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Dear City of Vaughan Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the temporary zoning application for 7300 Major Mackenzie Drive West (Z.24.034), item 4.2 on the January 21, 2025 agenda of the Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting). This property is currently operating illegally, with no temporary zoning or approved site plan in place. And now, even though a Notice of Contravention was received to cease & desist, they continue to operate illegally. These owners have completely disrespected the law, the community and the City of Vaughan and should not be rewarded with temporary zoning. They need to bring the property into full compliance with the agricultural zoning that they disrespected for more than a decade & only then should a zoning application be considered. The owners should be required to also take any other properties they own & bring them back to proper zoning compliance before temporary zoning on this property is granted. City of Vaughan should not be allowing an owner to operate a business on a property that doesn't have an approved site plan in place. Once the site plan is approved, the shed on the property should be demolished immediately as this is where a truck maintenance facility is being operated. Regarding the current condition of the property. Hazardous materials were found to be stored on this property (bulk antifreeze & de-icing manufacturing, gasoline, leaking oil tanks, improperly stored batteries, etc) – they need to be removed immediately. Considering this property has been operated illegally for more than a decade – City of Vaughan must keep a close eye on the damage the owners are doing to this property and the environment. This should be done prior to granting any temporary zoning, and prior to site plan approval, and should be done afterwards as well. As many of you are aware, the intersection of Major Mackenzie and Highway 50 is a very dangerous & congested intersection. The amount of truck traffic only adds to the dangers. We should not have to drive with white knuckles while approaching this intersection. I encourage any of you to drive there any time of day. If City of Vaughan approves this – you will continue to encourage illegal land use, as you are

showing property owners that they can do whatever they want with their properties & then ask to be zoned into compliance in the future, after operating illegally for decades. We expect and demand that landowners and the City of Vaughan to do better than this. Landowners that operate businesses on their lands illegally must be punished and must be required to take their lands back to the original zoning condition and only then should re-zoning applications be considered. Otherwise, Vaughan will be encouraging illegal land use, as they continue to zone into compliance. This is not acceptable & City of Vaughan needs to do better for your community & neighbouring communities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration