

**Attachment 8**

Communications from Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) – December 6, 2022 –  
CW (PM) Meeting

RIOCAN REAL ESTATE INV TRUST

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILES OP.22.002 & OP.22.005

3555 HIGHWAY 7, 7501, 7575, 7601 & 7621 WESTON ROAD, 10, 11, 20, 21, 30, 31, 40, 41,  
55 & 67 COLOSSUS DRIVE AND 16, 21, 30 & 31 FAMOUS ROAD

VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 7 AND WESTON ROAD

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Plan amendment files OP.22.002 and .22.005 -Weston road/7 condo units  
**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:20:38 AM

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December PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Nino Cecatini <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:18 PM  
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca  
Subject: [External] Plan amendment files OP.22.002 and .22.005 -Weston road/7 condo units

Wow!

So the city planners actually think this massive condo development of 38 buildings will make Vaughan a better place to live? It took almost 3 years to complete the road workalong this stretch of hwy 7 to accommodate the traffic/ congestion in the last few years. Now the plan is to add another 38 building with no room left to move the traffic .

I've lived at pine valley /7 for 38 years. We came here to raise our family in an area that offers everything from greens space, shops and lots of space to get to these places. We had pride in saying we live in woodbridge, not anymore. Not sure if anyone noticed but this violence ,shootings B&E has dramatically increases over last few years. it takes me 20 min just to get to the 400 ramp! I cannot imagine trying to maneuver in that intersection safely with even 10 more building let alone 38. And if the city thinks people don't need cars they are fooling themselves. This is probably the first time I am taking the time to write to the city because I have no confidence that the publics opinion matters, but I'm just so angry to hear of this massive proposal that it sickens me and most likely will drive me and my family away from this area.

All those involved with this proposal need to get their head out of the sand and realize that Weston/7 of the near future has become the new Jane and Finch.

Very disturbing

Nino Cecatini

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] File # OP .22.002 and OP.22.005 RioCan Real Estate INV Trust  
**Date:** Monday, November 21, 2022 11:10:20 AM

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**From:** John-Paul Cautillo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 6:41 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] File # OP .22.002 and OP.22.005 RioCan Real Estate INV Trust

Hello,

I would like to ask City Council to consider requiring the applicant construct a lane to merge onto the southbound Hwy 400 onramp directly from this development to avoid loading vehicle traffic onto Hwy 7 to access the southbound ramp. Please also consider requiring a northbound Hwy 400 to Hwy 7 offramp lane to connect directly onto Colossus drive to allow vehicles to exit Highway 400 northbound and access this development without having to travel onto Hwy 7 and adding additional loading of vehicle traffic onto Hwy 7.

No further concerns than those described above.

Thank you,

John-Paul Cautillo

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Development at Weston and Hwy 7/Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005  
**Date:** Monday, November 28, 2022 9:04:57 AM

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**From:** Toulia Nanos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 25, 2022 3:42 PM  
**To:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Development at Weston and Hwy 7/Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005

## Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005

**Toulia Nanos** 

***Stay safe, stay healthy!***

***And be kind to each other!*** 

On Nov 25, 2022, at 12:58 PM, [clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca) wrote:

Hi Toulia,

If this item is on a current [Committee of the Whole](#) agenda, can you provide a file or application number for your communication?

With that number we can then forward to the correct administrator of that meeting.

Thank you,

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**From:** Toulia Nanos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 25, 2022 9:28 AM  
**To:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**Subject:** [External] Development at Weston and Hwy 7

I have been a resident in the area for over 25 years and so I have seen Woodbridge

change and grow during those years.

I am appalled what this government and the previous one, is doing to our once beautiful municipality. Why so many developments? Why so little green space? Why such high density of ugly but expensive, incredibly high condos?

The traffic is horrendous and nothing the city has done has eased the problem but only made it worse.

And now you are planning all these new developments along highway 7? Who is governing? The developers or the people? Where are we to go for shopping and entertainment?

**Your plans are for developments that will choke our city's streets.** Your diagrams are not actually what you plan to build. This has been proven in the past. Too much cement and not enough green, not to mention your plans to build on the green belt.

**My husband and I are both strongly opposed to such high density development in the area of Weston Rd and Hwy 7 and we believe you should listen to the residents of Vaughan and their opposition.**

***Toula and George Nanos***

***■ Olive Green Road***

***Woodbridge***

***Stay safe, stay healthy!***

***And be kind to each other! ☺***

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**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RIOcan Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 3:01:37 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lina Jammehdiabadi <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:22 PM  
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca  
Subject: [External] RIOcan Proposal

I have lived in Woodbridge for 38 years. I have seen it grow from 30,000 inhabitants.

Their proposal is absolutely insane. How can such a proposal even be presented to council.

This will cause more gridlock than we presently experience.

Stop it NOW!!!

Sent from my iPhoneLina

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](mailto:Jacquelyn.Gillis@vaughan.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RioCan Proposed Development at Highway 7 & Weston  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 9:19:42 AM

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**From:** Mike M [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:52 PM  
**To:** Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca;  
DevelopmentPlanning@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] RioCan Proposed Development at Highway 7 & Weston

To whom this may concern,

My name is Michael Mendes, as resident of Vaughan for several years, specifically of the highway 7 and Weston Rd region. Like many of the Vaughan residents, my wife and I received notification about the developmental plans being proposed by RioCan and a rush of thoughts came.

As residents of the neighbourhood, we wanted to voice our concerns of the proposed developments.

To be completely honest, what has been brought forth is at best, an outrageous suggestion to make money at the cost of the surrounding community.

Firstly we can examine the sheer density of what is being proposed. At 4 times the allotted amount, 32 condominiums ranging from 22-55 storeys and one reaching heights of 68 are planning on being built. This will bring in a incredible amount of population in such a small area with only 5 road outlets for traffic. With only two condos currently occupying Weston and Highway, traffic is already a nightmare and difficult to navigate. If you haven't experienced it for yourself, I encourage you to try to make a left turn from Weston onto Highway 7 or see how long it takes you to reach Jane st from Pine Valley. On the best of days, what should be 5 minute commute from Hwy 400 has elongated to 15 minutes, even 20 minutes to get home. Local residents are now being forced to navigate through Edgeley and commercial area, where the traffic lights are so chaotic that you are stuck more times waiting then actually diving; or forced to get off at Langstaff, just to waste more time and to go south. The intersection itself is already a danger where more often cars are stopped in the middle of the intersection because they could not make it on the green light, now impeding more traffic. Putting this many individuals being into one single location is not only a logistical nightmare but a heavy burden on an already taxed infrastructure. Even on the best of days, it is already difficult to get around.

