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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 disappoint that Council would consider granting themselves a signification 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 be trying to structure an

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