss and other impacts can also lead to increased risk for intimate partner violence, risky coping strategies including survival sex, and increased risk of sexual exploitation and abuse<sup>16</sup>.
- Crisis events such as pandemics tend to worsen pre-existing social and economic vulnerabilities. Racialized communities, those living in poverty “and other groups that have traditionally been marginalized, tend to be harmed by a disaster more” than others<sup>17</sup>.
- The Learning Network on Violence Against Women notes that “recommended public health measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 such as social/physical distancing and the closure of non-essential services may increase exposure to violence (e.g. intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child maltreatment), in addition to changing the landscape of support-seeking”<sup>18</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS), in co-operation with the policing community, collects police-reported crime statistics through the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR). The UCR Survey was designed to measure the incidence of crime in Canadian society and its characteristics. See [this link](#) for more information on the data collected in the survey.

<sup>13</sup> Patel, A. October 30, 2014. for Huffington Post Canada. 460,000 Sexual Assaults In Canada Every Year: YWCA Canada. Online: [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2014/10/30/sexual-assault-canada\\_n\\_6074994.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2014/10/30/sexual-assault-canada_n_6074994.html)

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<sup>15</sup> York Regional Police Annual Statistics Report, January-December 2021. Online: [https://www.yrp.ca/en/about/resources/2020\\_Annual\\_Statistics\\_Report.pdf](https://www.yrp.ca/en/about/resources/2020_Annual_Statistics_Report.pdf).

<sup>16</sup> Global Protection Cluster GBV Protection and Response and Inter-Agency Standing Committee. Last updated: 6 April 2020. *Identifying & Mitigating Gender-based Violence Risks within the COVID-19 Response*. Online: <https://gbvguidelines.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Interagency-GBV-risk-mitigation-and-Covid-tipsheet.pdf>: 10.

<sup>17</sup> International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, 2015. Unseen, unheard: Gender-based violence in disasters. Online: [https://www.ifrc.org/Global/Documents/Secretariat/201511/1297700\\_GBV\\_in\\_Disasters\\_EN\\_LR2.pdf](https://www.ifrc.org/Global/Documents/Secretariat/201511/1297700_GBV_in_Disasters_EN_LR2.pdf): 16

<sup>18</sup> The Learning Network on Violence Against Women. *Resources on Gender-Based Violence and the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Online: <http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/our-work/Resources%20on%20Gender-Based%20Violence%20and%20the%20COVID-19%20Pandemic.html>



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- With the pandemic, the Women's Support Network of York Region saw:
  - 39% increase of participants in its individual sexual violence trauma counselling service
  - 68% increase in calls on our 24/7 crisis line and messages on the online chat service
  - 72% increase in Public Education participants
  - 82 survivors of human trafficking or at-risk of human trafficking seeking virtual group support

**Advocacy by towns/municipalities**

- The advocacy of our municipality and others for our centre and other Sexual Assault Centres in the province is greatly needed and appreciated.
- We hope that **The City of Vaughan** can take leadership by recognizing the need for increased community-based sexual assault centre funding and encouraging the province to provide increased and sustainable funding for sexual assault centres like The Women's Support Network of York Region.
- We hope that **The City of Vaughan** can take leadership with towns across York Region in urging other communities to advocate for increased resources and much-needed change on sexual violence supports.
- Increased resources make a tangible difference in our community: it means more support options for people experiencing sexual violence, less time waiting for counselling, and faster prevention education, so that young people know their rights and where to get help.

**Further information and reading**

Ontario Sexual Assault Centres and funding:

- For past work of efforts to ensure financial stability of the sector see:  
<https://sexualassaultsupport.ca/tag/survivorscantwait/>
- <https://sexualassaultsupport.ca/ontario-budget-2021-and-gender-based-violence-spending-ontario-coalition-of-rape-crisis-centres-ocrcc-responds/>

Gender-based violence and sexual violence in Canada:

- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3510017701&pickMembers%5B0%5D=1.16&pickMembers%5B1%5D=2.16> (Ontario)
- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2019001/article/00017-eng.htm>

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*Women's Support Network of York Region:  
Request to The City of Vaughan  
**Resolution  
2022***

**1. *Item for Discussion – Support for Women's Support Network of York Region to Receive Increased and Sustainable Provincial Funding***

*WHEREAS Women's Support Network of York Region has provided support and advocacy for survivors of recent or historical sexual violence, and prevention education in York Region since 1992;*

*AND WHEREAS the number of survivors needing access to crisis counselling and long-term counselling programs has increased since 1992;*

