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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

