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To City of Vaughn;

Attention: Mayor Del Duca.

As a resident of Bolton my family has seen an increase in the number trucks with storage trailers on Hwy 50 and surrounding roadways such King-Vaughan line and Cold Creek Rd, in Vaughan. It has been noted by the residents, that these yards are opening all over the HWY# 50 areas, and on the Peel Regional side too. When investigating these zoning applications, we are finding they are zoned as "Agricultural", but the owners have dumped fill and not using the land properly.

I have been in contact with Mayor Groves, and she informed of your meeting with the other Mayors to discuss the illegal yards and the traffic issues it is creating. A task force involving the different regions would be helpful to address some of the issues.

One method that could help, is to engage use of Neiborhood Policing programs, such as "Neiborhood watch" or "Road Watch". Connect with different residential associations to bring the support of the different communities within York Region. Additional Policing resources through OT (pay Duty) activities could assist. Traffic Blitz's on trailers and licence enforcement.

Additionally, engagement from the MTO is mandatory since they own road safety

responsibility and licencing requirements.

In June, "**Bill 197 Safer Roads & Communities Act**" passed through its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Not sure where the Bill sits now? it spells out Trailer Safety, Licencing requirements ( take the responsibility back) currently farmed to a third party, with no Provical over site, Highway Traffic Acts fine changes, and the Municipal Act. Proposed changes to provide stronger powers to road safety and Municipalities to enforce illegal land use issues.

We have been unable to discuss Road Safety Issues or Bill 197 with our MPP Sylvia Jones and MTO Minister Sakaria. Any help the Mayors can provide would be welcomed to ensure we make the proper changes to the current standards and how we deal with these issues.

Regards,

Sean McDonald