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Subject: [External] Files OP .19.014, Z.19.038 and 19T-19V007 Regarding COW meeting July 8, 2020

July 12, 2020

Good day Mayor Bevilacqua, members of Vaughan Council and City Staff and copy to the Honourable Minister of the Environment and Climate Change,

On behalf of my parents Nancy and Antonio Antonelli, we are writing to you all to communicate our disappointment with your *performance* Mr. Mayor and that of the Vaughan Council on Wednesday July 8, 2020. I want to stress the word "performance" as it appears to the community as a scripted response to Mr. Mark Flowers' deputation. It appeared the questions were prepared and rehearsed after hearing the deputation from Mr. Flowers. We found it interesting that the lawyer from KVG was not asked one question when he noted the concerns with the report prepared by the City of Vaughan staff.

We have sent various communications to you and the staff about our concerns with the Board of Trade Golf Course Development including the most recent one 24 hours before the COW meeting that asked for the staff specifically to share with us any amendments to the formal plan for development:

"Please share with me the amendments to the development as I was told that the developers have removed the entrance at 241 Wycliffe Avenue. I have been advocating for

my parents on our opposition to this entrance and I would like written confirmation before the COW meeting tomorrow."

On the morning of the COW meeting July 8 at 9:08am. The senior planner from Vaughan stated the following reply:

A revised submission regarding the above referenced applications has not been received to-date. The PLANit website will be updated upon the submission of revised plans and/or reports.

*Regards,
Clement Messere, BAA, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner*

Mr. Bevilacqua, you and your staff were ALL aware of the changes noted in Mr. Flowers' deputation as Ms. Linda Jackson stated the following in an email to another resident one day before the reply from Mr. Clement Messere:

From: "Jackson, Linda" <Linda.Jackson@vaughan.ca>

Date: July 7, 2020 at 2:22:04 PM EDT

Subject: RE: [External] Re: Clubhouse Developments Inc., 20 Lloyd Street (Board of Trade Golf Course), 241 Wycliffe Avenue, 737 and 757 Clarence Street Files OP .19.014, Z.19.038 and 19T-19V007

Good afternoon, Thank you for your email and sharing your concerns concerning the Board of Trade redevelopment project. I note that you are requesting that we opposed an access/egress onto Wycliffe Avenue at 241 Wycliffe. I can inform you that the applicant has removed that road and has also agreed to widen the width of the lots backing onto established residential homes in that area. With this change, there will not be any vehicular traffic going through the Wycliffe subdivision as all traffic will exit via Clarence, Gamble, Waymar Heights and Davidson. This information will be confirmed by the applicant tomorrow evening at the Special Committee of the Whole.

*Linda Jackson
Regional Councillor*

Mr. Flowers noted these proposed changes without anything in writing. You and your staff declined peer reviews, and alternative studies based on hearsay! I do not agree nor buy into your narrative about developers and what the possible gifting of 200 acres would mean to the city, this land will be damaged and is already non-developable. I feel you made a poor decision based on bias against our community and what we stand for. We agree that all cities and towns need Developers/Builders to grow and yes, they are an integral part in providing prosperity...but at what cost?

Finally, we all know you acted partiality towards the Developer and we know they will do anything they can to WIN your vote. It is ironic the new information and 200 acres of land was offered to Vaughan and broadcasted on the evening a vote was in order for an ICBL! The developers have hired the best professionals money can buy. Obviously, their legal representative Mr. Flowers knew how to play this political game, you all know so well. You and your team hosted private meetings with the developer and when asked blatantly, you provided me scripted answers yet made a decision on undocumented information. It was very unfair we had to hear new information after 3 hours of the community's deputations. Why didn't you start with the new information to give us all a voice (since you knew all the

information)? This was orchestrated and planned. This act reinforces the corruption and lack of community involvement. You have turned your back on us and our rights, not listened to our voices and this is the foundation of my disappointment.

Your honour Wilkinson, the following was raised by one our community members and I wish to share this with you. This massive development goes against the York Region Official Plan:

- 2.1.1 To protect and enhance the Regional Greenland's System and its functions shown on Map 2 and to control new development and site alteration within the vicinity of the System in accordance with the policies of this Plan.
- 2.1.9 That development and site alteration be prohibited within the Regional Greenland's System and that development and site alteration applications within 120 metres of the Regional Greenland's System shall be accompanied by an environmental impact study."

These policies emphasize the protection of the Greenland system and condemn development within it. THE BOARD OF TRADE GOLF COURSE IS A PART OF THE GREENLAND SYSTEM. **This application clearly and blatantly contradicts the very essence of Chapter 2.**

The meeting on July 8th was a travesty of the democratic process, reaffirming that the current City administration cannot be trusted due to the lack of transparency in the process.

When Linda Jackson prompted the lawyer representing Clublink Developments Inc, to explain their proposed amendments regarding the road on Wycliffe Ave he stated he would like to make 241 Wycliffe an emergency vehicle access point. This alternate solution is unacceptable and we all know it is just a farce to get an approval. We know that Gamble, Davidson and Clarence will not be able to handle the traffic and it is only a matter of time that the emergency access point is transformed to a ROAD.

As we stated in our deputation, the traffic studies are flawed and no traffic study was conducted on Kiloran and Islington only 200m from the entrance of 241 Wycliffe and 700m from Islington Avenue.

Call to action: We would like to hereby request a formal reply to why the City of Vaughan did not require a peer review or identify why Kiloran and Wycliffe and Kiloran and Islington Avenue was not studied. Since those two streets were omitted from any formal studies regarding this development, why is there a street light proposed in the map on the traffic study conducted by the Developer on Kiloran and Wycliffe Avenue? We also want to reiterate that a new traffic study during COVID is not acceptable.

We want to close with our opposition to the emergency vehicle passageway on 241 Wycliffe. This will damage the landscape of Wycliffe Avenue and create a traffic travesty alongside a massive reduction of land-value for my parent's home on 233 Wycliffe among other homes on the street.

With disappointment,

Monica Antonelli Guido, Nancy and Antonio Antonelli