

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1) – DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

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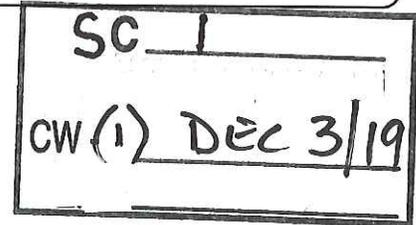
**Distributed November 29, 2019**

- SC1 Memorandum from the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor dated November 27, 2019
- SC2 Memorandum from the Deputy City Manager, Community Services dated November 29, 2019

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**DATE:** November 27, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor  
Jason Schmidt-Shoukri, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

**RE:** **STAFF COMMUNICATION – December 3, 2019**  
**Amendment to Ontario Regulation 303/19 made under the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017* – Transition for *Planning Act* Appeals**

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Staff Communication is to inform Mayor and Members of Council that the Attorney General recently amended Transition Regulation O.Reg 303/19 pursuant to the City's request made in October. The amendment requires the continuation of Bill 139 appeals of municipal planning decisions (made by third parties who are not public bodies) under the Bill 139 regime set out in the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017* (the "Act") as it read immediately before the Bill 108 amendments to the Act were implemented.

## 2. Analysis

On October 7, 2019 Council considered a report on the Committee of the Whole agenda recommending that staff be directed and authorized to make submissions to the Attorney General in support of changes to O. Reg 303/19 such that Bill 139 appeals of municipal planning decisions are completed under the Bill 139 regime.

On November 15, 2019 the Attorney General provided correspondence to the Interim City Manager and City Clerk confirming that a minor amendment was made to O.Reg 303/19 (effective November 15, 2019), requiring certain municipal planning decisions made by third parties who are not public bodies to proceed under the process set out in the Act as it read immediately before September 3, 2019. This amendment is a positive development for the City and affects 3 of the remaining Bill 139 appeals that the City received of its municipal approvals by third parties. The letter from the Attorney General is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



for Wendy Law,  
Deputy City Manager, Administrative  
Services and City Solicitor



Jason Schmidt-Shoukri  
Deputy City Manager, Planning and  
Growth Management

For more information, contact Caterina Facciolo, Deputy City Solicitor, Planning and Real Estate Law, extension 8662.

encl: Attorney General's Letter to City of Vaughan dated November 15, 2019

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November 15, 2019

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Mr. Todd Coles  
City Clerk  
City of Vaughan  
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Dear Mr. Simmonds and Mr. Coles:

Thank you for your letters regarding the transitional regulations under the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017*.

Multiple local governments and other public bodies, including yours, wrote to me with practical recommendations to improve the transitional regulation related to Bill 108, the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*.

As a result of the feedback from municipalities, I have filed a minor amendment to O. Reg. 303/19, effective today, to require appeals of certain municipal planning decisions made by third parties who are not public bodies to proceed under the process set out in the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017* as it read immediately before September 3, 2019. This amendment would not impact appeals where the municipal decision is also being appealed by an applicant, a public body, or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

This amendment builds upon our government's other efforts to improve the operations of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, which have included appointing a new interim Associate Chair and 13 new full-time and part-time adjudicators since the passage of Bill 108. As a result of these appointments, the Tribunal has closed approximately 20% of the over 1200 legacy cases that were outstanding as of July 31, 2019.

I thank you again for your feedback, which identified a practical opportunity to further modify the transitional regulation to better align with the province's objective of improving the planning approvals process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Downey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Doug Downey  
Attorney General

c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**DATE:** November 29, 2019

**TO:** Hon. Mayor and Members of Council

**COPY:** Tim Simmonds, Interim City Manager  
Senior Leadership Team – Executive  
Sunny Bains, Director, Recreation Services  
Jamie Bronsema, Director, Parks Delivery

**FROM:** Mary Reali, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

**RE:** **STAFF COMMUNICATION** – December 3, 2019 / CW (1)  
**Woodbridge Soccer Club: Unsolicited proposal for a seasonal sports dome at Vaughan Grove Sports Park**

SC 2  
STAFF COMMUNICATION  
CW(1) DEC 3/19

**Purpose:**

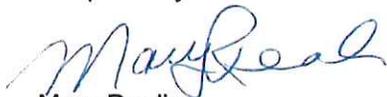
The purpose of this communication is to provide an update to the Committee of the Whole report from June 4, 2019 regarding the Woodbridge Soccer Club and the unsolicited proposal for a seasonal sports dome at Vaughan Grove Sports Park (VGSP). At this meeting staff were directed to continue discussions with the Woodbridge Soccer Club and other stakeholders and undertake a formal business case analysis and project management plan and report back to Council.

