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Communication
CW(2) – February 13, 2024
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February 8, 2024

Town of Caledon
6311 Old Church Road
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Re: Letter of Support – City of Vaughan Delegation

On behalf of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce please accept this letter in support of the City of Vaughan February 13, 2024 delegation presented by Councillor Tony Rosa.

We fully support Councillor Rosa’s delegation in an effort to create major change to the conditions of the container yards along the Hwy 50 corridor, more explicitly, the Major Mackenzie Drive and Hwy 50 container yards. We have been inundated by residents and businesses and as a community, we can no longer sit silent.

Our hope is both communities agree and implement a plan that benefits all.

Sincerely,

Marion Upshall

Marion Upshall, on behalf of the
Caledon Chamber of Commerce

Request to Present to City of Vaughan Council regarding Caledon-Vaughan Gateway

Moved by: Councillor T. Rosa

Seconded by: Councillor M. Russo

2024-012

That Councillor T. Rosa be supported in presenting on behalf of the Town of Caledon regarding the condition of the Caledon-Vaughan Gateway located in Bolton, at the City of Vaughan at their February 13, 2024 City Council meeting.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Councillor N. de Boer	X			
Councillor C. Early	X			
Councillor L. Kiernan	X			
Councillor D. Maskell	X			
Councillor C. Napoli	X			
Councillor T. Rosa	X			
Councillor M. Russo	X			
Councillor D. Sheen	X			
Mayor A. Groves	X			
Total	9			

Carried.



Annette Groves
Mayor

February 6th 2024

Sent via E-mail: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Downey
Ministry of the Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
11th Floor – 720 Bay St.
Toronto; ONT; M7A 2S9

Re: Illegal Land Use

Dear Minister Downey,

The Town of Caledon is facing an illegal land use crisis related to illegal trucking depots. We are aware of in excess of 300 active properties that are dramatically affecting the safety, health and quality of life of Caledon. These properties have a detrimental impact on residential properties, agricultural lands and resources, the environment, heritage features and create unsafe situations such as traffic and pedestrian safety.

Since January 2020, the Town has proactively enforced hundreds of illegal transportation depots, relying heavily on the legal process of laying charges under the *Provincial Offences Act* and/or injunction proceedings in the Superior Court, at great cost, with 36 still before the Provincial Offences court, and three in front of the Superior Court.

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The overall enforcement objective is to achieve compliance with the Town's By-laws and Ontario Building Code. With the current limits on municipal enforcement and growing concerns, we have tried a variety of other tactics within our control including education and communication, requesting property reassessment, and reporting properties with significant cash transactions.

While the Town is becoming more successful in raising fines on successful convictions, legal matters are time-consuming for staff, costly for the community, and in the end do not impose strong enough penalties to shut down operations, even after prosecution.

Illegal land use appears to be a persistent issue in surrounding municipalities, such as Brampton, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Vaughan and New Tecumseth due to proximity of 400-series highways.

Consideration of additional powers that have proven highly effective in other municipalities. For example, to barricade and bar entry with respect to illegal cannabis operations in Toronto.

For more timely and effective results, we seek the ability to physically barricade access to properties, as well as increasing maximum individual and corporation penalty/fine amounts.

In the case of illegal transportation depots, in the long-term, the Town's ongoing Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review will establish opportunities to have legal truck storage facilities

The Town has implemented countless efforts and exhausted all avenues of possible strategies and tactics within our reach as a municipality.

We have several bad actors putting residents, visitors and their own employees at risk. Illegal trucking yards are impacting insurance rates, deterring legitimate businesses, and encouraging other illegal activities often related to trucking operations. Trucking yards operating legally are not able to compete in this environment.

Illegal trucking depots are slowing down our Town's development and ability to attract businesses. Education, awareness and our ability to enforce have proven to be ineffective in managing this crisis. We have little recourse or ability to respond to the activity that leads to resolution. Illegal trucking depots continue to operate and encourage others to follow suit creating a dilemma.

We are requesting greater authority, resources and tools to manage this crisis.

I thank you in advance for your time, attention, and consideration for providing the resources we need to address the illegal land use that is immobilizing our Town. We look forward to hearing back from the Ministry of the Attorney General's Office for the benefit of our community.

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Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

c. Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon

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