I'd like to note the lack of facilities. A handful of parks and one community centre is not going to cover for the amount of store fronts, activity centres and jobs that are being taken away. We are losing one major cinema (two if you include AMC), banks, cafes and restaurant and overall, a large source of income for many people. What has been convience and source of constant revenue is

being removed. The area is constantly filled with individuals. On the weekends, people from all over come looking for a bite to eat, watch a sports game or enjoying a night out with the family. This central hub that gives so much enjoyment will be gone. Those employed lose their source of income and those students who needed a part time job, are left with limited options. With these merchants leaving, a ripple effect provided services occurs. Look at the Walmart on Applewood for the nearest example. They shut down their original location for condos to be built and built a much smaller one to replace it, very well knowing a larger one would have served the community to a greater degree. Since then, the quality of goods provided and sold has dropped considerably. They carry but a fraction of what they once did. This drop in goods and service is a direct effect of what was built

Lastly, we are concerned about the rise in crime. It would be irresponsible to not acknowledge the increase in criminal activities that have plagued our neighbourhoods as we watched condo after condo be built. Just three years ago our home was broken into, something rarely even heard of until those two towers on Weston and 7 went up. Most recently there were shootings at those very condos. The condos at Jane and Highway 7 haven't fared much better either, with criminal activities such as prostitution occurring in some of the rented homes. The Walmart that I mentioned earlier, because of a rise in theft, have installed quarter machines onto their shopping carts in order to deter thefts. Questionable people are constantly walking around, causing a sense of unease and worry. Most of the community has grown together since the mid 1980s. Neighbours have known one another for many years, a generation or two have grown together. Not only does a massive immigration of new individuals cause a ripple in safety and commonality but you are bringing in unknown factors that can only lead to unknown consequences.

Before I finish I want to remind everyone of what is occurring right across Highway 400, another development already starting with condominiums and town homes being built. And that is only going to compound the issues we already have. We have seen how troubling dense buildings have been. Our neighbouring city, to the south, Toronto, has given prime examples of what over density can cause. Liberty Village, Yonge and Eglinton, Sheppard and Yonge; are just a few examples of how overcrowding and poor development management has effected the surrounding communities.

We ask that you see what is being proposed truly for what it is. How it will impact those that have lived here for so many years, those that have contributed to making the community what it is and what future generations will be impacted by this decision.

Thank you,



**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Official Plan Amendment File OP.22.002 and OP.22.005  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 9:20:47 AM

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**From:** Sabrina Onorati <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 7:41 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Official Plan Amendment File OP.22.002 and OP.22.005

This is a written submission to an official plan amendment proposal on Hwy 7 and Weston Road (Official Plan Amendment File OP.22.002 and OP.22.005)  
As a member of the community who lives in close proximity to this land, I am in **complete disagreement** with this proposal.

This proposed plan adds greatly to an area that is already very congested and saturated with development. The proposal causes many problems such as congestion especially traffic congestion which is already very ridiculous. It is impossible to drive at the intersection due to the numerous cars. It is not only difficult, time consuming and frustrating to be at that intersection but it is also very dangerous. That intersection has also seen many accidents. 13000 residential units will at the very least add an additional 8000 cars a day in that area belonging just to those residents alone. How will you plan for that? What modifications are being made to support that congestion? Are any plans put into place to accommodate for this added congestion or are we just seeing dollar signs and ignoring the needs and safety of the residents you represent? The ridiculous amount of cars are turning our residential community, which consists of many families and seniors, into a busy and dangerous place. It is no longer a quiet, safe community. This proposal will only further deteriorate our community. We bought our homes to get away from the busy, dangerous and congested city of Toronto but these proposals and **numerous** condo buildings are turning Vaughan into Toronto.

Vaughan needs the current movie theatre and shops. The theatre alone attracts residents from other areas and brings money into our community. It provides a service to our residents as well. What service does more condos provide our residents? At the rate the City of Vaughan is continually building condos, our

community will only consist of condos. Will we even have any more places of entertainment, service and green spaces? Why would anyone want to live in Vaughan when all it will provide is condos?

I look forward to either watching or reading the minutes of this meeting that discusses and votes on the proposal so I, along with other community members, can know which of our 'representatives' elected in their position actually represented the concerns of their voters or the concerns of the money hungry corporations.

Thank you  
Sabrina

December 1, 2022

Mr. Todd Coles  
City Clerk  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Coles:

**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILES OP.22.002 AND OP.22.005**

Arcadis IBI Group represents 2748355 Canada Inc. ("274 Canada") with respect to its landholdings within the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre ("VMC"). 274 Canada and its affiliates own approximately 84 acres within the southwest quadrant of the VMC.

RioCan Real Estate INV Trust (the "Applicant"), has submitted applications (OP.22.002 and OP.22.005) to permit the approval of a masterplan consisting of buildings ranging in height from 22 to 68 storeys, with an overall maximum density of 4.0 times the area of the lot. Our client's lands are located less than one kilometre away from the Applicant's lands and these landholdings will be directly linked in the future by the proposed Interchange Way flyover of Highway 400.

274 Canada Inc. understands that the City of Vaughan is currently undertaking the Weston 7 Secondary Plan and its associated background studies. The applications in question fall within this Secondary Plan Area.

274 Canada has reviewed the Applicant's proposal and the various reports filed in support of the application. Given the scale of the proposal and its direct linkage to our client's lands, 274 Canada intends to actively monitor and, if necessary, participate in the Secondary Plan process and this application to better understand the overall impact of future development on the surrounding area. 274 Canada is particularly interested in the outcomes of the Transportation Master Plan and how it will be impacted by the Applicant's proposal.

Arcadis IBI Group formally requests to be notified of all future Statutory Public Hearings, Committee of the Whole and/or Council considerations related to these applications.

Thank you for your consideration on these matters.

Sincerely,

**Arcadis IBI Group**



Stephen Albanese

cc: Jay Claggett, 2748355 Canada Inc.  
Patrick Duffy, Stikeman Elliott LLP

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] redevelopment RioCan Colossus  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:23:10 PM  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:30 PM  
**To:** Rosanna DeFrancesca <[Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca](mailto:Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca)>; [clerks@vaughn.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughn.ca)  
**Subject:** [External] redevelopment RioCan Colossus

To those in authority to act;

I wish to voice my overall concern based on living in Woodbridge and using the H way 7 and Weston Rd intersection daily. I opposed the construction of residential buildings that will bring the hellish traffic I go thru to a new level. Please leave it as space for retail as currently being used.

