

**COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 27, 2020  
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**From:** Roman Ostrovsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:23 PM  
**To:** Council@vaughan.ca; Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Toronto Star story on May 19, 2020 and new bylaw

Dear Members of Council,

I hope all of you and yours are doing very well and keeping safe.

Most of you have known me for many years and know that my family and I have always supported the City of Vaughan in different endeavors.

I feel that it would be remiss of me to stay silent on the aforementioned story published in the Toronto Star on Tuesday. It is my responsibility and obligation as a City of Vaughan resident to express my outrage over your plans to vote tomorrow for the new bylaw.

First of all, none of you need this bylaw, particularly if you do not break any laws. But with power also comes responsibility, and each one of you should be held responsible for personal misdeeds, not the residents of Vaughan.

Second of all, Vaughan residents should get the opportunity to vote on any such matters that personally benefit Council members.

Third of all, nobody forces you to serve or run for City Council. If you do not like the current bylaw, then resign.

In my opinion, the current indemnification bylaw is more than generous and should not be changed.

Having said all that, I will be very closely watching the results of tomorrow's vote. If the new bylaw is passed, I will personally ensure at my own expense that councilors who voted in favour of the new bylaw are defeated in the next municipal election.

I am sure that common sense will prevail tomorrow and that all of you will reject the new bylaw.

Please keep safe and vote with your hearts and conscience tomorrow.

Best regards,

Roman Ostrovsky

## COMMUNICATION – C2

Council – May 27, 2020

Committee of the Whole

Report No. 20, Item 17

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**From:** lafrate, Marilyn <[Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca](mailto:Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:58 AM

**To:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)

**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Legal costs bylaw

Spoke with her today and she would like it to be included as part of the public record.  
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jana Manolakos [REDACTED]

**Date:** May 19, 2020 at 9:00:58 PM EDT

**To:** "Bevilacqua, Maurizio" <[Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca](mailto:Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca)>, "lafrate, Marilyn" <[Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca](mailto:Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca)>

**Subject:** [External] Legal costs bylaw

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Councillor lafrate,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones in good health.

As your constituents, we wanted to let you know that we do not support the bylaw that Council is voting on tomorrow (May 20) regarding covering legal costs for council members - even if they are found in breach.

Here is why:

1. Our taxes are already high enough and should go to serving the community - not politicians who breach ethics
2. The optics are not favourable to council at this time during the Covid-19 pandemic when so many people are not working and are struggling to make ends meet
3. The City budgets are already increasing with deficits looming, so by adding more costs to cover legal expenses for unethical behaviour does not reflect responsible fiscal planning.

I do hope you will consider our concerns and not pass the bylaw at this time.

With our gratitude,



Jana and Bill Manolakos

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Maple, Ontario

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**From:** Mauti, Mary [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [External] New bylaw will allow Vaughan councillors to get legal fees paid for by taxpayer — whether they are right or wrong | The Star

Members of Council and Clerks Office:

On behalf of the Vaughanwood Ratepayers Association its **APPALLING** to read such an article! The worst part is to find out its on today's agenda.

If Council finds any value in implementing the indemnification by-law it truly the worst integrity action to be seen.

**This is truly an abuse of taxpayer's money.**

Why should Vaughan residents be on the hook for a politician's legal fees for actions that politicians will benefit from?

In all of my years I have been around. This is one of the worst bylaws being proposed. Please take serious concerns prior to voting on the matter.

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/05/19/new-bylaw-will-allow-vaughan-councillors-to-get-legal-fees-paid-for-by-taxpayer-whether-they-are-right-or-wrong.html>

Mary  
Vaughanwood Ratepayers Association

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**From:** Elvira Caria [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:33 AM  
**Subject:** [External] Vaughan councillors vote May 20 on bylaw that will give them most generous reimbursement plan in GTA

Good Morning,

In regards to the indemnification bylaw item being proposed today.. The following is The Vellore Woods Ratepayers Association statement:

" Utterly absurd! This proposal goes beyond outrageous. It is a pure example of selfish and narcissistic thinking, that will only benefit the Councillor, at the expense of taxpayers. Well, we're NOT prepared nor will we ever support Regional Councillor Mario Ferri's preposterous request to use our hard earned money on such foolish and inappropriate matters. Withdraw your request Councillor Ferri"

Elvira Caria on behalf of Vellore Woods Ratepayers Association

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9991253-new-bylaw-will-allow-vaughan-councillors-to-get-legal-fees-paid-by-taxpayer-whether-they-are-right-or-wrong/>



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**From:** Carrie Liddy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** Coles, Todd <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>; Bevilacqua, Maurizio <Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca>; Shefman, Alan <Alan.Shefman@vaughan.ca>; Rosati, Gino <Gino.Rosati@vaughan.ca>; Iafrate, Marilyn <Marilyn.Iafrate@vaughan.ca>; DeFrancesca, Rosanna <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Racco, Sandra <Sandra.Racco@vaughan.ca>; Craig, Suzanne <Suzanne.Craig@vaughan.ca>; Carella, Tony <Tony.Carella@vaughan.ca>; Council@vaughan.ca; Jackson, Linda <Linda.Jackson@vaughan.ca>; Ferri, Mario <Mario.Ferri@vaughan.ca>; gila.martowco@pc.ola.org; Minister (MMAH) <minister.mah@ontario.ca>; Tibollo, Michael (MCSCS) <michael.tibollo@ontario.ca>; Richard Lorello [REDACTED] steven.lecce@pc.ola.org; Robert Karrass <robert@karrasslaw.com>; doug.downey@pc.ola.org  
**Subject:** [External] Re: indemnificatin bylaw

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 WARD(S): ALL TITLE: INDEMNIFICATION BY-LAW AMENDMENTS (REFERRED) FROM: Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

Dear Clerk Coles

Once again you have not included my correspondence in the CofW communications.

This bylaw is in **violation of more than Act** and in fact can be brought before a judicial review any time in the next year.

I intend on doing exactly that. I also intend on bringing an application forward with regards to Ms Craig's report, given she has errors in law and in fact.

She also claims the indemnification bylaw is outside her jurisdiction, which the particular aspects of the complaint are not.

Her findings are not correct, as the premise of her report are incorrect.

once again , the City of Vaughan will be governed by the courts.

Have a nice day.

On Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 12:55 PM Carrie Liddy [REDACTED] > wrote:

as this is an addendum item and no public is allowed and given you refused to post my previous written deputation on this same matter and you have not included it again, I will filing a complaint and more than likely taking the matter to a judge.

Should you post my written deputation for the same item, there will be no complaint,however , I will most likely be bringing this matter before a judge for an judicial inquiry within the next year.

Thank you

On Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 12:46 PM Coles, Todd <[Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca](mailto:Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca)> wrote:

Ms. Liddy,

There is an addendum (please note that addendums require unanimous support to be added to the agenda) item for today's Council meeting:

[REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL](#)

- [Attachment 1](#)

And a related communication:

[Communication C8 \(see page 24\)](#)

Thank you,

Todd

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**From:** Carrie Liddy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020 12:38 PM  
**To:** Coles, Todd <[Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca](mailto:Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca)>  
**Subject:** indemnificatin bylaw

Mr Clerk

when is the indemnification bylaw report coming back to council?

It was deferred with no date

Thanks

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** Council@vaughan.ca; Coles, Todd <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>; Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers Association <mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com>; Rob Kenedy <rkenedy@yorku.ca>  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: New bylaw will allow Vaughan councillors to get legal fees paid for by taxpayer - whether they are right or wrong

Dear Members of Vaughan Council,

Last night I sent out this clear and well written article by Noor Javed and Adam Martin-Robins (see below) to my neighbours. My neighbours have written back to me expressing their outrage regarding Councillor Ferri's amendments to the city's indemnification bylaw. This will continue to put the City of Vaughan in the the spotlight for being problematic and squandering public money.

