



## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

<b>Date:</b>	<b>MARCH 19, 2019 – COUNCIL (ADDENDUM)</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR EVENING MEETING RE: SPORTS VILLAGE REPORT</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR MARILYN IAFRATE</b>

**Whereas**, the City is undertaking a review of a potential sale of parkland in the vicinity of the Sports Village; and

**Whereas**, a report is forthcoming from Staff as part of the outcome of the recent community consultation process; and

**Whereas**, an unsolicited proposal was submitted by Mentana Group to purchase the entire site at 2600 Rutherford Rd where the park and four arenas are located; and

**Whereas**, this proposal for a private school, Amphitheatre and major hockey arena would have major impacts on the local community; and

**Whereas**, approx. 400 residents attended the meeting at City Hall on February 17, 2019, most of which were unable to participate in the process as the meeting space was set up for only 130 people; and

**Whereas**, this matter has widespread interest within and beyond the local community; and

**Whereas**, South Maple Ratepayers Association (SMRPA) as well as residents have asked for the ability to attend the presentation of the report through an evening meeting.

**It is therefore recommended that** the final report be brought forward to an evening meeting of the Committee of the Whole either before or after the regular Public Hearing meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Iafrate  
Councillor for Maple & Kleinburg

### Attachments

Letter from SMRPA



Dear Mayor, Regional and Local Councillors, and City staff;

In my capacity as President of the South Maple Ratepayers Association, I am writing to you with respect to the unsolicited private proposal by Mentana Group to purchase our public neighbourhood park which will ultimately lead to the expansion of the Sports Village.

By this point you have received many emails, phone calls, and communication from myself, and many members of my community opposing the proposed sale of our park along with our expectation that Council will unequivocally reject this proposal.

To date, I have sent various emails and I have not received a response, let alone the support of Council. We are truly depending on the support of our mayor, regional and local councillors to preserve our public park.

This email is to confirm our opposition to this proposal in every way, from the sale of parkland to the private expansion plan itself. Our position has never waived and our community is unified in the fight to save our park for our children and for future generations of children. On a positive note, as disturbing as this issue has been for us, it has brought our community closer together. To date, the South Maple Ratepayers Association is now an organized and incorporated entity, that is actively raising funds in the event that we need to retain legal assistance, which we hope will not be required.

To be clear, we do not oppose the concept of the plan, however we do oppose the premise that we have to give up our neighbourhood public park in order to facilitate this private venture. If Vaughan needs this type of development along with the proposed amenities, then Vaughan should have it, but not at the expense and detriment of our established community.

The concept of this development can be brought to fruition anywhere else in Vaughan where residents do not have to suffer the loss of their neighbourhood park. It is evident that the proposed location is strictly for the convenience of the proponent, not the surrounding community.

At what point will council address the community and our concerns? This is a very serious issue that has impacted a large portion of residents. Should Council plan on approving this proposal without addressing the needs and concerns of the community, your decision will create a great deal of disappointment and a loss of confidence in our elected officials to act in the public interest of our community.

We have been advised that council will make an official decision regarding the proposal within the coming weeks. This matter has caused a great deal of anxiety and stress within our community and therefore we ask that a decision be made to reject this proposal sooner rather than later. We formally request that Council set aside an evening date to accommodate those that wish to participate in a Council meeting where this matter will be heard. I would like to kindly request and ask Council and staff to respect our community in that any and all meetings revolving around this matter take place in the evening for all to attend, and be a part of the discussion.

We look forward to having this issue resolved in a timely and favourable manner for our community and I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes that Council will vote in favour of the opposing community.

It's not a democracy if you can have your say while no one is listening and it is certainly not a democracy when the interests of the few become more important over the interests of the many.

Kind regards,  
Laura Rinaldo  
President, South Maple Ratepayers Association