

Monday, May 25th, 2020.

Todd Coles
City Clerk
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mr. Coles,

I am writing to you to express my disappointment when I read the Toronto Star article, dated Tuesday, May 19th, that the City of Vaughan council is proposing amendments to the Indemnification By-law. I do not understand how allowing the taxpayer to foot the bill for all legal fees incurred by council members or other city workers would encourage the best possible and ethical behaviour from anyone. It certainly would encourage one to be haphazard and reckless. It is completely unethical and not fair to expect the taxpayer to bear the burden of possible irresponsible behaviour or actions.

I have been a resident of Vaughan for 28 years and generally have trusted my elected officials to represent me in an appropriate manner. All council members have been elected to represent the community's best interest. During this time of global pandemic, it would be more appropriate to be exploring how to get our COVID hotspots reduced or perhaps looking into providing more testing centers to increase our testing figures. During these uncertain times, amidst families worried about the spread of COVID, their health, taking care of their senior parents, feeding their families and job security, our elected officials should be rolling up their sleeves to deal with the virus that is threatening our community.

Life is rough for many living in the margins, and yes, they do exist in Vaughan. It is disheartening that during this time of pandemic duress the council is looking in other directions which do not benefit the stakeholders, Vaughan's taxpayers. I hope and pray that you and your council members will reconsider your decision and vote in a moral and ethical manner and reject the proposed changes.

Sincerely,
Vilma Casola