*AND WHEREAS ongoing underfunding of Women's Support Network of York Region has reduced the number of resources available to provide these services due to highly specialized skill requirements that are unmatched by low wages and benefits relative to other mental health funded positions;*

*AND WHEREAS the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in increased people in the community requiring the services of Women's Support Network of York Region;*

*AND WHEREAS sexual violence disproportionately impacts our community's most vulnerable members including women and girls, trans, and non-binary people, people with disabilities, and people who identify as Black, First Nations, Metis, Indigenous, racialized, and/or 2SLGBTQIA+<sup>1</sup>;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT increased and sustainable provincial funding for Women's Support Network of York Region funding and other community-based sexual assault centres be supported for priority consideration by the Provincial Government and its agencies.*

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<sup>1</sup> 2SLGBTQIA+ is an acronym that stands for Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and additional sexual orientations and gender identities.





## SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN ONTARIO: SURVIVORS SEEKING SUPPORT



During the COVID-19 pandemic, incidents of sexual and gender-based violence increased worldwide (Canadian Red Cross, 2021). Ontario sexual assault centres have been providing *more* support, yet with the same resources with which they've operated for years.

### IN 2021, ONTARIO SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRES...

**Responded to  
over 37,500  
crisis calls:**

**phone, texting and online  
crisis chat**

**IN 2019, THIS  
NUMBER WAS  
23,000**



**Saw over 6400  
people in  
counselling**

**individual and group  
supports**

**IN 2019, THIS  
NUMBER WAS  
5400**



Sexual assault centres have been supporting survivors of violence in Ontario since the 1970s.

The number of people accessing crisis support and counselling has multiplied in that time—in some regions **by up to 4 times.**



Yet funding for these services has not kept pace.

