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Councillor Tony Carella,
Ward 2/ Woodbridge West
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive,
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Dear Councillor Carella,

This is in response to your request for a letter of support from Holy Cross CA regarding a proposal by the Woodbridge Soccer Club for a seasonal dome on the lands neighbouring Holy Cross CA. The York Catholic District School Board does not support the project as outlined in the Unsolicited Proposal for a Seasonal Sports Dome at Vaughan Grove Sports Park as being presented to Vaughan Council June 4, 2019.

As you are aware, the York Catholic District School Board released a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the construction of an artificial turf field and four season sports dome at Holy Cross CA. The Board has selected a preferred partner to construct and operate the dome, and has approved the lease terms in support of the project.

We are very pleased and excited for the opportunity this dome provides to our York Catholic students and the greater community including the many sports clubs within the City, including the Woodbridge Soccer Club. The dome at Holy Cross CA is anticipated to open in September 2020. The proposal is for a year round dome structure which will accommodate multiple artificial soft and hard court fields, a clubhouse with change rooms and washrooms with associated amenities and bleacher seating. This partnership provides students from Holy Cross CA and surrounding YCDSB schools the opportunity to utilize the facility at no cost during school hours, providing great benefit to our community.

The York Catholic District School Board has experience with this type of arrangement which leverages the available property to provide students with an enhanced learning environment. These types of arrangements have proven to be an effective and efficient model of providing exceptional facilities for our students and residents.

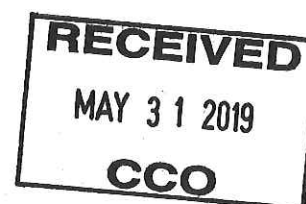
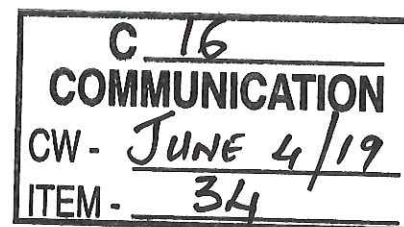
Given the efforts and commitments made to date by the Board, we respectfully suggest an alternate location be considered for this proposed dome. With the opening of our new facility, the existing fields and indoor facilities of the Ontario Soccer Centre, a second dome in this location may impact the viability of the dome at Holy Cross CA.

We welcome further discussion on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dominic Mazzotta
Chair of the Board, York Catholic District School Board.

cc. City of Vaughan Council





May 6, 2019

Mr. Edward Lavor
Principal
Holy Cross Catholic Academy
7501 Martin Grove Road
Woodbridge, Ontario
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Dear Principal Lavor,

I am writing to inform you that the Woodbridge Soccer Club has submitted to the City of Vaughan a proposal to convert, at its expense, the city's grass soccer field (known as Vaughan Grove Field #1, immediately to the east of the front parking lot at the park) to an artificial turf field, and to equip the converted field with a seasonal dome, to extend the time that the field can be used over the course of the year. The club is currently working closely with the city's parks and recreation staff on the proposal, with a report expected to be presented to City Council in June.

I have been asked by the Woodbridge Soccer Club to solicit a letter of support for this proposal from Holy Cross. As I am sure you appreciate, infrastructure development of this sort constitutes yet another step in creating a centre of soccer excellence on Martin Grove Road---of which Holy Cross, the City of Vaughan, the Woodbridge Soccer Club, and the Ontario Soccer Centre can rightfully claim joint ownership.

As the proponents are meeting with city staff in mid-May to finalize their report, your prompt attention to this request---addressed to "To whom it may concern" and sent to me---will be appreciated.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Tony Carella, FRSA
Councillor -- Ward 2/Woodbridge West



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From: Thomas Pechkovsky <tom.pechkovsky@ycdsb.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Carella, Tony
Cc: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Dominic Mazzotta; Ab Falconi; Edward Lavor; Jennifer Sarna; Edward Skrobal - MSD; Reali, Mary
Subject: Letter of Support Re: Dome Proposal for Vaughn Grove Park
Attachments: Letter from C Carella, requesting support from Holy Cross May 2019.PDF; Ltr to Carella re Dome next to HCA (1).pdf

Councillor Carella,

Please find attached the Board's response to your request regarding the Dome Proposal for Vaughan Grove Park. Next to Holy Cross Catholic Academy. The Board does not support this dome proposal.

On Tuesday night the Board of Trustees approved the lease terms for our arrangement with our preferred vendor.

Chair Mazzotta and I will be attend the meeting on June 4th and I will be making a deputation.

We look forward to discussing this matter further.

I understand our vendor has been speaking with Woodbridge soccer club regarding priority and times available.

Regards,

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Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations

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