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Subject: [External] Re: Ministerial Zoning Order

Dear Mr. Clark:

I am the President of the MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association in Vaughan. Our association prides itself on participating in the development process. We think that both the quantity and types of Ministerial Zoning Orders being issued across the province and especially in Vaughan are highly problematic.

Fundamentally, it is our opinion that MZO's constitute "**acts of bad faith**" and do not respect the integrity of our community through eliminating our right to appeal and challenge inappropriate development. With this record number of recent

MZO's, Mayor Bevilacqua and Premier Ford (and various Municipal Councillors and MPP's) will inevitably end up putting themselves in a precarious position as our community will remember the most recent request for a Ministerial Zoning Order, passed last week by Vaughan Council (See links below).

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We are extremely dissatisfied with this government's disappointing record regarding the environment and planning in terms of the authoritarian and thoughtless practices that excludes citizen consultation and civic input.

We are requesting that you reject Mayor Bevilacqua's motion to impose a Ministerial Zoning Order on Block 41 and that any other MZO's that may be coming forward be rejected. Unfortunately, we were not permitted to speak on this motion due to it being brought forward as a late addendum item and how the COVID crisis has severely restricted our ability to speak to problematic addendums in person. We are **deeply disappointed in Mayor Bevilacqua's irresponsible and disingenuous actions.**

Mr. Clark, your ministry has already made the mistake of negotiating with the Milani's regarding properties between Dufferin and Bathurst, close to Kirby Road in Vaughan. This exposed your misguided practices as reported by Mike Crawley (CBC) in September 2019.

Again, as in 2019, when your Ministry was considering the Milani case regarding lands in the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt, the rights and interests of the development sector, who have contributed to your party and conservative candidates over the years, are negating the rights of the citizens specifically in Vaughan and generally in Ontario.

To ignore citizen's concerns will continue to bring you and your government as well as the Mayor and most of Vaughan Council, the negative publicity all of you clearly deserve. In order to resolve this disturbing trend, your government must begin to demonstrate that the rights of citizens are just as important as the rights of corporate land development interests.

Your blatant disregard for our Planning Act rights to participate in the planning and development of our municipality is an erosion of our democratic rights. This government has had a dismal record concerning autism education, long-term care, Francophone issues, and especially the environment with the mindless "Open for Business" policy. Though you may claim that your government inherited some of these issues, ultimately not listening to citizens contributed to the provincial Liberal's woes. Inevitably, this may end up having history repeating itself during the next election, with the fickle electorate, again, being quite capable of removing problematic governments and incumbents.

Sincerely

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Subject: Ministerial Zoning Order

Dear Mr. Clark

I am concerned and outraged at the number of Ministerial Zoning Orders that are unfolding across the province and especially in the community in which I live. The most recent request for a Ministerial Zoning Order was passed yesterday by Vaughan Council. See links from yesterday's meeting below

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I know that I speak for many others when I say that we are sick and tired of seeing our rights eroded by these autocratic practices.

I know that I speak for many others who are demanding that you reject Mayor Bevilacqua's motion to impose a Ministerial Zoning Order on Block 41 or any other request that may be coming forward. We were not even allowed to speak on this motion because it was brought forward as an addendum item and the COVID crisis has severely restricted our ability to react to this last minute addendum. I hold Mayor Bevilacqua responsible for his insensitive and outrageous behaviour.

However, you as Minister must stop facilitating this behaviour by rejecting these requests.

It has become abundantly obvious that the rights and interests of the development sector are more important than the rights of the average resident.

It has become abundantly clear that residents groups who spend thousands of hours in time and thousands of dollars on expert consultants are being trampled on by the all powerful development groups.

It is our democratic right and our right under the Planning Act to participate in the planning and development of our municipality.

Your government and your ministry need to demonstrate that our rights under the Planning Act mean something.

We are not servants of the development sector who just want us to buy their homes and shut up when we attempt to speak out on poorly designed subdivision development.

You can continue to impose the Ministerial Zoning Orders on us but we will not forget that you failed to listen to us and act to protect our rights.

Sincerely
Richard T. Lorello