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COUNCIL – September 26, 2023
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September 25, 2023

Via email to: clerks@vaughan.ca

Mayor and Council
City of Vaughan
c/o Office of the City Clerk
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Councillor,

**Re: Statements made to Committee of the Whole, September 12, 2023
RE: Zoning By-law Amendments Z.22.029; Z.22.030; Z.22.031; Z.22.032
Draft Plan of Subdivision File Nos.: 19T-22V006 – 11363 and 11191**

Donnelly Law (“we” or the “Firm”) represents the Friends to Conserve Kleinburg Inc. (“FTCK”) and Humberplex Developments Inc. (“Humberplex”) (together our “Clients”) regarding the proposed Block 55 West Block Plan and development at Kirby Road and Regional Road 27 (the “Block Plan 55”).

As you are aware, our firm made both written and oral submissions at the September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole (“COW”) meeting.

We write Vaughan Council (“Council”) to advise you of several very concerning matters relating to Council’s vote on September 26, 2023 regarding Block Plan 55.

Specifically, it is our clients submission certain Councillors should not be voting on this application. The reasons are:

- Councillor Gila Martow should recuse herself from Tuesday’s vote. Prior to the September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Councillor Martow promised to support the community, a 30m buffer and a single loaded road. She said she would be voting against the Block Plan 55 and the 10m buffer for residents. Inexplicably, when it came time for the vote, she reversed herself and broke her word. The Friends are reliably informed that Councillor Martow received a message just before the vote from Julian DeGasperi (Planner for

TACC), reminding her “We contribute to your campaign, I put up signs for you (not reflected in election returns), and you owe us”;

- Councillor Gino Rosati is recused from voting on Block 55 because his daughter owns property abutting the Copper Creek Golf Course. Councillor Rosati continues to discuss the Application with S. DeGasperis, when he is not supposed to engage in any business concerning the project.
- Councillor Mario Ferri’s administrative assistant Stella Martinella told Stephanie Saccoiccia that he does not normally side with developers, “except this one in particular” (being Silvio DeGasperis). It is hard to imagine that a Councillor can vote fairly and with a clear conscience after strongly implying that he votes one way on all development applications, but gives preferential treatment to Silvio DeGasperis. Councillor Ferri should recuse himself.
- Councillor Linda Jackson has consistently made untrue statements about the Copper Creek application, and the residents as part of the Friends to Conserve Kleinburg (see letter attached). Councillor Jackson should recuse herself from voting on the Block Plan, given the foregoing statements and obvious meddling on behalf of Silvio DeGasperis, a major contributor to her campaign;
- Silvio is a significant contributor to Mayor Del Duca, and Councillors Jackson, Ferri, Rosati and Martow.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-572-0464, or by e-mail to david@donnellylaw.ca, should you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence.

Yours truly,



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cc. Clients
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