Again, all public meetings and hearings need to be postponed until September and then reconsidered at that point depending on COVID-19 and an appropriate response.

Best,

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From: **Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers Association** <[mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, May 19, 2020 at 10:31 PM

Subject: New bylaw will allow Vaughan councillors to get legal fees paid for by taxpayer - whether they are right or wrong

To: Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers Association <[mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com)>

Dear Neighbours,

Please see the *Toronto Star* article below:

News

## **New bylaw will allow Vaughan councillors to get legal fees paid for by taxpayer - whether they are right or wrong**

Noor Javed

Noor Javed Adam Martin-Robbins

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Vaughan councillors are scheduled to vote Wednesday on a bylaw that would leave taxpayers on the hook for a politician's legal fees over an ethics complaint — even if the politician is found to be in the wrong.

The indemnification bylaw being proposed is one of the most generous in the GTA. It has been through months of discussion and debate, and seeks to reimburse councillors when they have an ethics complaint against them, when they have breached the city's code of conduct and even if they decide to appeal the outcome of the investigation.

Over the past few months, long-time regional Coun. Mario Ferri has twice introduced amendments to the bylaw that would make it more generous than any other policy in the Greater Toronto Area. His recommendations have upset residents, surprised colleagues and have been challenged by the city solicitor.

Among the changes he is pushing for: increasing advance payment from \$25,000 to \$50,000, allowing councillors to choose their own lawyer, and asking the city to cover legal fees if a councillor seeks a judicial review of the integrity commissioner's decision.

If the new bylaw is passed, a councillor who is found to have inadvertently breached the code of conduct because of a “bona fide error in judgment” would still be entitled to legal coverage. If found to have not acted in “good faith,” the councillor is required to pay the city back the fees that were advanced.



In her detailed response to Ferri's proposed amendments, Vaughan's solicitor Wendy Law told council the city could be paying higher legal fees if councillors choose their own lawyers and not one chosen by the city.

"In our respectful opinion, the City should not have to pay for unnecessary legal expenses, or to pay for lawyers who take positions that would cause the City to incur further costs by prejudicing the City in furtherance of an Eligible Person's position," said Law in a memo to councillors before the April council meeting. "The intent of the Indemnification By-law is to protect the Eligible Person's pecuniary losses; but it should not be done by exposing the City to further pecuniary losses that are unnecessary or inappropriate."

Ferri's efforts come at a time where he is also facing a municipal conflict of interest complaint — a copy of which has been obtained by the Star and the Vaughan Citizen — in which it is alleged that he voted on a development matter involving a company affiliated with his son's employer.

According to a letter from Ferri's lawyer to the integrity commissioner, Suzanne Craig, in response to the complaint, "any interest councillor Ferri may have had is so remote or insignificant that it cannot be reasonably be regarded as being likely to influence councillor Ferri," and he had no knowledge of the affiliation between the development and his son's employer. The investigation into the conflict of interest is ongoing.

The provincial Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (MCIA) sets out ethical rules for council and local board members if they have certain financial interests in a matter that comes before them at council or at the board level. The city's code of conduct sets out standards for councillors' conduct to help prevent ethical conflicts.

While the current bylaw deals with legal protection for code of conduct complaints, Ferri's suggested changes to the bylaw "would apply generally to all legal proceedings, including MCIA," said city staff. If city council decides to increase the advance in legal fees to \$50,000, for example, Ferri would be entitled to that increase to fight his MCIA complaint.

In an email response to the Star when asked if he could benefit from asking for certain amendments, given his complaint, Ferri said he was not permitted to "confirm or deny the existence of an ongoing investigation."

"Members of Council as a whole requested guidance from the Integrity Commissioner with respect to the indemnification bylaw review; I can confirm that I have at all times acted in accordance with the advice provided," said Ferri in the email. "I take my responsibilities as a Councillor very seriously, I have never been persuaded by personal interest on any discussion or vote that I have participated in."

Ferri said the bylaw is meant to protect councillors, employees and members of the local boards. "This is not a bylaw for me, or for council alone, rather, it more importantly protects our employees and Local Board members," he said in the email.

However, only elected officials can face code of conduct complaints.

Vaughan councillors and city staff are already indemnified when it comes to lawsuits and MCIA complaints. They are also entitled to \$5,000 in coverage for ethics complaints, where it has been determined they didn't breach the code of conduct.

Across the GTA, policies around indemnification vary. Some like Mississauga indemnify councillors, retroactively, if they are found to have not contravened the MCIA. Markham, for example, does not indemnify councillors who have contravened the code of conduct.

"In the GTA, there is no other indemnification bylaw that goes as far as the one being proposed by the city of Vaughan," said Suzanne Craig, the integrity commissioner for the city of Vaughan, who has worked in cities and on boards across the province.

A number of colleagues support Ferri's changes. At the last council meeting, regional councillors Linda Jackson and Gino Rosati and Ward 2 Coun. Tony Carella all spoke in favour of the amendments.

Ward 1 Coun. Marilyn Lafrate called the changes "outrageous" and said she supported the original bylaw presented by legal staff which was "fair and in line with the coverage provided by other GTA municipalities."

"I consider the changes requested by a colleague as outrageous and an enormous and unfair burden on the taxpayers who could ultimately be funding some very questionable and most certainly unacceptable situations," she said. "Having the taxpayer pay for your legal fees when you are guilty of breaching the code would remove any deterrent to ensuring that an elected official acts ethically in their position."

But Ferri said he "always acts with integrity and in good faith. This will not change whether legal fees are covered or not."

He also suggested that passing a more comprehensive bylaw would ensure the city have the "best and brightest" who can "live with security to know that they can defend themselves against complaints levelled at them."

If the bylaw is passed, city staff says any fees incurred in 2020 to indemnify members for legal proceedings around code complaints, which is not covered by insurance, would be funded from the city's contingency fund.

In a letter to council, resident Robert Kenedy, president of the MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association, said this is not the time for councillors to be using tax dollars to protect themselves further.

"This (original) indemnification bylaw is more than generous and should be approved as is," said Kenedy. "To pursue amendments or changes that are costly or unnecessary during these difficult times, shows a blatant disregard for Vaughan taxpayers who are suffering both financially and personally, making

many sacrifices during this pandemic.”

Noor Javed is a Toronto-based reporter covering current affairs in the York region for the Star. Follow her on Twitter: @njaved

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**Subject:** [External] ATTN: Council Meeting: May 20, 2020: Item 17: INDEMNIFICATION BY-LAW AMENDMENTS (REFERRED)

Good Morning Mayor Bevilacqua, Members of Council and City Staff,

I am writing to you today regarding an item for which you will be making a decision to allow or refuse:

**"indemnification for legal fees incurred by Members of Council and Local Boards ("Members") related to Code of Conduct complaints."**

Decisions like these should not be made during a pandemic. This is inappropriate. There are other matters the City should be working on rather than worrying about receiving more money from the us, the taxpayer, if they happen breach code of conduct and/or ethics laws.

Vaughan should be focused on doing what they can to help end COVID-19. This is the time for leadership.

As Co-President of the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association, our community is requesting council to defer this decision to a later date. Our community is also requesting that decisions NOT ESSENTIAL to defeat COVID-19 be deferred to a later date. We are all in this together, but Vaughan needs to get their priorities in order, so we can work together to flatten the curve and hold off any "second-wave" of this virus in the near future.