Rina Loccisano and Family  
[REDACTED] Flushing ave

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RioCan colossus development  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:42:22 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2022 3:27 PM  
To: Gino Pecora [REDACTED]  
Cc: Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca; Nancy Tamburini <Nancy.Tamburini@vaughan.ca>; Anna Commisso <Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca>  
Subject: RE: [External] RioCan colossus development

Hi Gino,

Hope you and your family are doing well. Yes, I do recall our conversation about this. I do appreciate you taking the time to send in your comments.

They will be included on the agenda in Tuesday's public hearing.

Thanks again,  
Rosanna

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From: Gino Pecora [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 3:53 PM  
To: Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>  
Subject: [External] RioCan colossus development

Hi Rosanna we've spoken before about all this development around Hwy 7 and Jane and Hwy 7 and Weston Rd. Please don't let this happen. My whole family voted for you and Mr. DelDuca. There are enough condominiums as we stand right now in this area. Traffic is horrible at all times can you imagine another 5 or 6 new monster condominiums. Please this cannot happen. When will it end. The chaos the unsightly view of monster buildings the number of cars the number of people and crime that will come with these buildings. Please stop this development that's my opinion thanks Rosanna. I will also forward my opinion to Mr. DelDuca.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RIOCAN proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:42:35 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2022 3:29 PM  
To: Lina Jammehdiabadi [REDACTED]  
Cc: Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca; Anna Commisso <Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca>; Nancy Tamburini <Nancy.Tamburini@vaughan.ca>  
Subject: RE: [External] RIOCAN proposal

Hi Lina,  
Thank you for your email, I appreciate you taking the time to send in your comments.  
They will be included on the agenda in Tuesday's public hearing.

Best,  
Rosanna

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From: Lina Jammehdiabadi [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 1:04 PM  
To: Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>  
Subject: [External] RIOCAN proposal

Dear Rosanna,

Please speak on behalf of your constituents.  
This proposal is absolutely insane.  
Traffic is bad now, imagine if this goes through.

Sent from my iPhoneLina

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Public Works Meeting OP.22.002 and OP.22.005 RioCan Real Estate, Dec 6, 22  
**Date:** Friday, December 2, 2022 10:16:25 AM

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**From:** Steve V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2022 10:14 AM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Public Works Meeting OP.22.002 and OP.22.005 RioCan Real Estate, Dec 6, 22

Hi I live in the area and oppose this entire plan!

There are too many Buildings to be built in one area. Either doing the North Precinct or South Precinct is already too much, but understandable as expansion has to happen in a lot of places. The infrastructure cannot support so many thousands of new people in the area. The subway is on the other side of 400. Too many cars in an area that cannot support it as it is. Do you drive it now? It's bad enough now. Imagine after? I already try to avoid going south of Hwy 7 on Weston.

The number of buildings need to be spread out more to other areas of Vaughan.

It would be nice if the people living here have the ability to have a choice that affects their lives. I have talked to people about this and I have not heard one person say, That's a good idea because it's a bad idea.

Thanks  
Steve

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 9:36:06 AM

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**From:** Massimo Pecchia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 12:43 AM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005

Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005

Hi

This letter is in response to the above files for master plans on Weston Rd. and Hwy 7. It goes without saying as I am sure you are well aware, but it will not be in the best interests of our great city to allow this type of development. There is not a proper foundation to allow this kind of proposal. This will simply cause gridlock, bottlenecks, smog, safety issues, pedestrian accidents, quality of life degradation.

I am not saying we shouldn't do it, but to propose a plan such as this without having a solid foundation to support the increase of people, vehicles, etc... is simply wrong. I understand that there is a subway that is "close" but to think that people will come to this area and give up their cars or not purchase additional vehicles due to how the area is will be naïve. The subway is not walking distance, it only goes on way (south). Above ground buses are fine, but ridership goes down significantly in very hot, very cold, rainy and snowy weather and guess what, that is the kind of weather Canada gets.

For example, a person living near the south end of this plan that wants to go to the subway will take them 20 minutes minimum just to walk to hwy 7 to catch the bus, then the wait for the bus. What if they want to just go shopping at Fortinos? A couple of weeks and they will surely end up getting a vehicle.

Please, just ask the two buildings that were built on the north east side of Hwy 7 and Weston rd how many have vehicles and what people's feedback is. Look at the traffic prior to and after those buildings were built. We caused a bottle neck at this intersection. Same with Jane and Hwy7. I understand what you are trying to do there, with the whole "new downtown" but take a survey on the residents there. There will be no surprise that there is an issue with parking, people wanting vehicles, walking score, etc...

Also, Other buildings were allowed to be built on Hwy 7 between Pine Valley and Martin Grove Rd. There was a bottleneck in that area before, but now, Huge bottleneck. I know the public was against it, but they were still allowed to be built. Why?

Hwy 407 is also a great alternative that will be marketed but it is so expensive, the other main roads will just start getting bottlenecked.

People have been building roads, homes, cities, for decades. It's a shame we can't learn from past mistakes. We need to stop these kinds of development without first having a solid foundation in place to allow this type of development to thrive. For example, If I were to build a house with no foundation, the inspector would not only stop me from living in the home but they would halt all construction. This is just one home as an example and here we are looking at plans of a major overhaul of an area without a proper foundation.

All this is going to do and all the other proposals I see appearing along Hwy 7, Rutherford near Weston Rd, Jane St, etc... This will just do a dis-service to all existing and future residents. We all



know this already, so we need to stop this.

Don't degrade the quality of life for Vaughan just for an "easy fix".

Thank you

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Massimo Pecchia

Sergio Pecchia

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# A DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR THE COLOSSUS SITE

