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Item No. 5

**Committee of the Whole
(Public Meeting)**

September 12, 2023

September 11, 2023

Mayor and Members of Council
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario, L6A 1T1

**RE: Item No. 5: BATTICORP HOLDINGS (VAUGHAN) LTD. AND BATTICORP II HOLDINGS (VAUGHAN) LTD.
CIHA.23.002 - 661 AND 681 CHRISLEA ROAD,**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I stand before you this evening to express my deep concerns regarding the pending decision to grant a Community Housing and Infrastructure Accelerator application to Batticorp Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. and Batticorp II Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. This application, if approved, could have far-reaching consequences for our community, and I strongly urge the council to consider deferring the decision for a more comprehensive review.

The Community Housing and Infrastructure Accelerator program, as outlined by the Ontario government, is meant to accelerate the development of affordable housing and essential infrastructure in our communities. While this is a commendable goal, it is crucial that we ensure that such projects align with the values, needs, and aspirations of our city.

My concerns, along with those of many other concerned citizens, stem from a lack of transparency and information surrounding Batticorp Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. and Batticorp II Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. The community deserves a clearer understanding of these entities, their track record, and their intentions with this project. A more thorough review is essential to provide us with the necessary information to make an informed decision.

Furthermore, it is important to assess the potential impact of this project on our city. How will it affect our infrastructure, traffic, and overall quality of life for residents? These questions require careful examination, and we need to ensure that all relevant stakeholders, including residents and community groups, have a voice in this process.

Another concern is the potential displacement of existing residents and businesses in the proposed project area. We must prioritize the well-being of our current residents and businesses, and any project that could result in displacement should be rigorously evaluated for its social and economic impact.

Additionally, it is crucial that we consider the environmental impact of this project, especially in an era when sustainability and climate resilience are paramount. How will this development align with our city's environmental goals and initiatives? This question remains unanswered, and further investigation is required.

In conclusion, while the Community Housing and Infrastructure Accelerator program is a promising initiative, it is imperative that we exercise due diligence and transparency in our decision-making process. I respectfully request that the council defers the decision on granting the application to Batticorp Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. and Batticorp II Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. to allow for a more comprehensive review that involves all stakeholders, ensuring that our city's interests and values are protected. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Together, we can make informed decisions that benefit our community now and in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Weston Downs Ratepayers Association

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