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ITEM NO. 2

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(PUBLIC MEETING)**

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From: Kathryn Angus [REDACTED]
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To: Council@vaughan.ca; Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] File BL.55W.2019 Block 55 Northwest Landowners Group Inc. Block Plan in the Vicinity of Hwy 27 and Kirby Road

To: Members of Council
Todd Coles, Clerk of Vaughan

Re: FILE BL.55W.2019 BLOCK 55 NORTHWEST LANDOWNERS GROUP INC. BLOCK PLAN IN THE VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 27 AND KIRBY ROAD

The Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association would like to go on record with the following comments regarding the above-noted development.

In addition, we note that there is an urgent need for a new community centre in Kleinburg. The Block 55 West lands, according to the York Catholic District School Board, requires a secondary school to meet the influx of students to this area.

Combining the two urgent needs, that is an adjacent community centre to the new secondary school would provide needed recreational activities for the students, their families, as well as the growing Kleinburg area. The closest community centre to Block 55 West is in Woodbridge more than seven kilometres away, requiring vehicular travel.

Moreover, the existing Woodbridge recreation centres were not built to accommodate the influx of residents. Parenthetically, some Kleinburg residents presently go to the Gore Meadows Community Centre in the Peel Region for its convenient location and new facilities, once again requiring vehicular travel.

As a second point, it should also be noted that the frontage on Hwy 27 shows a landscape buffer. We believe that as part of this buffer area, a cycle and walking path to the village should also be included. There is precedence with the path that was created from the development at Teston and Stegmans' Mill Road is used extensively and is an excellent connect to the village - the same could be done here as well hence KARA believes the developer should be asked to do the

same in this instance. By having this connect to the village it would provide for exercise, no need to use village parking, would connect with the TRCA 'mountain' park, and would be a safe journey for cyclists rather than being out on Hwy 27. The goal in this instance would be to connect the subdivision to the village by having a path and therefore ensuring people do not have to use a car to leave the subdivision to go to our village, plus creating a greater sense of community with existing and future developments.

The City of Vaughan, through development levies, has the necessary funds to create a community/recreational centre which could be conveniently located in this development. Therefore, we urge you to expend some of these funds to benefit those who paid for them, that is the existing and future residents living in the Kleinburg area.

Our position therefore at this public hearing is that we would like to see a community centre incorporated into Block 55 at the City's expense using the development levies already allocated for this use, and to ensure that there is safe and easy access to our village through provision of a cycle and pedestrian path system.

Yours truly

Kathryn Angus, President

Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association