

City of Vaughan  
Members of Council/Clerks Office  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan ON L6A 1T1

June 4, 2018

Dear City Councillors/Clerk:

**Re: Sports Village Berkeley Academy and Entertainment Centre Proposal**

On May 30, 2018 we received a notice from our Ward Councillor about the upcoming Committee of the Whole Working Session meeting on June 6th, 2018 at 1:00PM with regards to the above item. Unfortunately, I am unable attend the meeting, but respectfully submit this letter as formal communication.

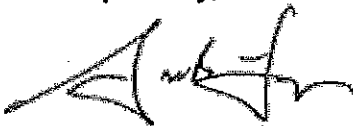
We have serious concerns with the proposal by the Mentana Group to acquire the entire Vaughan Sports Village lands for the purpose of creating a privately owned school academy and entertainment centre including student residences, larger stadium style arena for year round events and outdoor amphitheatre for concerts and additional sports fields. The proposal is ambitious and extensive, as it encompasses the entire foot print and results in the loss of existing park land.

We believe that the City should not be selling precious park land, as it can never be replaced in this community. We do not see how private ownership allows for the community to freely access the private facilities for leisure and recreational use at any time. This will only eliminate the public's ability to access valuable and important park land.

As abutting land owners, we believe this will greatly affect our quality of life. Simultaneous events at the amphitheatre, arenas and entertainment venues will greatly increase noise levels, as well as people and vehicle traffic spilling over to the surrounding neighbourhoods. This has the ability create health and safety issues, as well as congestion throughout the community.

Our position is that the City should not be selling off valuable public park land to private companies and therefore object to this proposal.

Respectfully,



Antonio Longo & Family  




Marilyn Iafrate  
Councillor, Ward 1

May 30, 2018

Dear Residents:

**RE: Sports Village Berkeley Academy and Entertainment Centre**

It's come to my attention that the Sports Village invited residents of Hollybush Drive to information sessions on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

These meetings were not City of Vaughan sanctioned meetings. These were private meetings held by the individual. My office was not invited to either meeting.

This is an unsolicited proposal by a private individual. In 2015, the individual made a deputation. Council asked staff to investigate the proposal. Any proposal for these lands must go through a public process.

Residents of Hollybush contacted my office following these meetings and made me aware of an amphitheatre which can affect the surrounding community. I have always maintained that the abutting neighbours must be part of any process wherein their land value and quality of life may be affected.

I have grave concerns for any loss of parkland in Maple because there is no opportunity to replace it elsewhere. My office will be working with the residents to bring their issues forward.

In closing, senior staff confirmed that this item will be coming forward to the Committee of the Whole Working Session meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1pm. I urge you along with your neighbours to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, **your voice will be heard by forwarding an email to all members of Council, & the Clerk's office before June 6<sup>th</sup> at: [council@vaughan.ca](mailto:council@vaughan.ca); [clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca);**

For those who have already contacted my office, thank you, we have your email contact and will forward you details of the meeting as soon as the Clerk's office distributes the material. For further information, please contact me at 905.832.8585 ext. 8344 or via e-mail at [marilyn.iafrate@vaughan.ca](mailto:marilyn.iafrate@vaughan.ca).

Respectfully,



Marilyn Iafrate  
Councillor, Ward 1  
Maple/Kleinburg

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**Subject:** FW: Committe of the Whole Working Session (June 6, 2018) - Item-Vaughan Sports Village  
**Attachments:** Vaughan Sports Village Land.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Longo [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 10:10 AM  
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Council <Council@vaughan.ca>  
Cc: lafrate, Marilyn <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>  
Subject: Committe of the Whole Working Session (June 6, 2018) - Item-Vaughan Sports Village

Good morning,

Please accept this letter as my formal communication submission regarding the above Item for the upcoming Committee of the Whole Working Session meeting June 6th, 2018 at 1:00PM.

Regards,

Antonio Longo  
[REDACTED]