Committee of the Whole Public Meeting: December 6, 2022

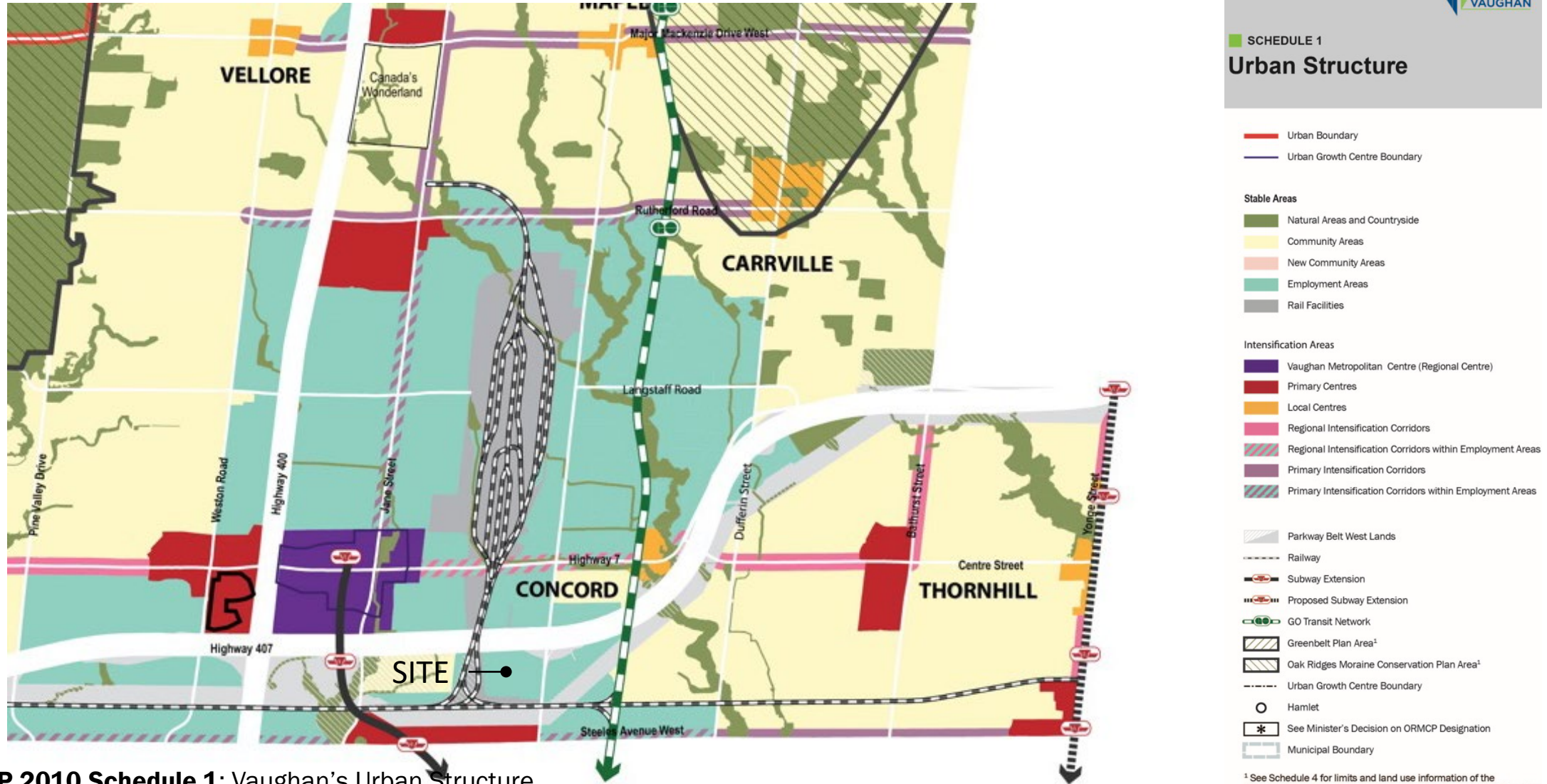
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December 6, 2022  
Item #3





# THE BIG PICTURE

The Colossus site is within a Primary Centre in the City's Urban Structure. Primary Centres are one of the City's identified intensification areas and are planned to include mixed-use high- and mid-rise buildings, developed at an intensity supportive of transit.

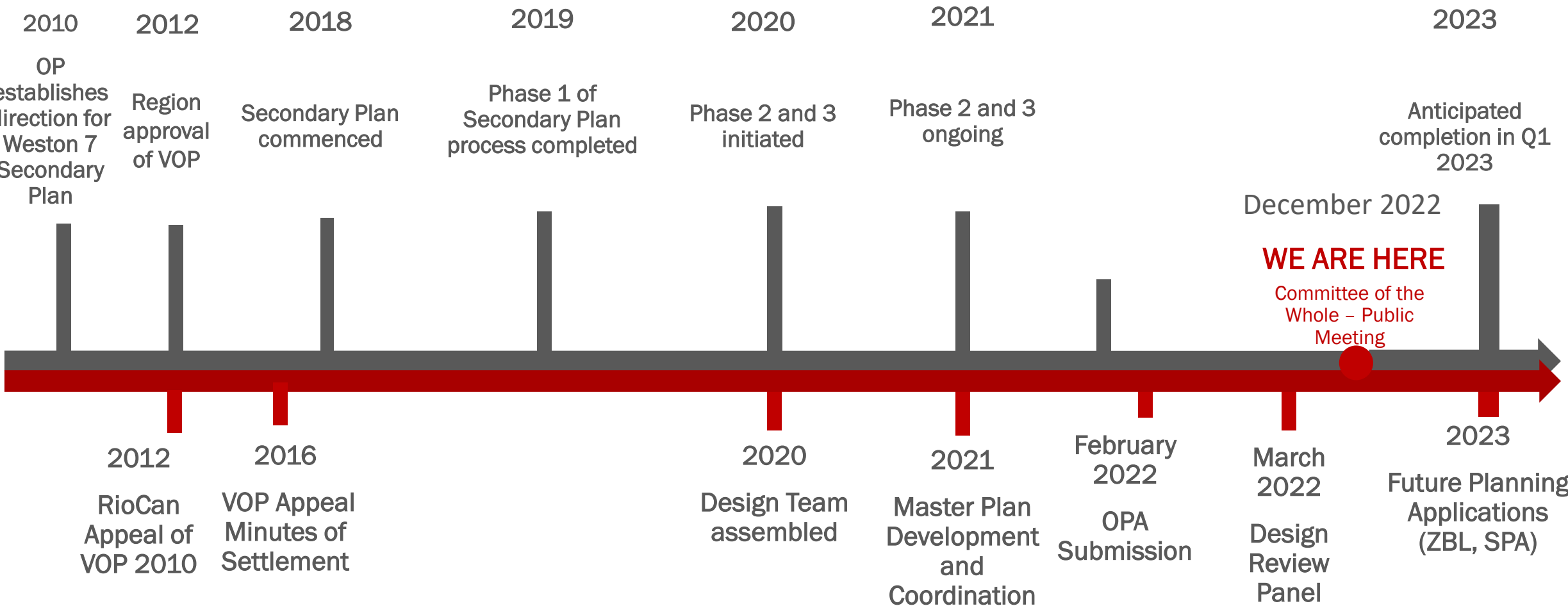


VOP 2010 Schedule 1: Vaughan's Urban Structure

# THE BIG PICTURE

RioCan has been consistently participating in the evolving planning process for the Colossus lands.