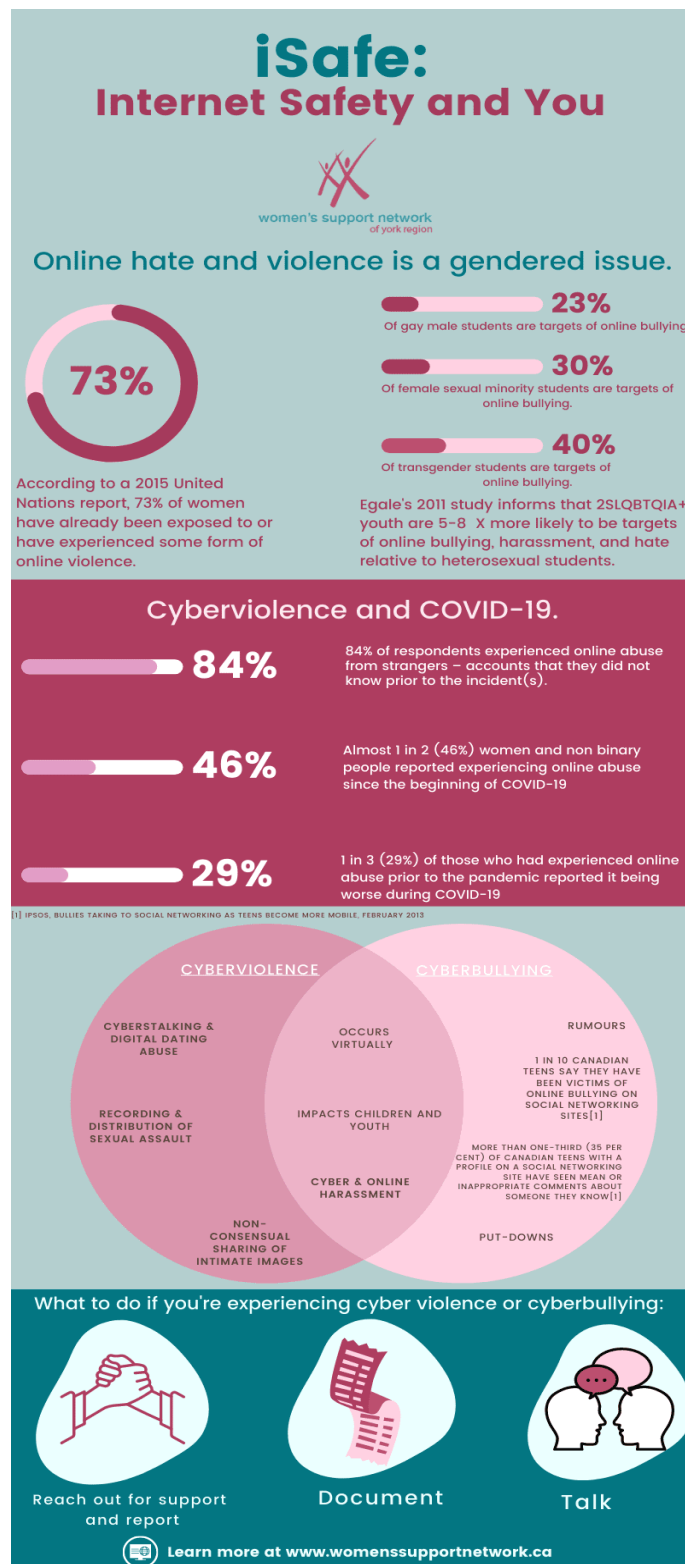
## #SurvivorsFirst

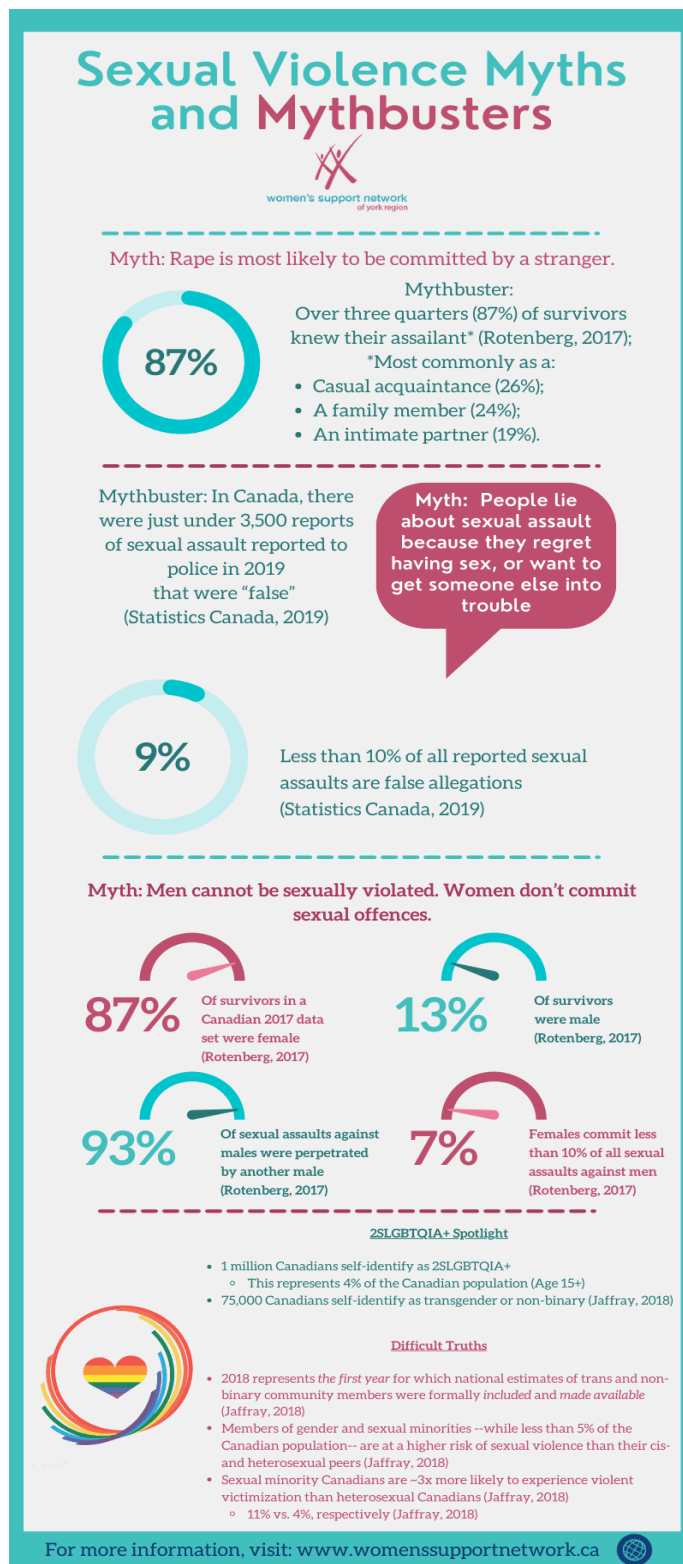
Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) includes over 30 community-based sexual assault centres in Ontario. This infographic was compiled in 2022, using data collected over a nine-month period in both 2019 and in 2021, and provided by a sample of 18 OCRCC member centres. If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence, go to: [www.sexualassaultsupport.ca/support](http://www.sexualassaultsupport.ca/support).













