
From: Hatem Abu El-Neel [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Messere, Clement <Clement.Messere@vaughan.ca>
Cc: Kiru, Bill <Bill.Kiru@vaughan.ca>
Subject: Re: [External] Rezoning of the Board of Trade Golf Course Lands (important & urgent)

Good day Mr. Messere,

I hope this email finds you well.

As you're concluding the related staff report that will be presented to the outside world on or before July 8th, 2020, I'd like to bring to your attention the following;

I had a discussion with **Mr. Andrew Doersam (Senior Planner form the ministry of housing and municipal affair)** seeking his interpretation for the provincial policy 2020 in relation to mental health impact. Mr Doersam, as you can read in the email (PDF attached) says that,

"while the PPS does not speak to mental health directly, it does address the provision of public health and safety issues more broadly through effective land use planning".

As I understand his statement, the PPS is not supposed to stop the mental health impact from being studied in case it is identified as a potential negative impact on the residents.

I hope that the report from your department guides for exploring the potential negative mental health impact of the proposed development ,in its current format, through seeking the guidance of specialized personnel. It's not safe for any one, especially the current and the future residents in this community, if health issues are dealt with by non-specialized personnel.

I'd like to reiterate that the consequences of mental health deterioration range from loss of productivity to disabilities and even self harm and harm to others, no one should contribute to creating the circumstances that might lead to such dire consequences without seeking the advice of the right health experts.

Keep Vaughan green did contact a well known **Canadian professor in environmental psychology** who works as a consultant in this field. The professor did put together a proposal for a mental health impact study that answers most important related questions. I can share the same with you if you want.

Thanking you for reading my email and looking forward to hearing any concerns/questions you might have.

Regards,

Hatem

Cell: [REDACTED]

On Friday, February 28, 2020, 01:31:35 p.m. EST, Hatem Abu El-Neel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Mr. Messere.

I'm also copying ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS who voted yes or no to the deletion of the directions to conduct the impact studies on June 19, 2018 (minutes attached) after being adopted on May 8, 2018 (minutes attached) with my understanding of your below response. I appreciate if I get corrections to the following statements from the planning staff or the council members if I'm wrong;

1. The impact studies, overall, were cancelled because they are either too costly or redundant.
2. The health impact study was cancelled because it's not part of the regulatory framework, yet opinions from health care specialists (public and/or mental health) were never sought by the planning staff or the council members before taking the decision that a health impact study is not necessary. --> **Please correct me if I'm wrong**

Thanking you in advance for sending me any corrections to my above understanding if any.

Regards,

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On Thursday, February 27, 2020, 06:07:56 p.m. EST, Messere, Clement <clement.messere@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Mr. Abou El-Neel,

My understanding is that the Motion you referenced was considered and modified by Council on June 19, 2018. And Council resolved that no further action was required.

My understanding is that Council had before it a staff communication advising that in order to conduct the studies as outlined in the original motion, the anticipated cost to complete some of the studies would be \$500,000.00. In addition, it was suggested that some of the referenced studies could form part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review / Official Plan Review.

With regard specifically to a Health Impact Analysis, Council was advised that such a study is not a typical study that is sought in the planning context of a Municipal Comprehensive Review or site-specific development proposal, nor does it form part of the regulatory framework.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: [External] Rezoning of the Board of Trade Golf Course Lands (important & urgent)

Good morning Hatem,

On behalf of Mayor Bevilacqua, I am acknowledging receipt of your email and wish to thank you for taking the time to contact our office.

By copy of my response to Clement Messere and Bill Kiru, the Mayor is requesting that the appropriate staff address your enquiry in a timely manner.

Kind regards,

Fabrizio Cavalluzzo

Special Assistant to the Mayor - Community Relations

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Cc: Kiru, Bill <Bill.Kiru@vaughan.ca>; Messere, Clement <Clement.Messere@vaughan.ca>; Carella, Tony <Tony.Carella@vaughan.ca>; Ciafardoni, Joy <Joy.Ciafardoni@vaughan.ca>

Subject: [External] Rezoning of the Board of Trade Golf Course Lands (important & urgent)

Good day Mr. Bevilaqua,

I 'm looking for answers to 2 questions if possible;

During the COW meeting on May 8, 2018 (minutes attached), the council directed the city personnel to conduct some impact studies in relation to the above suggested rezoning, then during the council meeting on June 19, 2018 (minutes attached) the council decided to delete these directions.

I contacted Mr. Tony Carella to ask about the reasons based on which the directions were deleted, but he can't recall them and referred the questions to the planning department (Mr. Clement Messere and Mr. Bill Kiru). It has been almost two weeks since the planning department received the questions, yet during a phone conversation with Mr. Messere yesterday he doesn't seem to be sure on how to respond to me.

My questions are;

1. Why did the council decide to delete the directions (if you can't recall the general reasons, then please advise why did you vote yes for deleting the directions to the city staff)
2. Has there been any efforts to check the feasibility of conducting these impact studies?

Appreciate receiving your response the earliest possible (hopefully today or tomorrow)

Thanks & regards,

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