Yours truly,

Victor Lacia  
Co-President of the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association  
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**From:** Richard Lorello <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:56 PM  
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**Cc:** Coles, Todd <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>; Craig, Suzanne <Suzanne.Craig@vaughan.ca>; Noor Javed <njaved@thestar.ca>; Adam MartinRobbins <amartinrobbins@yrmg.com>  
**Subject:** [External] May 20 Committee of the Whole Meeting Item 17 Indemnification By Law Amendments

Good Day Mr. Coles

Please post this communication as it relates to the subject matter.

Good afternoon Mayor and Members of Council

I would like to reiterate my deep disappointment that Council would consider granting themselves a significant financial benefit during a global pandemic. The Toronto Star classified this benefit as the most generous indemnification bylaw in the GTA. This is completely inappropriate during a time when many are struggling financially.

That said, the Toronto Star article exposed that Councillor Ferri brought forward these amendments in a manner that benefits himself personally. The Star article revealed that Councillor Ferri is the subject of a Conflict or Interest complaint. In effect, while facing a Conflict of Interest complaint, Councillor Ferri has been trying to structure an

indemnification bylaw that suites his needs to obtain reimbursement for his legal cost through his own indemnification bylaw amendments.

This in itself is a conflict of interest for Councillor Ferri. While it may not fall under the legal definition of Conflict of Interest, it is certainly an ethical and moral conflict of interest. I understand the Councillor Ferri is now "walking back" on his amendments to support the staff recommendation, it is only because he has been caught and exposed to be working in his own self interest.

This issue and Councillor Ferri's self serving amendments has left a black stain on all of positive COVID-19 measures that the City of Vaughan has brought forward to date.

In light of this exposure of Councillor Ferri's actions, I feel that in the interest of transparency to the public that each Member of Council should disclose publicly at today's Committee of the Whole meeting, if they are also currently facing a Code of Conduct complaint or a Municipal Conflict or Interest complaint where they would be benefiting for the new amendments to the indemnification bylaw.

Sincerely  
Richard T. Lorello

**COMMUNICATION – C9**

Council – May 27, 2020

Committee of the Whole

Report No. 20, Item 17

**From:** Hiten Patel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** [Council@vaughan.ca](mailto:Council@vaughan.ca)  
**Cc:** [Clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: today's vote

Hello Clerks and Council of City of Vaughan,

Please ensure that today's vote regarding the item mentioned in the following Toronto Star article from May 19th, 2020 is a recorded vote.

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/05/19/new-bylaw-will-allow-vaughan-councillors-to-get-legal-fees-paid-for-by-taxpayer-whether-they-are-right-or-wrong.html?fbclid=IwAR1A31au5-zfZERu8-LvYhDVQkcQiejcQW\\_-OoQEUYEA-PUUnUOEDWQEkkg](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/05/19/new-bylaw-will-allow-vaughan-councillors-to-get-legal-fees-paid-for-by-taxpayer-whether-they-are-right-or-wrong.html?fbclid=IwAR1A31au5-zfZERu8-LvYhDVQkcQiejcQW_-OoQEUYEA-PUUnUOEDWQEkkg)

Thank you,

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Cc: [clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca) <[clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca)>

Subject: today's vote

Hello Clerks and Council of City of Vaughan,

Please ensure that today's vote regarding the item mentioned in the following Toronto Star article from May 19th, 2020 is a recorded vote.

Thank you,


Hiten Patel

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## Hiten Patel



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**From:** Thomas Santoro <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:25 PM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Irresponsible use of taxpayer money

To whom it may concern,

I recently became aware of the City of Vaughan's proposal of a by-law vote that would hold taxpayers responsible for covering a politician's legal fees for an ethics complaint.

As citizens of Vaughan, we rely on our government to conduct themselves, and their business, in the manner that best serves the citizens it represents. To learn that our leaders would consider using our hard-earned money for instances such as a breach in ethics indicates a complete lack of respect for us citizens. It causes citizens such as myself anxiety to learn that our leaders are trying to use us citizens as a safety-net if an ethics complaint is made. It's almost as if the government is hinting that there are many complaints to be dealt with, are desperate to find funds to cover these complaints, and are deferring the responsibility to the taxpayers, rather than the politicians that are actually responsible for such complaints.

How are we to confidently act civilly, responsibly, with authenticity and respect - the Canadian way - if we can't trust our leaders to do so and lead by example?

It is deeply disturbing to learn this, especially during a pandemic where so many people are struggling to stay financially afloat, that our government would consider using our hard-earned money so irresponsibly, and with such disrespect to its citizens.

I sincerely hope that the government will dispose of this proposed by-law.

Thomas

**COMMUNICATION – C11**

Council – May 27, 2020

Committee of the Whole

Report No. 20, Item 10

**From:** Richard Lorello <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** May 21, 2020 5:55 PM

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[REDACTED] External] May 20 Committee of the Whole Meeting Item 10

Good Day Mr. Coles

Please post this communication as it relates the subject matter and for the next Council meeting.

Good Day Mayor and Members of Council

It has become increasingly frustrating to see Council discussing, deliberating and voting on items that require public input and consultation. Items have been coming forward requiring community input without public notification. Specifically item 10 on yesterday's agenda which was about the land conversion of 30 different sites was discussed and voted on.

To my astonishment, as I listened in on Item 10, the only deputations and written submissions submitted, were from the respective landowners representatives and their planners. There was not a single deputation or written submission from a resident or ratepayer's group. The Mayor said on more that one occasion....."We need to make decision."

The item in question is entitled "REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:"

However the comments received yesterday, were one sided and excluded the views, opinions and perspectives residents and ratepayer groups which in view are the most important stakeholder in this process. What is particularly disturbing, is that when I contacted various ratepayer presidents, I found that none of them had been notified or were even aware that of the item in question was on the agenda. This is unprecedented given the significant number of properties discussed and voted on.

I wish to reiterate and reinforce what has been previously communicated to Council and staff regarding planning matters, zoning and land use, "**THIS IS NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL!**" during the COVID pandemic.

I wish to remind Council and staff that it has an obligation and a duty to notify residents on major land use changes. It is inexcusable that residents and ratepayers groups were excluded from this process.

I ask that Council defers its final vote at the next Council meeting until such time that residents and ratepayer groups have had their right to fully participate regarding the lands referred to in Item 10.

I have copied in some of the ratepayer and resident groups in this email.  
The link to item 10 is provided below.

[REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: YORK REGION EVALUATION OF EMPLOYMENT LAND CONVERSION REQUESTS - Committee of the Whole \(2\) - May 20, 2020](#)

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: YORK REGION  
EVALUATION OF EMPLOYMENT LAND CONVERSI...**

## COMMUNICATION – C12

Council – May 27, 2020

Committee of the Whole

Report No. 20, Item 10

**From:** Robert Lavecchia <[RLavecchia@KLMPPlanning.com](mailto:RLavecchia@KLMPPlanning.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:27 PM

**To:** Coles, Todd <[Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca](mailto:Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca)>

**Subject:** [External] City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole Item #10 on Wednesday 20, 2020.

Hello Todd,

It appears the attached Concept Plan was missing from my email yesterday. The landowner had provided the attached to all of the members of Council and Bill Kiru and it should have been attached to the end of my letter. Not sure if there is any way to amend the communications to include this but it would be appreciated if you could.

