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**Subject:** Council Meeting, September 17, 2018 - Deputation by Elvira Caria (Vellore Woods Ratepayers' Association,

**Message:**

Please see the attached correspondence. Thank you.

**From:** Richard Rodaro.

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The Mayor and Members of Council  
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Dear Members of Council,

I am writing with regard to the scheduled deputation of Elvira Caria, President of the Vellore Woods Ratepayers' Association for today's meeting at three o'clock.

My name is Richard Rodaro and I live at [REDACTED] Woodend Place. I have been a resident of Vaughan at my family's present home for 50 years. My family was among the founding members of the current Millwood-Woodend Ratepayers' Association, which operated informally on the basis of volunteer committees made up of our residents on an as-needed basis in the 1970s and formally became a ratepayers' association in the very early 1980s. We have been continuously active as an association since then and many times you have seen me make deputations coordinated with and along side our other association members or executives. Our current president is Mr. Tim Sorochinsky.

It should come as no surprise to Members of Council that given my family's address on Woodend Place and our association's name, The Millwood-Woodend Ratepayers' Association, that on the occasions during the past twenty years when I have made deputations to Council I have introduced myself as a member of this association. What might surprise Council is that for several years now the City of Vaughan refuses to recognize my association's full boundaries to include my subdivision. It remains unclear to me exactly what part of the Millwood-Woodend Ratepayers' Association would not include Woodend Place and the subdivision it is located in. Mr. Sorochinsky (who I understand is unavailable today) has told me that every year he has submitted our renewal registration including the Woodend subdivision within the boundaries of our association's representation; and, suddenly, every year the Millwood-Woodend Ratepayers' Association is registered without my subdivision's being included in either narrative or mapping terms. The southern limit of our boundaries has been altered to be Major Mackenzie Drive. The Millwood and Woodend subdivisions are all estate lot subdivisions, that share similar physical characters, lifestyles and contributions to the greater community. We are not aware that Ward boundaries, Block Plan boundaries or former Sideroads or Concessions roadways are impediments to the registerable boundaries of an association, nor should they necessarily be.

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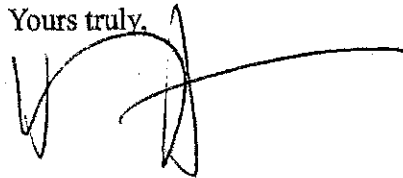
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This has proved to be a serious problem once already, involving the former East Woodbridge Ratepayers' Association. I will spare you the lurid details, except to say that East Woodbridge had never contacted me or my neighbours as to its existence, never advised us of or included us in meetings or elections and never consulted us or offered to make representations on our behalf; yet insisted, unrelentingly - up to and including depositions before Council - upon its right to represent us despite the historic pre-existence of our own ratepayers' association and our membership therein. Then as now, the City's process for maintaining these registrations clearly has remained flawed and requires rectification. The current process has led twice now to my subdivision's being included in another association's territory, a situation which has implications (and a history in the case of East Woodbridge) of unnecessary confusion and distraction, not to mention the possibility of discussions or negotiations occurring with development applicants and city representatives without the affected and concerned residents' knowledge, participation and consent. I am sure Council will agree this is wholly inequitable to residents and clearly wrong.

Until such time as a solution is identified and implemented, I would suggest that it be potentially less damaging to allow the registry to report an overlap of boundaries - should that eventuality occur during the registration process - ultimately to ensure the principal objective: that residents are represented by the executive they have elected to act on their behalf, and with their knowledge, and who they have confidence is accountable to them. Accordingly, it would be prudent that the potential for reporting of overlapped boundaries be identified as a preamble at the beginning of the registry or as a footnote on each page of it.

I would like to thank Ms. Caria and the Vellore Woods Ratepayers' Association for bringing this problem to the attention of Council.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Rodaro', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard Rodaro.

cc. Tim Soroichinsky, Millwood-Woodend Ratepayers' Association