COMMUNICATION – C26 Council – September 29, 2020 Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Report No. 42, Item 3 & 4

From: <u>Daniel Diamond</u>
To: <u>Magnifico, Rose</u>

Subject: Re: [External] Deputation Form for Agenda Item 3-4 on Sept. 22

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:01:47 PM

Thank you Rose.

Here are my written comments:

I am a resident in the neighborhood where this proposed structure is being built. My family and I moved here in 2016, and quickly joined the Chabad Flamingo jewish community.

While the community is a vibrant one, it is one that is literally at risk of dying out. Elderly members of the community are getting older and passing away, but there are no young families replacing them.

While I was fortunate enough to purchase a house by having a lucrative job as a partner at a law firm, most young families cannot afford a house anywhere in the GTA.

There is a lack of affordable housing options, and virtually none in the area where I live. As such, my children do not have many children to play with in this neighborhood. My wife and I do not have many friends living nearby.

My understanding is that the applicant wishes to build affordable or subsidized apartments. This would bring young families to the area, creating a flourishing, vibrant community. It would bring more consumer spending to the area from Toronto, and would be a good thing for the City of Vaughan at large. In a post-pandemic era, Vaughan will need all the consumer spending it can get in order to keep businesses in the area alive and preserve jobs of hardworking residents of Vaughan.

To address a concern of local residents, I do not believe that these apartments would de-value housing prices in the area, as the demographic of people who live in subsidized apartments are not the same as those who purchase houses. Supply and demand would remain stable.

I understand that every great thing that's built comes at a cost. The cost in this case is increased traffic and construction in the area. I submit that this is a very small price to pay for the massive benefits we would achieve as a community through this proposed structure.

I fully support this proposal, and am available for questions if needed.

On Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 11:22 AM Magnifico, Rose < Rose. Magnifico@vaughan.ca wrote:

Your deputation form was received past the deadline.

As an alternative to an electronic deputation, written comments can be submitted to clerks@vaughan.ca for distribution at the Council meeting of September 29, 2020. The deadline for communications to the Council meeting is noon one business day prior to the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

Rose

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