Thank you,

**Rob Lavecchia** B.U.R.P.I.

SENIOR PLANNER

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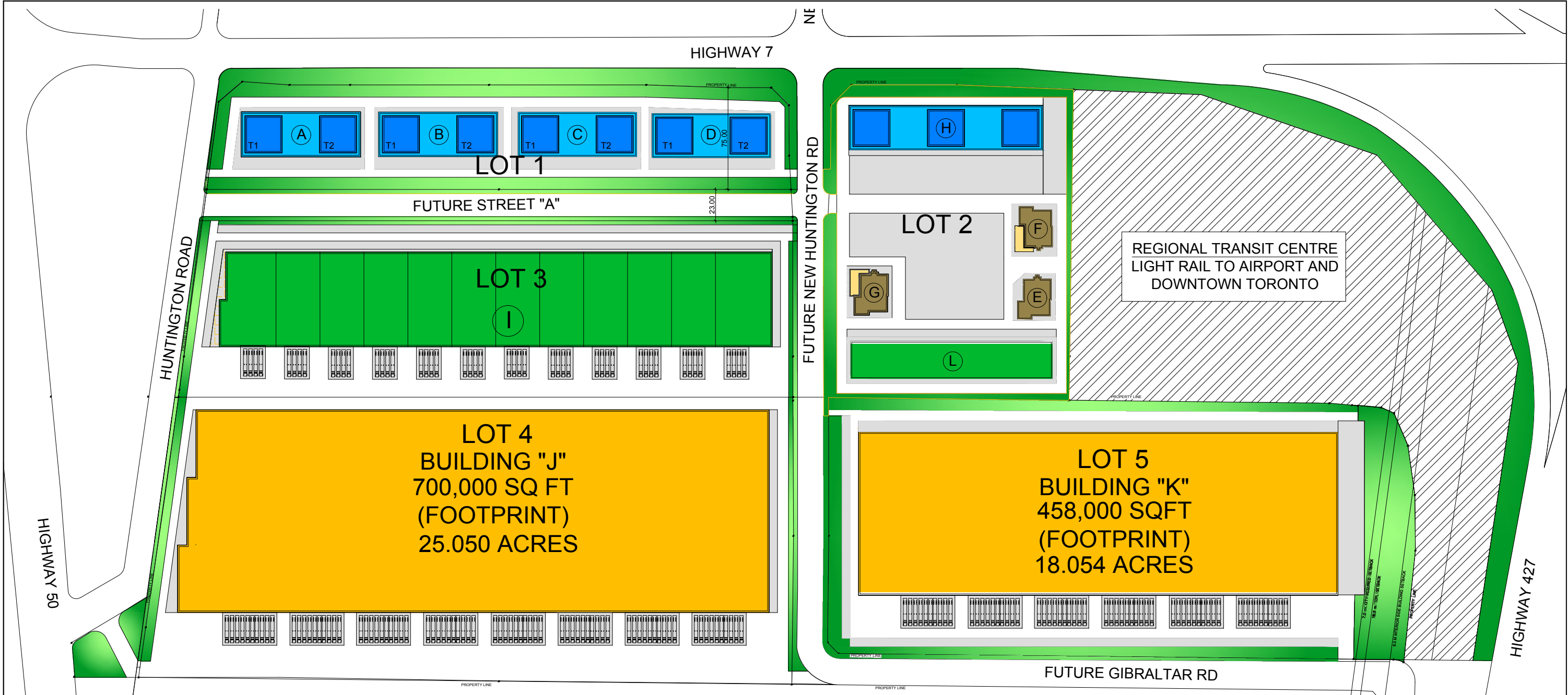
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- RETAIL WAREHOUSE / COMMERCIAL (TBD)
- RESTAURANT / COMMERCIAL (TBD)
- INDUSTRIAL / WAREHOUSE (EM1)

SITE ANALYSIS			
	ACRES	SQ M	SQ FEET
STREET A	2.456	9,940	106,997
LOT 1	7.991	32,339	348,099
LOT 2	10.113	40,929	440,644
TOTAL	20.561	83,208	895,639
***ALL LAND AREAS TO BE CONFIRMED BY AN ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR***			
LOT -1			
BUILDING AREAS FOR A,B,C,D (TYPICAL)			
3 STOREY PODIUM	FOOTPRINT	2,943	31,881
	GFA	8,830	95,043
35 STOREY RESIDENTIAL TOWER 1	FOOTPRINT	750	8,073
	GFA	26,250	282,503
35 STOREY RESIDENTIAL TOWER 2	FOOTPRINT	750	8,073
	GFA	26,250	282,503
	TOTAL GFA PER BUILDING	61,330	660,149
	TOTAL GFA (A,B,C,D)	245,319	2,640,584
LOT -2			
BUILDING AREAS FOR E,F,G (TYPICAL)			
1 STOREY RESTAURANT PAD	FOOTPRINT	929	10,000
	TOTAL GFA (E,F,G)	2,787	30,000
BUILDING AREAS FOR H			
3 STOREY PODIUM	FOOTPRINT	4,772	51,384
	GFA	14,316	154,003
35 STOREY RESIDENTIAL TOWER 1	FOOTPRINT	750	8,073
	GFA	26,250	282,503
35 STOREY RESIDENTIAL TOWER 2	FOOTPRINT	750	8,073
	GFA	26,250	282,503
35 STOREY RESIDENTIAL TOWER 3	FOOTPRINT	750	8,073
	GFA	26,250	282,503
	TOTAL GFA	99,066	1,001,751
BUILDING AREAS FOR I			
2 STOREY MIXED USE COMMERCIAL	FOOTPRINT	4,234	45,671
	TOTAL GFA	8,467	136,713
	TOTAL GFA (E,F,G,H,I)	104,320	1,122,893
LOTS 1-2 TOTAL GFA		349,639	3,763,487

SITE ANALYSIS			
	ACRES	SQ M	SQ FEET
LOT 3	14.228	57,578	619,769
LOT 4	25.090	101,374	1,091,178
LOT 5	18.054	73,064	786,452
TOTAL	57.332	231,952	2,497,400
***ALL LAND AREAS TO BE CONFIRMED BY AN ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR***			
LOT -3			
BUILDING AREA FOR J			
1 STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	FOOTPRINT	28,282	304,422
	MEZZANINE 10%	2,828	30,442
	GFA	31,110	334,864
LOT -4			
BUILDING AREA FOR K			
1 STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	FOOTPRINT	65,032	700,000
	MEZZANINE 10%	6,503	70,000
	GFA	71,535	770,000
LOT -5			
BUILDING AREA FOR L			
1 STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	FOOTPRINT	42,550	458,004
	MEZZANINE 10%	4,255	45,800
	GFA	46,805	503,804
LOTS 1-2-3 TOTAL GFA		149,450	1,608,668



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**From:** Ralph Grittani <ralph@rgcdesigngroup.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:56 PM

**To:** Access Vaughan - VOL <accessvaughan@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca; Filipetto, Fausto <Fausto.Filipetto@vaughan.ca>; Kiru, Bill <Bill.Kiru@vaughan.ca>; Peverini, Mauro <MAURO.PEVERINI@vaughan.ca>; Tuckett, Nancy <Nancy.Tuckett@vaughan.ca>; Coles, Todd <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>

**Cc:** 'Robert Marra' <Rob@bellvuemanor.com>; 'Tony Volpentesta' <tvolpentesta@bousfields.ca>; Daniel Artonusi LLP <dartenosi@overlandllp.ca>

**Subject:** [External] 8083 Jane Street - Vaughan On - REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL FOR COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE TO CONSIDER- May 20, 2020 Meeting

Good day Members of City Council, and Respected Staff:

Our firm together with Bousfield's Inc Professional Planners and, Overland LLP represent the application/ ownership group on Planning matters in consideration of the forthcoming Municipal Comprehensive review with the City of Vaughan and Region of York.

It is our respectful submission and request that the attached letter be circulated to Members of Council in advance of today's meeting, for the consideration of a more appropriate timeline. We respectfully ask Members to defer the motion of Staff's recommendation for this file address. It is our intent to present our application in a more organized and timely manner with City and Region Officials.