## Weston 7 Secondary Plan Process Timeline



## RioCan Colossus OPA Application Timeline

# A QUADRANT WIDE STUDY

The RioCan lands represent the majority of a 33 ha independent quadrant, representing the comprehensive planning of 20% of the Weston 7 Secondary Plan Area.



Figure 1. Development Quadrant

The proposed OPA is a planning instrument to implement the Colossus master plan, which was developed with the three private property owners within the Quadrant: RioCan, Costco and Petro-Canada.

The level of analysis submitted with the application is at a quadrant-wide, Secondary Plan-level of detail, as directed by staff at the March 2021 Pre-Consultation meeting. This direction influenced the scope of the submission materials such as:

- Transportation analysis
- Urban design and land use planning analysis
- Servicing analysis

City staff have confirmed in comments to the application that the analysis “sufficiently addresses the requirements of Sections 10.1.1.3, 10.1.1.4 and 10.1.1.7 of VOP 2010 for the entirety of the southeast quadrant, including issues such as the distribution of land uses, building heights, and parks and open space.”





# THE APPLICATION AND THE SECONDARY PLAN



**Weston 7 Secondary Plan Demonstration Plan**  
November 4, 2021, The Planning Partnership



**Proposed OPA, RioCan**  
February 2022 Submission

The Application is being processed while the City is developing the Secondary Plan which has been in process since 2018.

Depending on the timing of the ongoing Secondary Plan process an exemption from Policy 10.1.1.6 may be required.

*“10.1.1.6. That where it has been determined that a Secondary Plan is required but not yet completed, no amendments to this Plan or the zoning by-law will be permitted without prior or concurrent adoption of the Secondary Plan for that area.”*

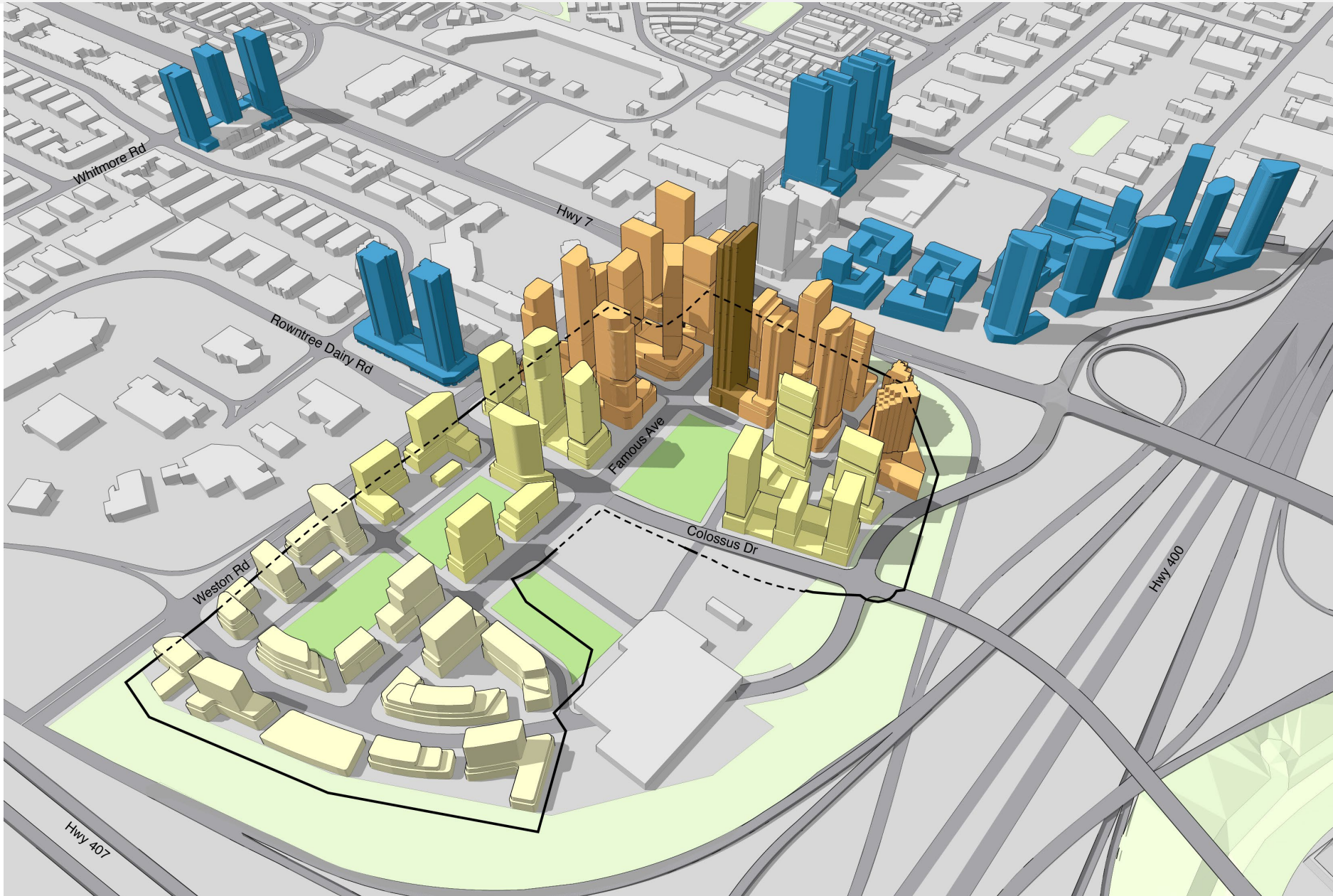
Should such an exemption be necessary it is supported further to the comprehensive quadrant wide analysis and master plan and the 2016 minutes of settlement between RioCan and the City.



# HOUSING AND BUILT FORM

The OPA proposes a range of mid-rise and high-rise development and can deliver approximately 13,000 new housing units.

- Site Boundary
- Maximum Height 25 ST
- Maximum Height 40 ST
- Maximum Height 55 ST
- Landmark Development over 55 ST
- Proposed Development





# RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT



The development will continue to provide commercial, cultural, and entertainment uses, including a cinema, in a mixed-use, walkable, urban format with available parking to support those uses.













# PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The current OPA secures a minimum of 15% of the net site area for parks and open space to support active and passive recreation, socialization, and gathering.

The OPA also includes priority locations for Community Facilities and policies to encourage CS+F integrated with development.



