

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Request for Dedicated By-law Officers in Rural Areas, Committee of the Whole (Budget)

Dear Mayor, Regional Councillors and Councillors,

It is my hope you take the opportunity to change the narrative in rural areas. Please bring about progress, so that rural residents don't feel they are forgotten. With this in mind I ask,

- 1) You budget for 3 dedicated By-law Officers to deal with the rural area issues. One Officer in my opinion would be overwhelmed by the required time and administrative work due to the vast and complex nature of the rural area issues.

\*These Officers would have the knowledge of the rural areas.

\*Would have intimate knowledge of the files, issues of the rural areas, able to respond quickly to calls

- 2) There be a methodology to contact the dedicated By-law Officer(s) on duty evenings and weekends. As the current process is not effective, in my experience.

It is my understanding the By-law Officer who responds at this time, may be unfamiliar to the issues, and or files. This may create a perpetual dissonance.

With this much-needed resource of dedicated By-law Officers for areas like King Vaughan Road and other rural areas, such as Cold Creek Road, you will be making a move forward to efficient progress, as the current process appears to be failing. Is it not time to move forward with cohesive interdepartmental action, meaningful escalating fines, prosecutions and injunctions? Please put all the tools you have or are asking for into action, to give our rural residential communities the enjoyment of our home lives back.

Looking forward to seeing these dedicated By-law Officers in action.

Respectfully,  
Alexandra Ney  
Resident of King Vaughan Road