We realize that this document is time sensitive in respect to Today's meeting. We refer to our site project address, 8083 Jane Street, contained within Item 10 on today's agenda. ( York Region Evaluation of Conversion of Employment Lands within the MCR)

Kindly send our firm an acknowledgement of receipt of this email and document.

*Ralph P. Grittani*

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# BOUSFIELDS INC.

May 20, 2020

Project No. 19402

City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Attention; Mayor and Members of Council

**Re: Item 10: May 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole Agenda**  
***Request for Comments: York Region Evaluation of***  
***Employment Land Conversion Requests***  
**Request for Conversion: 8083 Jane Street**

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We are planning consultants to 8083 Jane Street Inc., owners of lands located at 8083 Jane Street (the “subject lands”) which has frontage on Jane Street, Macintosh Boulevard and Talman Court. The subject lands are currently occupied by the existing free standing banquet facility. We have recently been retained to review the merits of a request to re-designate the subject lands for mixed use purposes as part of the York Region Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR). The purpose of this letter is to identify some of our preliminary observations and to formally request that the Committee defer consideration of this matter for an additional 90 days owing to the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

As an initial consideration, we would point out to the Committee that the Staff response to the specific request for conversion by our client states that “as identified in previous reports to Council, Jane Street requires a comprehensive review through a corridor study”. In our opinion, the subject lands are strategically located to warrant a more meaningful consideration of the conversion request at this time. The subject lands are situated just north of the existing boundary of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, within walking distance of existing and planned higher order transit infrastructure, and create an obvious opportunity to support the optimization of land use and infrastructure in keeping with local, regional and provincial policies.

As a related point, the staff response to our client’s request for conversion states that the subject lands “form part of a logical employment planning unit”. The reference to “employment planning unit” is not specifically defined, but the staff response further states that the “entire perimeter of the site is surrounded by employment uses.” Taken together, the staff response would appear to suggest that the subject lands form part of an employment planning unit with lands to the east. We fundamentally disagree with this opinion for the following reasons.



The subject lands are situated to the north of the recently constructed Met Condominium, on the east side of Jane Street and west of a naturalized area that is connected to and immediately south of the subject lands. Lands located west of the naturalized area south of Macintosh Boulevard are already separated from the balance of the larger employment area to the east. The lands to the west of the naturalized area include the subject lands, two vacant parcels, a two-storey retail plaza, Edgeley Cemetery and another two-storey retail plaza, which creates a land use context that is distinct from the employment area to the east.

As a case in point, the recently constructed Met Condominium would have similar neighbouring uses to those surrounding 8083 Jane Street. On its face, we do not agree with the concern expressed by Staff that “permitting non-employment uses can potentially introduce compatibility issues with surrounding employment uses.”

In broader planning terms, the subject lands are qualitatively different than the lands to the east, given their direct frontage on Jane Street and their proximity to, and interface with, significant public infrastructure. These characteristics appear to be acknowledged by Staff given their opinion that Jane Street itself “requires a comprehensive review through a corridor study,” which underscores the unique characteristics that the subject lands have relative to employment lands to the east.

In our view, the conversion request should be reassessed. The subject lands are currently underutilized. The conversion request would facilitate an obvious opportunity for mixed-use development in keeping with the existing and emerging context in this focused area along Jane Street. For the foregoing reasons, we would like the opportunity to further assess our client’s re-designation request with Staff.

As a practical matter, the recent pandemic should be taken into consideration in determining the timeline for the consideration of these matters. Greater time should be afforded to our client to allow for meaningful consultation with Staff, and to provide submissions to the Committee for its consideration.

We hereby request notice of any decision by City Council and the Committee of the Whole in respect of this matter.

Yours truly,

**Bousfields Inc.**  
  
Tony Volpentesta, MCIP, RPP

cc: Daniel Artenosi  
Ralph Grittani



## HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.

May 22, 2020  
HPGI File: 0449

**His Worship Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council**  
The Corporation of the City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario  
L6A 1T1

**Attention: Mr. Todd Coles, City Clerk**

Your Worship and Members of Council:

**Re: May 27 Council Meeting  
Item 10, Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 20, 2020  
Staff Report on Employment Land Conversion Requests ("Staff Report")  
(Conversion Request ID7)  
Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc. (the "Group")  
Blocks 34W and 35 (the "Subject Lands")  
Lots 26 through 35, Vaughan Conc. 5 & Lot 1, City of Vaughan**

Humphries Planning Group represents the Group, which consists of numerous owners of property within the Subject Lands. Please ensure that this letter is delivered to the Mayor and Council.

On behalf of our clients, we are providing additional information and clarification on matters discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### This is a Partial Conversion

A total area of 305 ha is being requested for conversion. **Figure 1** attached depicts:

1. the extent of the partial conversion, which is shown in two red rectangles located on the east and west side of Hwy 400;
2. the full extent of the employment area in black cross-hatching *per* approved ROPA 52 and OPA 637; and
3. the *Greenbelt Plan* boundary limits in green, an area which cannot be developed.

In total, 460 hectares of employment land will remain for employment purposes.

We wish to offer the following comments:

**A Partial Conversion Will Not be Precedent-Setting**

The requested partial conversion is specifically designed not to be precedent-setting.

In fact, the urban form is intended to mimic that which already has taken place in Block 33W, south of Teston Road between Highway 400 and Weston Road. This Block has successfully been developed with Prestige employment uses fronting along Highway 400, and residential uses located to the west.

The employment and residential land uses in the Subject Lands will be separated by a collector road system. This will ensure land use compatibility and transitioning in an east/west manner across Subject Lands. The success of the Block 33W design will be a blueprint for our client.

**Benefits of the Partial Conversion**

Approval of the partial conversion will:

1. allow the opportunity to plan for a complete community consisting of an appropriate mix and range of residential, employment, institutional, recreational, park and open space uses, in accordance with the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2020* and the *Growth Plan, 2019*;
2. ensure proper transitioning of complementary land uses along the Weston Road and Jane Street frontages, where residential communities are currently being planned;
3. address ongoing temporary uses of lands, which are not intended for the long term; and
4. provide a powerful catalyst for bringing servicing to the Subject Lands.

Yours truly,

**HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.**



Rosemarie Humphries, BA, MCIP, RPP  
President

Encl. Figure 1

cc: Mr. Bill Kiru, Acting Deputy City Manager, City of Vaughan  
Mr. Paul Bottomley, Manager of Policy, Research and Forecasting, Regional Municipality of York  
Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc.  
Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Counsel to the Vaughan 400 North Landowners Group Inc





VAUGHAN 400 NORTH LANDOWNERS GROUP INC.  
CONVERSION REQUEST  
MAY 22, 2020

FIGURE 1



**COMMUNICATION – C15  
Council – May 27, 2020  
Committee of the Whole  
Report No. 20, Item 17**

Rose and Frank Troina  
[REDACTED] Kilmuir Gate  
Woodbridge, ON  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

May 26, 2020

Dear Todd Coles,  
City Clerk  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

We are deeply concerned to hear that Vaughan councillors are planning to vote on an Indemnification By-law on Wednesday that would in effect leave taxpayers like ourselves financially responsible to pay for a politician's legal fees over an ethics complaint, even if a politician is found to be in the wrong. It is deplorable and an affront to our democracy that such a by-law be even considered in the midst of this health crisis that we are experiencing. The focus of our City council should be the health and safety of its citizens during this pandemic. The optics of ramming this by-law through council at this time is extremely questionable. This by-law would in effect give immunity to any wrong doing. Is it really necessary? Council members already have legal guidance at City Hall that can direct them in avoiding any faux pas they may inadvertently commit in the future. This by-law financially protects members of council, members of local boards and staff against any legal proceedings against them. The hard-working taxpayers of Vaughan need not be burdened financially by this proposed, blatantly self-serving piece of legislation. This by-law not only clears them of any financial responsibility for their actions and/or inactions but also releases the councillors from their accountability. This by-law would give City councillors carte blanche, to do as they see fit with no repercussions. Where is the transparency? Where is the integrity?