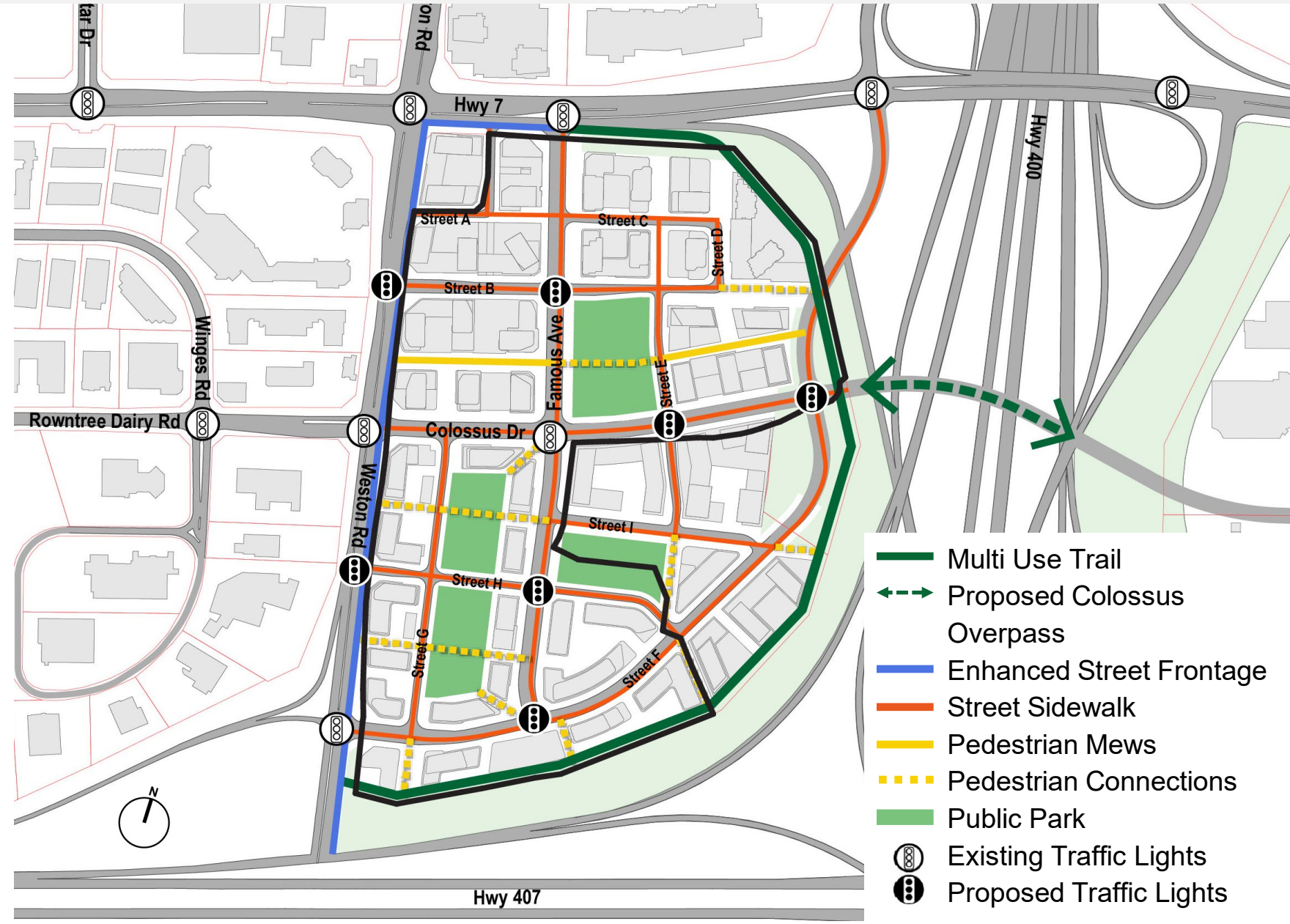
-  Priority Locations for Community Facilities
-  Colossus Park
-  Pedestrian Mews
-  Central Park West
-  Central Park East
-  Storm Water Management Area
-  Multi Use Trail
-  Famous Avenue Promenade

# NEW STREET NETWORK

The application includes a comprehensive and fine-grained street network for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and drivers, based on a quadrant-wide analysis.

Includes local and regional streets planned to include cycling facilities.

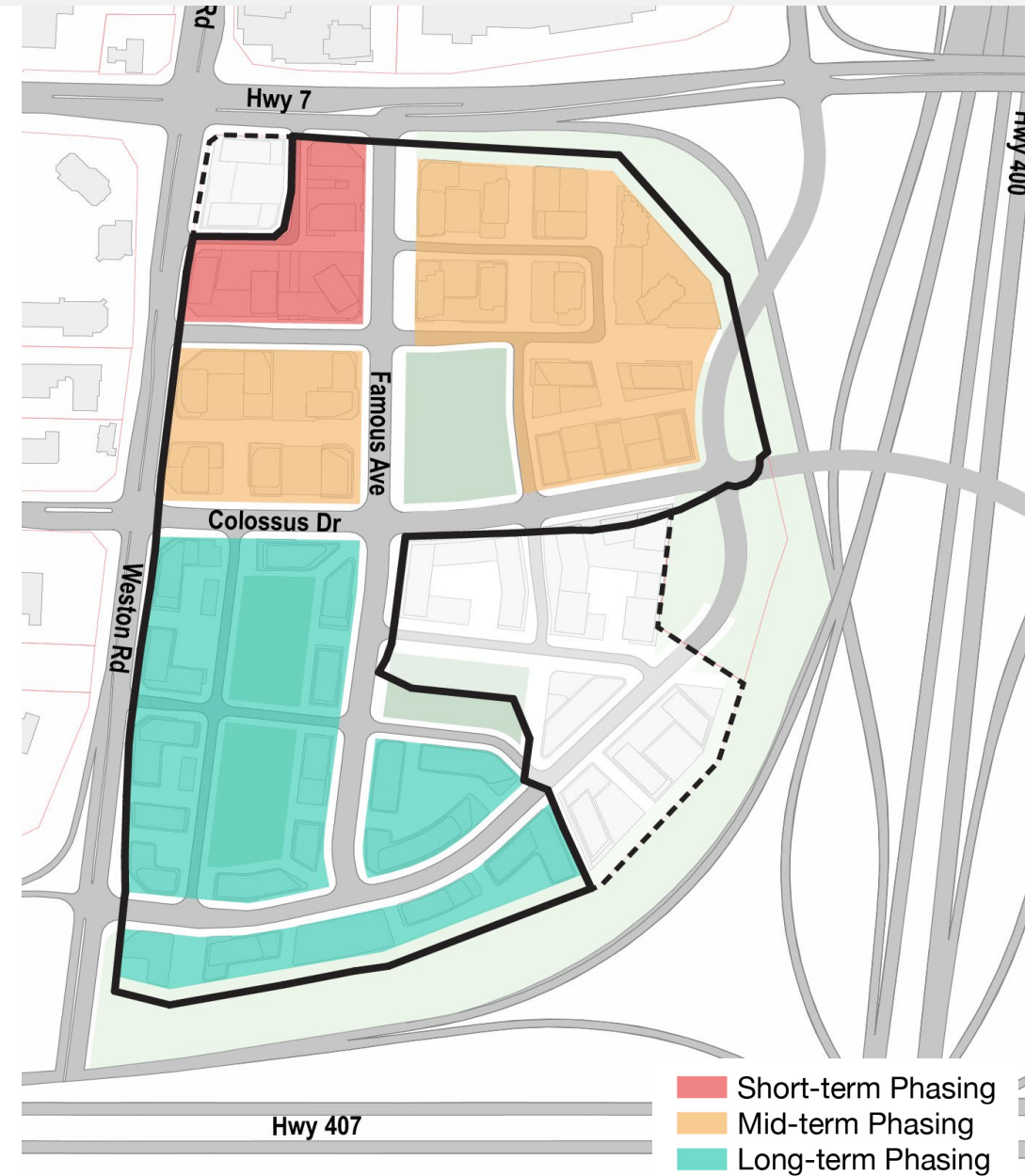
An alignment of the Colossus Drive overpass is proposed, connecting with local roads and Highway 7.