# End Illegal Truck Yards

Restore our community

# About us

## Agricultural activities

- Cereal crops, hay, commercial greenhouses, equestrian, beekeeping, gardens, small orchards
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm families
  - High intensity farming employing 130+ people

## Agricultural Innovation

- Extensive rain water catchment
- Water re-cycling capacity
- Water retention ponds

## Well water reliance

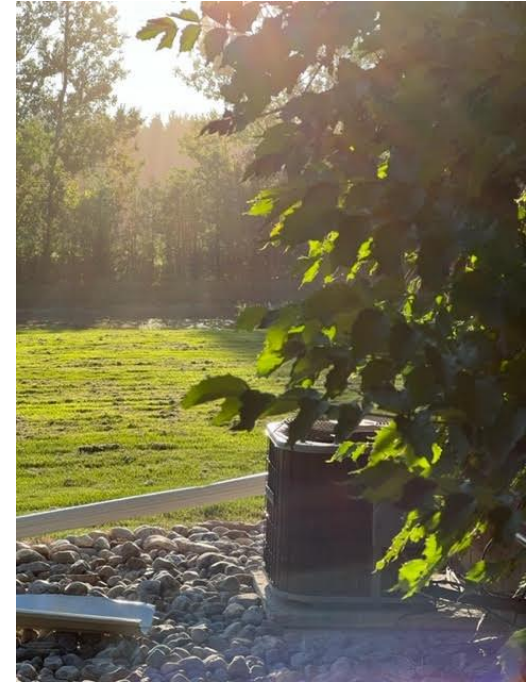
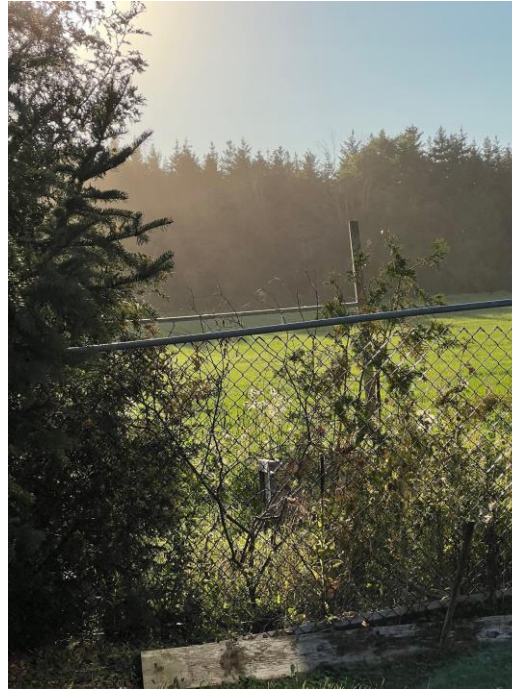
Cold Creek Address	Acres
11801	2
11811	52
11831	35
11420	15
11871	35
11741	3
Total	139

# Impacts Of Illegal Truck Yards

- **Unfair competition** with compliant trucking and logistics businesses
- **Damage to food production, natural drainage and watersheds**
  - Loss of farm land, soil compaction, perimeter berms
- **Pollution**
  - 24 x 7 dust, light and noise
  - potentially toxic illegal fill used to create truck parking
  - oil, gas and other fluids seeping into the soil
- **Damaged roads**
- **Loss of appeal and community culture**
  - local community character dominated by trucks and container storage
- **Residential property value reduced**
- **Driving hazard** - Hwy 50, Cold Creek Rd. and Nashville Rd. intersection danger



# Truck Yard Pollution



Oil spill 11621 Cold Creek Rd.  
Illegal Truck Yard

Truck yard dust impacts  
11420 Cold Creek Rd.

# Governance Comparison

Metric	Town of Caledon	City of Vaughan
Area	688.82 km <sup>2</sup>	272.44 km <sup>2</sup>
Population (2021 Census data)	76,581	323,103
Enforcement resources - illegal truck yards and fill	Dedicated Team: Manager Officers (2) Coordinator Zoning Admin Prosecutor	None dedicated
Truck yard compliance guide - website content	yes	None
Illegal truck yard injunction(s)	\$1 million fine	No injunctions filed

# Our Ask – Give Us Back Our Community

- **Permanently block illegal truck yard access to road allowance** (illegal entrance)
  - Both City of Vaughan and York Region roads
- **File injunctions** against illegal truck yards
- **Close all truck yard entrances on Cold Creek Rd and Vaughan King Road**
- **Implement tough ‘fill’ bylaw and penalties** (soil, stone, gravel, asphalt, etc.)
- **Increase fines** to overcome ‘fines a cost of business’
- **Limit heavy vehicles on Cold Creek Rd and King Vaughan Road**
- **License legal truck yards** as a business
- **Require paving** of all truck yards
- **Require drains with oil/fuel catchment** in all truck yards



Thank you for your time and attention.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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