Why is it that this issue is being dealt with now while our communities are dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic? Many people are losing their jobs and the financial security of people in our community is at risk right now. Is it the wish of the Council to quietly vote this Indemnification By-law through? For the City to even consider such a bylaw, that protects and is financially beneficial to the elected members of council, Board Members, staff, at this time, is very insulting to the community and undermines the democratic process of our system. These important issues should be discussed and voted on when there is a sense of normalcy and when ordinary citizens are able to return and participate in the city chambers. Again, we find the timing of this particular vote very disturbing and counterproductive to the democratic process.

Sincerely,

Rose and Frank Troina

Mary and Ferdinando Torrieri  
[REDACTED] Kilmuir Gate  
Woodbridge, Ontario [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

May 25, 2020

Todd Coles  
City Clerk  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Council meeting of Wednesday May 27, 2020

INDEMNIFICATION BY-LAW AMENDMENTS (REFERRED) (By-law number 067-2020 and By-law number 068-2020)

Dear Mr. Coles:

We have just read an article that was published in The Toronto Star on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, regarding a pending proposal to amend the existing indemnification by-law with respect to the provincial Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. As the article suggests, there is absolutely no need to amend this by-law.

As stated in the Toronto Star article, Mr. Ferri, himself, is facing a conflict of interest complaint, which may entail that the city could potentially be responsible for some of his legal costs. Therefore, the fact that he is asking for a change to the by-law which would govern the expenditure of possible legal costs means that he is, **at best, in a conflict of interest** with respect to this by-law review. Is this the action of someone who “always acts with integrity and good faith” as he is quoted as saying in the article?

As quoted in the same article, we totally agree with and respect what the integrity commissioner, Suzanne Craig said: “In the GTA, there is no other indemnification bylaw that goes as far as the one being proposed by the city of Vaughan.” Why are we any different than any other municipality in the GTA? Vaughan taxpayers should not be burdened with potentially increased expenses.

We hope that you will convey our objection to the proposed change in the by-law at the council meeting.

Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation to this issue.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Mary Torrieri

[REDACTED]  
Ferdinando Torrieri

cc: Mayor Bevilacqua and all Councillors

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Todd Coles  
City Clerk  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario. L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Coles,

I am writing to you to express my disappointment when I read the Toronto Star article, dated Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, that the City of Vaughan council is proposing amendments to the Indemnification By-law. I do not understand how allowing the taxpayer to foot the bill for all legal fees incurred by council members or other city workers would encourage the best possible and ethical behaviour from anyone. It certainly would encourage one to be haphazard and reckless. It is completely unethical and not fair to expect the taxpayer to bear the burden of possible irresponsible behaviour or actions.

I have been a resident of Vaughan for 28 years and generally have trusted my elected officials to represent me in an appropriate manner. All council members have been elected to represent the community's best interest. During this time of global pandemic, it would be more appropriate to be exploring how to get our COVID hotspots reduced or perhaps looking into providing more testing centers to increase our testing figures. During these uncertain times, amidst families worried about the spread of COVID, their health, taking care of their senior parents, feeding their families and job security, our elected officials should be rolling up their sleeves to deal with the virus that is threatening our community.

Life is rough for many living in the margins, and yes, they do exist in Vaughan. It is disheartening that during this time of pandemic duress the council is looking in other directions which do not benefit the stakeholders, Vaughan's taxpayers. I hope and pray that you and your council members will reconsider your decision and vote in a moral and ethical manner and reject the proposed changes.

Sincerely,  
Vilma Casola



May 26, 2020

City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council:

**Re:     *Committee of the Whole Report No. 20, Item 10***  
***Request for Comments: York Region Evaluation of Employment Land***  
***Conversion Requests***  
***Request for Conversion, 291 Edgeley Boulevard, City of Vaughan***

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I am the planning consultant to National Homes, the owner of 291 Edgeley Boulevard. National Homes submitted a letter to the Region of York requesting a conversion of their lands in November 2019. Subsequent to that letter, on behalf of National Homes, we submitted letters to both Region of York Council (March 10, 2020) and to City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole (May 21, 2020).

The request for conversion has not been recognized by the Region or the City by virtue of the fact that the original 2019 letter was submitted a day after the staff-imposed non-statutory deadline for such conversion requests. In my opinion, it is not appropriate to ignore a request that has been known to Regional and City staff since November 2019.

I would like to thank Council for recognizing me at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting, where I made a deputation to request the conversion of 291 Edgeley Boulevard. The request was identified as ID 31 on the map attached to the staff report (attachment 3 to the staff report, attached hereto), but was not specifically discussed in the staff report itself. Notwithstanding that, I note that the Committee did recommend the conversion request by other landowners north of Portage Parkway (ID 24).

Based on the foregoing, I hereby request that Council pass a resolution that the recognizes and supports the conversion request for 291 Edgeley (ID 31), or in the alternative, considered the request along with lands recommended for potential conversion north of Portage Parkway (with ID 24). The boundary of this conversion request would be confirmed through the VMC Secondary Plan Review process and there should be sufficient flexibility to include 291 Edgeley.