# PHASING

The application reflects a long-term redevelopment strategy. The existing retail uses will be transitioned into an urban format over time.



# COLLABORATIVE PLANNING



RioCan is seeking to work collaboratively with City Staff to enable the best planning outcomes for the RioCan lands, the larger Quadrant and the Weston 7 Secondary Plan Area.

This approach represents good, comprehensive planning.

At this time, we are not asking for approval of an Official Plan Amendment or a Secondary Plan , we are simply requesting that Council allow these matter to proceed collaboratively to avoid delays and to enable the creation of more homes and a modernized retail and entertainment destination in Vaughan.





Thank You!



**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Non-Suport for RioCan Proposal at Hwy 7 & Weston Rd  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 11:56:43 AM

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**From:** Sabrie P <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Non-Suport for RioCan Proposal at Hwy 7 & Weston Rd

Hello Rosanna,  
As a long-time resident and Taxpayer of Woodbridge, ON my family and I DO NOT Support the RioCan master plan for the Southeast Corner of Hwy 7 & Weston Road.

Reason 1 - Crime is already up in the area, you add 38 towers of density in one small corner and more buildings on the northwest and southwest corners, (because we all know there are applications for condos on every corner in Vaughan) It's just Ridiculous! Imagine, we are already being compared to Jane & Finch now, with just the two liberty towers currently there. Cops are always called to these buildings and there are shootings every other weekend in this area now.. Imagine with that amount of density! We will be the new crime city of Canada.. what's the city going to do about the ride in crime? RioCan certainly doesn't care!!!

Reason 2 - Traffic! It's already disgustingly bad.. Hwy 7 & Weston Road has already been named the worst Intersection of Canada? Imagine with this much more density. During the election, DelDuca said he was going to FIX traffic! This RioCan plan goes against fixing any kind of traffic problem! And we all know, no one is walking to the subway from Hwy 7 & Weston! RioCan cannot use the subway as a feature! It's nowhere close enough to do that! That would be ridiculous! Vaughan Is

Doomed!!

Reason 3 - The infrastructure is already weak, and this will put way more strain on the infrastructure. My tax dollars should not support upgrades to infrastructure so that a greedy builder can make \$1500/square foot on small shoebox homes that don't fix the housing issues.. Families can't grow in 500sq foot condo!

For affordable housing, go build north of Weston & Teston or Keele & Teston in all that open land that's not developed yet!! There's lots of room to build homes there, nothing is developed, and the builder signs are up.. so why congest an already congested area??

Reason 4 - Amenities! This plan takes away all the amenities that we currently have regarding, the Movie Theatre, restaurants, and convenient retail facilities.. I shouldn't have to drive to Richmond Hill or Brampton to watch a movie, go to a restaurant or a strip mall. This theatre services not just Woodbridge, but also, Maple, Concord, West Woodbridge!! We all know retail in condos is useless, it's not convenient for residents and ends up being empty retail space. Just look at Centro & Expo - complete waste of retail space!!

This RioCan Master Plan is a complete disaster in itself.. Not enough green space, no amenities for current residents, and just an invite to all the crime to move up from Jane & Finch..

If DelDuca & Council approve this plan, it will be the most memorable disgrace and downfall Vaughan has ever experienced!

Here's to hoping Vaughan Council is for the people and the greedy builders!!

Best Regards,  
Sabrina Palermo



**From:** [John Britto](#)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#); [Todd Coles](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Meeting December 6 regarding RioCan Colossus lands  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 11:58:58 AM

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**From:** angela <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** Todd Coles <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>; John Britto <John.Britto@vaughan.ca>  
**Subject:** [External] Meeting December 6 regarding RioCan Colossus lands

I cannot attend this meeting as it conflicts with Nav Can and GTTA meeting regarding flight paths over Vaughan. Residents in Maple/Woodbridge were affected by VMC complex, (Plus future developments, stage 2). The planes were re-routed to fly over residents' home, predominately over Woodbridge/Maple. Nav Can and GTTA have implemented new procedures, RNP, CDO which allows the planes to fly at a very low altitude, while making sharp turns. Residents have not been part of this decision-making process or included in meetings. We are becoming the arrival, departure and preferred flight path for Toronto International airport. The noise and low flying planes will affect our health, safety and quality of life. [New Pearson Airport procedure to lower noise over homes in Mississauga and Brampton | insauga](#)

Presently we are working with Nav Can and GTTA to have the planes fly over non-residential homes. We are concerned about the high-rise condo being built and do not want the flying planes flying over residential area. We have not had this number of planes flying very low in Vaughan.

Thank you  
Angela

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Re: Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005 - Applicant, RioCan Real Estate INV Trust  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 12:14:45 PM

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**From:** FRANCA STIRPE <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 12:05 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Official Plan Amendment Files OP.22.002 and OP.22.005 - Applicant, RioCan Real Estate INV Trust

RE: 3555 Highway 7; 7501, 7575, 7601 & 7621 Weston Road; 10, 11, 20, 21, 30, 31, 40, 41, 55 & 67 Colossus Drive; 16, 21, 30 & 31 Famous Road (vicinity of Highway 7 and Weston Road)

Dear Mayor Steven Del Ducca and Members of Vaughan Council

This community does not need any more highrise buildings. There are currently numerous development projects underway in this vicinity, with numerous others in progress or waiting for approval. The traffic situation is already at capacity - what normally should be a ten minute drive home can take over one-half hour, and much longer in the winter months or a minor road incident. The addition of an overwhelming number of vehicles would make an already unbearable situation much worse.

