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Dear Elected Officials,

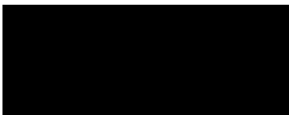
I write to you both to voice my opposition to the Board of Trade development, but also to appeal to you to make a choice. You are being presented with an issue with clear fallout. Thousands of dedicated Vaughan citizens, who have paid their taxes, raised their families in a safe and connected community, and trust their elected officials to make the right choices are appealing to you to stop this development. From an urban planning point of view, in the most basic and obvious terms, this area was never designed to support the type of population and road requirements that are being proposed. This desire to push through a development without the basic infrastructure in place to support it opposes basic urban planning, the type of which a city should be well aware of.

From a human perspective, this is an existing and close community of real people and real families. Saying yes to this development ignoring the years of these Vaughan citizens doing their active duty to create a safe space, paying taxes, being good citizens. This development presents no benefit to these citizens, while the negative implications are obvious and numerous. Drastically increased traffic, noise pollution, air pollution, crowding, increased pressure on mental stress, the division of a close-knit community to name a few. It is easy in a position of power to get comfortable and forget that the source of that power lies at the hands of voters. That your position is connected directly to the citizens of this city you serve. These are real people, real families, who the development will have a real negative effect on.

Finally, in this day and age you cannot look at a development such as this and separate from the environment. It is easy to turn a blind eye. To watch the news and see fires in Australia, in the Amazon, and think "What a shame" – but they feel very far away and you are helpless to stop them. However, this is an opportunity right now. In real, absolute terms, you have the power to do something. It is not always easy in life to make the right choice. But you have the chance to be on the right side of history. This is your chance to help. This is your chance to know that when you were faced with the choice to destroy a forest, to pollute the air of Vaughan, to accept greed over a better future, that you can say fully and honestly that you did your part to leave your children and your children's children a better world. Be brave. If you turn your back on this issue you are complicit.

I believe that you are not hard-hearted. Please read the letters and look at the faces of the people who show up to protest this development in person. I believe that you don't want them to suffer. I believe that you don't want polluted air, congested roads, angry citizens. I request that you fund independent assessments of the impact of this proposal, including financial and well-being costs to individuals and the community as a whole. An ICBL must be granted to allow proper time for this. Please do the right thing. You have the power to make a difference. Politics is not just paper work. It is about taking a stand. Here is your chance. Be on the right side of history. We will remember on election day, and we will remember if you support this community you will always be welcome and a friend.

Sincerely,



Elise Castrodale

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**Subject:** [External] The Country Club Golf Course Development  
**Attachments:** Castrodale-Letter-BOTDevelopment.pdf

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**From:** Elise Castrodale [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** Messere, Clement <[Clement.Messere@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clement.Messere@vaughan.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] The Country Club Golf Course Development

Hello Clement,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing regarding the development of The Country Club Golf Course (aka The Board of Trade Golf Course). I will be unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night at 7pm, and wanted to submit to you my feedback in writing.

I have been a citizen of Vaughan for 30 years. I grew up aware that it was a special place, unique for its greenery and strong sense of community. I whole-heartedly oppose this development.

I am attaching a word doc and pdf to this email. Please let me know if there is any other way that I can ensure that my words are received, or if you would prefer my submission in any other file format.

Can you please confirm as well that you have received this email and the files?

Thank you very much,  
Elise Castrodale  
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