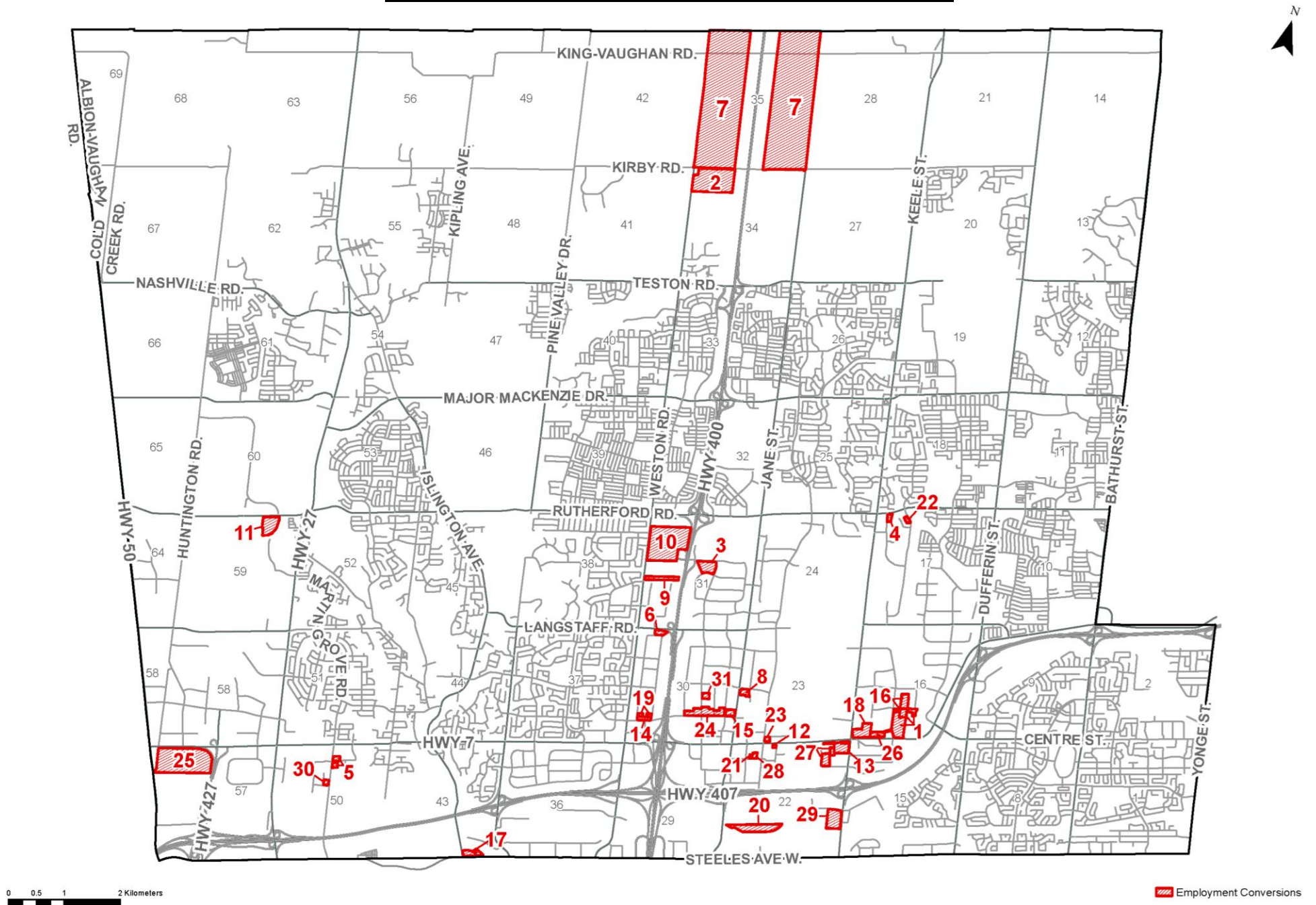
**Bousfields Inc.**

Michael Bissett, MCIP, RPP

c.     Rocco Pantalone, National Homes  
       Jason Pantalone, National Homes  
       Fausto Filipetto, City of Vaughan



MAP OF ALL CONVERSION REQUESTS IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN





**COMMUNICATION – C19  
Council – May 27, 2020  
Committee of the Whole  
Report No. 20, Item 30**

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

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

**FROM:** Gus Michaels, Director & Chief Licensing Officer,  
By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services

**COPY:** Mary Reali, Acting City Manager and Deputy City Manager Community Services  
Senior Leadership Team

**RE:** **Item 30, May 20, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (2) – Response to Members  
Resolution Item No. 30 NEW BUSINESS – RESTAURANT PATIO  
EXPANSION**

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**Purpose**

To adopt the staff recommendations regarding the implementation of a framework to allow temporary outdoor patios and the expansion of existing outdoor patios associated with existing eating establishments and banquet halls, subject to the passing of two temporary by-laws as prescribed below.

**Recommendations:**

That Council adopt staff's recommendations and direct staff to:

1. Schedule a Public Hearing to receive comments from the Public and the Committee of the Whole on a City-wide Zoning By-law amendment to permit temporary Outdoor Patios and the expansion of existing outdoor patios, accessory to existing Eating Establishment Uses for a temporary period during the declared emergency.
2. Prepare a Temporary Use (Zoning) Patio By-law, to amend the City's Zoning By-law, in a manner acceptable to the City Solicitor.
3. Prepare a Temporary Outdoor Patio By-law that will prescribe the eligibility criteria and establish standards of operation in conjunction with the Temporary Use (Zoning) By-law, in a manner acceptable to City Solicitor.
4. Undertake any other subsequent technical amendments required, including any amendments as may be required to the City's Site Plan Control By-law 123-2013 to bring effect to Recommendations 1, 2 and 3.

**Background**

At its meeting of Committee of Whole (2), May 20, 2020, NEW BUSINESS – RESTAURANT PATIO EXPANSION, Committee directed that staff bring forward a report, if possible, to the May 27, 2020, Council meeting exploring the possibility of relaxing City By-laws and Building Standards to enable the expansion of outdoor patios when bars and restaurants are allowed to reopen in the City, including locating them in parking lots if permitted by their landlords, to offer relief for restaurant owners to recover financial losses faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Regional Councillor Rosati.

The City of Vaughan continues to implement new measures and programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs, consumers and the wellbeing of all citizens during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the direction of Committee and in anticipation and preparation of future relief being provided to eating establishments, by, at a time to be determined by the Province of Ontario, the City's By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services has partnered with Development Planning, Building Standards (Zoning), Corporate & Strategic Communications and Economic and Cultural Development departments to explore the possibilities of permitting temporary outdoor patios and the expansion of existing outdoor patios, accessory to eating establishments including restaurants and banquet halls across the City to enable additional seating capacity.

This issue is being explored by a number of municipalities, including but not limited to cities such as the City of Toronto, Markham and other municipalities across York Region. [Municipal Comparative – Attachment '1'].

### **Previous Reports and Authority**

**Item 30, May 20, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (2) – Response to Members Resolution  
Item No. 30 NEW BUSINESS – RESTAURANT PATIO EXPANSION**

### **Analysis and Options**

As part of the exploratory review, staff undertook a municipal comparative, review of related by-laws such as the City's Licensing By-law, Encroachment By-law and more importantly the City's Zoning By-law that regulates the use of private lands within the City, including the established regulations that apply to outdoor patios. Of significance, within the City of Vaughan, prior to consideration of outdoor patio space or expansion thereof, it is important to note that all eating establishments require a valid Vaughan Business Licence.

In Vaughan, all existing outdoor patios are located on private property. Many of which are located within commercial plazas. The proposed expansion or consideration for allowing outdoor patio space will continue to be restricted to private property only. As such, the spaces occupied by the existing and future outdoor patio space are governed by the provisions of the City's Zoning By-law. In accordance with the City's Zoning By-law, a number of performance standards that include requirements for hard surface paving, parking, are directly applicable and may be a direct barrier and restrict the location of new or expansion of existing outdoor patios. The adoption of a Temporary Use (Zoning) Patio By-law will allow for relief of existing zoning requirements (such as use of identified parking areas) that staff believe are reasonable for the duration of the City's declared emergency. To proceed with the introduction of the proposed Temporary Use (Zoning) Patio By-law, staff must schedule a public hearing date, prepare and release the required twenty (20) day notification in accordance with the Planning Act of Ontario, followed by a technical report to be prepared for the June cycle of Committee of the Whole for its consideration, concluding with ratification and a decision of Council and approval of the implementing Temporary Use (Zoning) Patio By-law. In consideration of the current Council meeting calendar, it is likely Special or additional meetings of Council will likely be required.

The proposed new Temporary Outdoor Patio By-law will include guidelines and establish criteria for a temporary patio which address various operating requirements and related safety concerns

(e.g. cannot block a fire route). It should be noted that there is no intent to permit erection of structures, decks and other fixtures that would require a building permit, with the exception of temporary structures such as tents which would be restricted to roof cover with no side panels/enclosures.

Additionally, where alcohol is provided, each eating establishment must have a liquor licence that includes the outdoor patio area, in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”). Through recent communications with representatives of the AGCO, staff learned that the AGCO is currently conducting its own feasibility study with respect to providing relief to certain conditions that may help support service of alcohol on expanded patio areas during the declared emergency. Staff continue to monitor for any new related information and decisions made or expected from the AGCO, with an interest to having any new requirements incorporated within the proposed Temporary Outdoor Patio By-law in compliance with any provisions of the establishment’s liquor licence and/or requirements of the AGCO. Any violations of these requirements would constitute a violation of the City’s proposed Temporary Outdoor Patio By-law and potentially the provisions of the City’s existing Licensing By-law.

Currently there are 431 Liquor Licenses issued to eating establishments within the City of Vaughan, of which 133 currently include outdoor patios permitted to serve alcohol. There are 1004 eating establishments (965 restaurants and 39 banquet halls) holding a valid Vaughan Eating Establishment Business License within the City.

