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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.

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