**Update:**

On November 13, 2019 staff received a communication from the President of the Woodbridge Soccer Club, Mr. Mike Rietta indicating that in lieu of pursuing a seasonal sports dome at the VGSP they will be partnering with Woodbridge Sports Dome Inc., the organization granted the right from York Region Catholic School Board to build an indoor soccer facility on the Holy Cross Catholic Academy premises. This site is adjacent to the Woodbridge Soccer Club House and the VGSP.

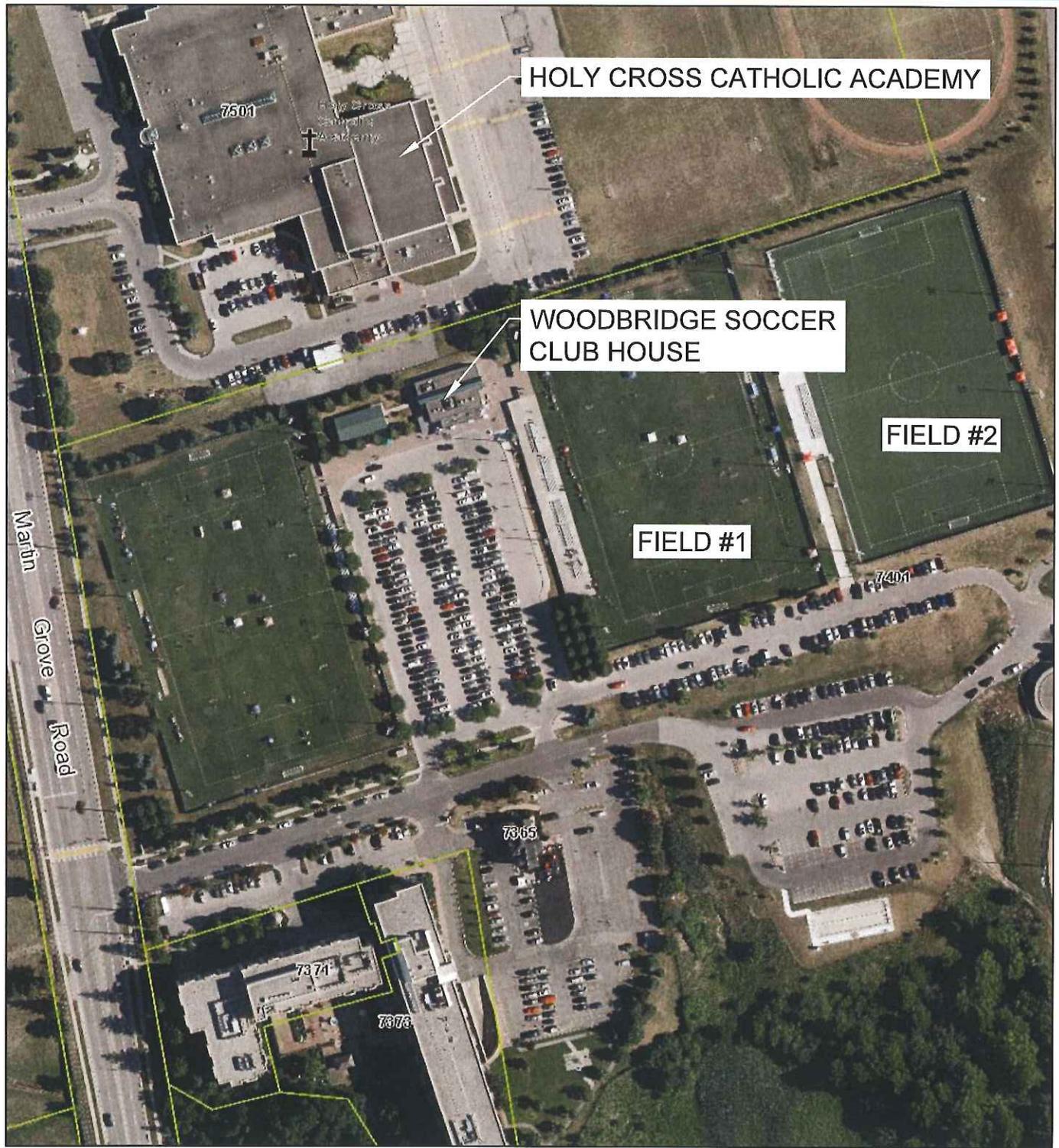
In his communication Mr. Rietta also indicated Woodbridge Soccer Club's interest in pursuing opportunities to convert Vaughan Grove Soccer Field #1 from natural grass to artificial turf. Staff are in the process of replacing the existing artificial turf on Field #2 and currently do not have plans to convert Field #1 from grass to artificial turf. In this regard staff will continue discussions with all necessary stakeholders to review options related to this new request.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary Reali,  
Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Attachments: 1. Map of Vaughan Grove Sports Park



### VAUGHAN GROVE SPORTS PARK



**DRAWN:** L.W    **APPROVED:** M.B  
**SCALE:** N.A.    **DATE:** May 23, 2019

*Location Map  
Attachment '1'*

**PARKS  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**