What is also terribly wrong with this application, is that it would be forever abolishing a unique and iconic retail shopping centre that has been the hub of the community, and the community at large, for many years. It is convenient and has everything to offer to keep the local residents shopping locally, while also providing a great service to people coming from other locations to shop here.

To approve this application would be a prime example of allowing the destruction of existing communities instead of building accessible communities where residents can live, work and play. I find this application to be an insult to the residents of the City of Vaughan and I ask that this application be rejected.

Thank you for your time.

Franca Stirpe  
[REDACTED] Wycliffe Avenue  
Woodbridge, Ontario  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Rio Can - Public Meeting Tuesday  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 12:03:00 PM

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**From:** IRENE FORD <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 12:02 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Rio Can - Public Meeting Tuesday

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Thank you,  
Irene Ford

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**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Application of Riocan Real Estate INV Trust to develop land at 3555 Highway 7  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 12:31:26 PM

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**From:** Libby Parente [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Application of Riocan Real Estate INV Trust to develop land at 3555 Highway 7

To whom it may concern:

I received the notice of public meeting committee regarding the development of condo buildings at 3555 Highway 7. I am a resident of Vaughan and have lived in the same neighbourhood for over 20 years. I have concerns about this development and they are listed below.

1. **The development will create more congestion** - the buildings range from 22 - 55 storeys in height. There is already a great deal of congestion along Highway 7 and bringing in more people will just create more congestion. We need to develop better public transit if we are going to eliminate cars.
2. **Can we effectively service the number of people coming into the region** - Currently it is very difficult to find a family doctor in Vaughan. I have tried and cannot find any practice willing to take new patients so I continue to go to my family Doctor located in Toronto at Bathurst and Glencairn who will retire in a few years.
3. **The elimination of the Theatre and restaurants** - will Vaughan become a bedroom community? A community thrives when it provides places where residents can not only go to sleep but where it go to experience arts and culture. The current Colossus provides not only a place where families can go and experience a movie together but employment opportunities to residents. Especially young residents.

Thank you.

Libby Parente

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**To:** [Jacquelyn Gillis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Fwd: Rio Can - Public Meeting Tuesday  
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**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 1:54 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
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**From:** Irene Zeppieri <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 1:16 PM  
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**Cc:** [francesco.sorbara@parl.gc.ca](mailto:francesco.sorbara@parl.gc.ca); [omar.alghabra@parl.gc.ca](mailto:omar.alghabra@parl.gc.ca); Paul Freeman <[REDACTED]>; Wayne Emmerson <[REDACTED]>; Sandra Malcic <[REDACTED]>; [landuse@navcanada.ca](mailto:landuse@navcanada.ca); [landuse.planning@gtaa.com](mailto:landuse.planning@gtaa.com)  
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Hello,

I am unable to attend in person but shared my concerns below. I ran out of time and expanded below on some concerns.

Should noise studies be done that consider aviation noise from planes, then they should note wind conditions, which dictate if planes are arriving or departing and be done reflecting both. At night as well due to the preferred runway system implemented. Although Vaughan might not be 'preferred' we are the third choice and if my understanding of the data is correct take an almost equivalent amount of night time flights over residential as the 'preferred' routes.

I have expressed concerns to GTAA, NavCan, Transport Canada and my MP about impacts that existing buildings in the VMC may have had on Pearson's operations. Resulting in increased departure and arrival traffic being shifted over existing low-rise residential. Not impacts to flight paths which require approval from Transport Canada, but day to day operations. NavCan is a commenting agency & has no authority to approve or deny applications but are required to be consulted on certain applications. Municipalities are the ultimate land use authority. NavCan has reviewed applications in the VMC. I have been unable to confirm if they did or did not express concerns or even object to existing or proposed buildings. They directed me to follow up directly with the municipality, which I have not done to date.

I am requesting more transparency about communications and consultation on land use decisions in which consultation with NavCan is a component. This should be a component of the public

consultation and clearly identified in the required planning studies, as well as staff reports to Council.

I have not reviewed but wonder if this a component in the Weston 7 Secondary Plan? It may influence building heights and residential development patterns particularly on the SW side of highway 400, which I suspect is more affected by Pearson's operations.

Thank you,  
Irene

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**Subject:** FW: [External] Proposed Development at Weston Road and Highway 7  
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**From:** Rosanna DeFrancesca <[Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca](mailto:Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca)>  
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**Subject:** FW: [External] Proposed Development at Weston Road and Highway 7

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**From:** Anna Tomaino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:28 AM  
**To:** Rosanna DeFrancesca <[Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca](mailto:Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Development at Weston Road and Highway 7

Hello Rosanna,

I have written to you in the past regarding the proposed development in the Highway 7 and Ansley Grove area of Woodbridge. This correspondence is to address my concerns regarding the public notice communication sent to residents for the proposed Weston Road and Highway 7 project. In response to your recent email for community comments, I provide the following.

As a long time Woodbridge resident, I am disappointed in the development pace that has taken place in recent years and the ongoing proposals that are put forward for continued expansion. The public notice to residents seems to be in name only with no real concern to take resident voices into consideration. The appearance is that these developments are proceeding and will continue to proceed regardless of what the community concerns are.

Issues raised in the past continue to be problematic today and they will continue to escalate into the future.

Congestion is a reality and there has been no progress to alleviate this issue. Increased growth will only add to this problem. I still find it ludicrous that past statements made in public information sessions about moving towards pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic is the solution for Woodbridge residents. It is stressful today to travel within Woodbridge. So how terrible will it be in the future to travel with the explosive growth presented in the Weston Road and Highway 7 plan?

- The public perception is that our crime rate has escalated with the growth. This new mega project will just add to the crime rate and put the residents of Woodbridge at continued risk.
- Investor versus lease/rental realities is something that is rarely discussed. How many of the new condo developments that have gone up already have the owner of the condo actually living in the unit? Information is already available from people that live in some of these condo developments that there is a considerable amount of rent/lease inhabitants and with that, the respect to the property is sacrificed. Without respect, individual developments will falter. One condo resident laments how people are throwing garbage over the balconies into the courtyards. Does this make our city proud?

The public notice document states "To ensure Vaughan continues to be a great place to live, work and play, our city must grow in ways that are smart and any change must meet the needs and values of current and future residents and businesses" I doubt that residents of Woodbridge believe that this proposed development will in good faith satisfy this statement.

I trust you will take the necessary steps to escalate my concerns to the appropriate groups.

Thank you,

Anna Tomaino