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Subject: FW: [External] COA File Number A296/22 and A297/221) - 9600 Bathurst Street

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To: Committee of Adjustment <CofA@vaughan.ca>; Chris Ainsworth <Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to convey my support for the minor variance applications (File Number A296/22 and A297/221) to allow for a hockey rink and renewed green spaces at 9600 Bathurst Street (Schwartz/Resiman Centre).

I am the father of three young children and have lived in the neighbourhood for many years. My kids go to school near the subject property and my family frequently uses the Schwartz/Reisman Center for the numerous great community activities and programs. We love the neighbourhood as it has great parks, trails, ravines, and community facilities. However, the one thing that is sorely lacking is an ice arena. There is no outdoor or indoor ice rink in the nearby community.

It is frustrating to have to endure long drives through traffic in order to take my family to skating programs or hockey practice. Like all other neighbourhoods in Vaughan, we need an ice rink in the neighbourhood, as skating is a vital part of growing up in Canada.

I have reviewed the plans and variances required. I also reached out to a representative of the application who filled me in on the details of the project. It was explained to me that this arena is being built and donated with no cost to the City. This seems like a huge win and public benefit for the Neighbourhood, City, and Taxpayers.

The parcel that is planned for the rink is a bare piece of grass at the corner of Lebovic Campus Drive and Bathurst Street that seems unfinished. The rink will fill the space with a great community benefit. The plans for the new open space area appear to be a huge improvement to the currently existing fields that are seldom used. In fact, the plan for the park and greenspace looks even better than what it was previously. The fact we will have an arena this close to our house however will positively impact my family and others in the neighbourhood.

The variances being sought are minor in nature and will not result in undesirable adverse impact on the neighbourhood. Most of the variances are relating to setbacks and landscaping strips. Given the location and site layout these variances will have no impact on the community. The variance for height is also minor and will not create any shadow impacts or privacy issues for nearby residents. The variance for the location of the parking spaces is technical given that the lot to the south, where the parking will be located, is essentially part of the same property. This also applies for the variance related to bicycle storage, given that there is bicycle storage elsewhere on the site.

The variances being requested will allow for an appropriate development of the property and will result in a great community and public benefit.

Given all of the above, please accept this e-mail as my support for the proposed development and requested variances.

Thanks,

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