There are numerous variables that must be considered in developing and determining a reasonable regulatory framework to allow for temporary outdoor patios and the expansion of existing outdoor patios. To mitigate against risk, ensure ease of use by operators, promote public health and safety and minimize time, effort and City resources required for its implementation, staff have determined the following necessary measures must be taken:

- 1) A Temporary Use (Zoning) By-law, amending the City of Vaughan Zoning By-law and the City’s Site Plan control By-law, as may be required, be enacted. The proposed provisions will allow for temporary outdoor patios and the expansion of existing outdoor patios by providing relief to identified performance standards normally required. The relief provisions would be in effect for the duration of the emergency, concluding once the City declared emergency is terminated.
- 2) Specific standards be established through the adoption of a stand-alone Temporary Outdoor Patio By-law that will ensure temporary outdoor patios and expansions meet specific requirements such as but not limited to physical delineation (e.g. curb-stops and fencing), physical distancing, any requirements of the AGCO (where a service of alcohol is permitted), any other standards recommended by public health officials and/or any other reasonable standards as determined by the City’s Chief Licensing Officer, Fire Chief and Chief Building Official.
- 3) Staff develop and publicize acceptable standards and regulations requiring eating establishments to determine if they meet the criteria and thereby qualify to add and/or expand their patio. This approach is founded on a self-governing model that places the onus on each establishment to self-regulate and ensure voluntary compliance, including the eligibility to establish and outdoor patio where one currently does not exist or expand

an existing outdoor patio where possible. These standards and regulations do not interfere with landlord tenant obligations and/or necessary private commercial insurance requirements.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no identified financial impact stemming from adoption of the recommendations.

**Conclusion**

In response to the direction of Committee of the Whole (2), Item 30. NEW BUSINESS – RESTAURANT PATIO EXPANSION, and in balancing the City's primary focus regarding the wellbeing, health and safety of our citizens, concurrently with the needs of many eating establishment operators in our City to manage through this pandemic, staff believe that the recommendations to proceed with two separate by-laws, namely 1) Temporary Use (Zoning) Patio By-law and 2) Temporary Outdoor Patio By-law, will provide the necessary regulatory framework as outlined within this communication. Staff are of the opinion that these temporary regulations will demonstrably achieve both desired outcomes, while still establishing reasonable controls and regulations that support the greater public wellbeing, health and interests.

Staff are seeking Council's approval of the recommendations as outlined within this communication.

Upon a decision of Council, By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services will work directly with Corporate and Strategic Communications and all other staff to ensure a timely release of a public service announcement on this new initiative, including ensuring that your offices are provided with necessary communications support, share and promote the decision of Council.

Respectfully,



**GUS MICHAELS**, CMM III, MLE Executive, Property Stds. Professional  
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By-Law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services

**Attachments:**      Municipal Comparative Chart

CC:                      Senior Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Municipal Scan: Outdoor Patio Expansions**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Allowing expansion of patios on right of way with road closures?</b>	<b>Allowing further expansion of restaurant patios on private property?</b>
<b>City of Waterloo</b>	Not planned	No
<b>City of Kawartha Lakes</b>	Not planned	Yes - exploring option.
<b>City of Guelph</b>	Yes, considering closing curb lanes to allow one direction walking on road and sidewalk.	Yes – exploring option.
<b>City of Kitchener</b>	Exploring possibility	Exploring possibility
<b>City of Hamilton</b>	No	Yes. Temporary expansions by application where zoning permits
<b>Niagara on the Lake</b>	Not planned due to parking concerns	Not planned
<b>Town of Newmarket</b>	Not planned	No information available
<b>City of Brampton</b>	Not planned	No information available
<b>City of Ottawa</b>	Temporary closures debated, no clear result	No information available
<b>Toronto</b>	Yes, identified areas and restrictions being established	Under review

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Allowing expansion of patios on right of way with road closures?</b>	<b>Allowing further expansion of restaurant patios on private property?</b>
<b>Town of Oakville</b>	Not planned	Not planned
<b>Town of Aurora</b>	Not planned	Not planned
<b>Markham</b>	Not planned	Yes - Development Services preparing a report.
<b>Richmond Hill</b>	Not planned	Not planned

**NOTE:** Additional municipalities were surveyed. The above represent respondents and responses received as of Tues May 25, 2020.

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Bill Kiru, Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

**RE:** **STAFF COMMUNICATION – CW (2) May 20, 2020**  
**Request for Clarification re: Conversion Request ID 7 within the**  
**Highway 400 North Employment Lands Secondary Plan**

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## **1. Purpose**

To provide Mayor and Members of Council information regarding a request for clarification on an employment land conversion request described in Item 10 “Request for Comments York Region Evaluation of Employment Land Conversion Requests”, identified as Attachment 5, ID 7 on the CW (2) May 20, 2020 agenda.

These lands are municipally known as 3440 Kirby Road and 11720 Jane Street, within the Highway 400 North Employment Lands Secondary Plan.

## **2. Analysis**

At Committee of the Whole (2) on May 20, 2020, staff were asked to provide clarity with regard to the conversion request identified as ID 7, as noted above.

The Highway 400 North Employment Lands are strategically located. The Provincial Policy Statement recognizes the need to protect and preserve employment areas for current and future uses, especially in prime locations along 400-series highways. These lands are integral to supporting the long-term viability of a Provincial goods movement network and long-term employment needs.

Although Vaughan has a relatively healthy supply of small- to medium-sized parcels (i.e. less than 5 hectares), there is a limited number of larger vacant industrial land parcels (i.e. 5 hectares and greater). Vaughan’s recently completed Economic Development Employment Sector Strategy found that despite the availability of vacant employment land in Vaughan, the market choice is somewhat limited. For Vaughan to continue to be competitive and potentially attract larger-scale industrial employers, such as large-scale manufacturers, logistics and distribution centres, the City needs to provide a greater number of larger serviced industrial sites.



The conversion of lands of this size would compromise the Region's and the City's supply of large sized employment area sites and limit the range of potential employment uses within the City (i.e. manufacturing, warehousing, distribution).

The following questions were asked of staff, and staff's response is provided as follows:

**1. What lands are they requesting for conversion?**

The lands requested for conversion are identified in red in the attached map below, as submitted by the proponent. It is only these lands being considered for conversation. The lands are part of the Vaughan Highway 400 North Employment Lands Secondary Plan.

**2. Is it a full conversion of these lands?**

Yes. All of the area identified in red is being considered for a conversion request.

**3. How much employment land would be lost?**

The proposed conversion would remove approximately 291 hectares of developable employment lands. This 291-hectare area excludes the 77 hectares of land identified as part of the Greenbelt Plan and the proposed GTA West corridor and interchange.

**4. Are the lands next to the existing and future highways being proposed for residential?**

As indicated in the map attached below, a portion of the lands adjacent to Highway 400 are not being proposed for conversion.

However, lands adjacent to the future GTA West corridor are proposed to be converted for residential purposes.

**5. Is servicing available for this area?**


Regional water and wastewater infrastructure improvements are necessary to allow full build-out of this area. Based on York Region's 2020 Capital Program, the Northeast Vaughan Water and Wastewater System improvements are currently scheduled for an in-service date of 2028.

City staff are currently finalizing an interim servicing strategy study for the area. Draft recommendations suggest residual system capacity is available within the City's local servicing system for phased development of the area (i.e. Blocks 27, 34, 35 and 41) to occur over the next eight years (prior to 2028). The interim servicing capacity will be subject to monitoring requirements to ensure minimum levels of service are protected.



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Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment #1: Employment Land Conversion Request ID 7

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Attachment #1  
Employment Land Conversion Request ID 7

