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Dear City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole,

I've had to write to you again, as a new truck yard just down the road from this one has accelerated their preparations to open as well. The address is 12001 Albion Vaughan Road.

Just over this past weekend, they have demolished buildings and graded the property to get it ready to store trucks. There is even a sign out front advertising the truck storage!! Please see the attached photo.

This is completely unacceptable - the City of Vaughan must act now!!! The owners of these properties have no respect for the people who live here and are completely disregarding the law - something must be done!

Looking forward to a response and some meaningful action,
Amanda Corbett

On Fri, 1 Nov 2024 at 15:35, Amanda Corbett [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole,

I am writing to you regarding an **urgent** and concerning issue with an Illegal Truck Yard

at the border of the City of Vaughan & Town of Caledon. This pertains to item number 5.2 (regarding Illegal Truck Yards) on the agenda for the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on November 5, 2024.

The property in question is at 12151 Albion Vaughan Road. This is a property that is zoned Agricultural, but is currently being graveled over illegally, in preparation for storing trucks and truck containers. This is a completely unacceptable and illegal use for Agricultural land and the **City of Vaughan needs to act quickly** to ensure that this property is brought back into compliance with Agricultural zoning and ensure that no trucks or containers are stored on this lot.

I have included an aerial photo for you to get an idea of the safety issues that I am concerned about below.

The dangers of the illegal use of land on this property are numerous. I've specified a few below, but this is by no means an exhaustive list:

- ☐☐☐ Albion Vaughan Road is a single lane in each direction. In order for trucks to turn in and out of this property - they will need to turn into the oncoming traffic lane. In case you aren't aware, Albion Vaughan Road is an extremely busy road that often has many drivers speeding on it. Having trucks illegally parking on this property will have them turning into oncoming traffic routinely & will definitely get someone killed or seriously hurt.
- ☐☐☐ The opposite side of the road from this property is residential - any traffic incident that happens right outside of this lot puts all the homes bordering this property at risk. Someone could easily have a transport truck in their backyard or basement or bedroom if an accident does happen at the driveway of this property.
- ☐☐☐ Truck yards have a lot of high-intensity lighting - which will be shining directly into the backyards and homes that are across the road from this illegal lot. They shine 24/7 - and it's not reasonable to expect that residents need to put up with this from a property being used illegally.
- ☐☐☐ There will be trucks moving in and out of this illegal property 24/7, creating unnecessary noise, ground shaking and dust. The residents across the road from this property should not have to put up with this.
- ☐☐☐ The driveway of this property seems to have been widened in an attempt to accommodate the trucks and containers that are planned to be illegally stored here. This should be an additional by-law violation and the City of Vaughan should be able to demand immediate alterations be made to change the driveway back to its original width.

???) The fill/gravel that they are illegally bringing on this land is likely not clean. As they are operating illegally, I cannot imagine they would be paying good money for clean fill - but accepting dirty fill that other bad actors don't want to pay money to dispose of.

???) Additionally, without a Site Plan, there is every opportunity for this illegal truck yard to not be grading the property properly and putting the environment at risk. This property is very close to TRCA lands and likely has water running through it that is at risk of being contaminated from the illegal fill being used - not to mention the future contamination from diesel spills and oil spills once trucks and containers are moved in.

???) As the zoning is Agricultural, the City of Vaughan will not be collecting appropriate taxes on how this land is being used illegally.

Here are some photos to show you the evolution of the land over the past year and a half - as the illegal use has continued & gone unchecked by the City of Vaughan.

There are actions that the City of Vaughan can take now to bring this property back into compliance and ensure that trucks and containers are not illegally stored here. This property should be routinely monitored by the City of Vaughan and the owner of the property should be charged for using the land illegally. I'm not sure why this isn't happening. I don't understand what the issue is - the land is being used illegally. That should be the end of the story.

I ask you to please imagine how you would feel if you owned a property that backs onto Albion Vaughan Road directly across from this property. What if it was your son or daughter, or parents that owned a property that backs onto Albion Vaughan Road here? What would you do to ensure that your family would stay safe? I'm sure that you wouldn't sit by and say there's nothing that can be done. I'm sure that you would do whatever you can, within your power to ensure the illegal use of this land stops - and as quickly as possible. We are asking for you to do that now - trucks could be moving onto this property any day now - you need to act now! **What action will you take today to make some meaningful change?**

This is not the only illegal truck yard in this area of Vaughan. The same actions to enforce the by-laws should be taking place at the other illegal truck yards in this area. And the City of Vaughan should routinely be driving around this area to ensure any new lots popping up are being properly enforced.

You need to take action as if your family's safety was in danger - we certainly are, and we're asking for your help.

Looking forward to a response and some meaningful action,
Amanda Corbett