

Concord West Ratepayers Association

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RE: REQUESTS FROM BRACOR LIMITED AND CRINKLEWOOD DEVELOPMENT INC. FOR A MINISTER'S ZONING ORDER FOR LANDS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 7 BETWEEN KEELE STREET AND BOWES ROAD

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Concord West Ratepayers Association members of the Board are absolutely gob smacked to learn about the above noted application and the urgency to have it approved – especially given that our residential neighbourhood is just across the road and the lack of notice and transparency surrounding this issue.

Instead of approving these specific properties, it would be in the community's best interest; the city's best interest and the region's best interest to develop a comprehensive plan. This prospective plan while it ought to be city-wide, should at the very least begin at the west side of Keele Street – run along Highway 7 and end at Langstaff. All land owners, together with the City and Region ought to work collaboratively to achieve a rich, comprehensive, inclusive and sustainable plan that produces good fruit.

We wonder about the fairness, transparency and justice in pushing these specific developments along at lightening speed when other landowners in the area have worked diligently with the City and Region to ensure that proper consultation and adjustments have been addressed according to public, City and Regional direction.

Furthermore, while we agree with including affordable housing, we are perplexed as to why the City of Vaughan is not asking that affordable housing be incorporated by all landowners across the City of Vaughan. Why only ask this of those developing properties in the Concord West area? Affordable housing should be seeded in every tower, townhouse complex, etc. No one wants another Jane and Finch corridor in their neighbourhood. By infusing affordable housing throughout neighbourhoods throughout the City of Vaughan not just in Concord – high-rise, mid-rise, townhouses or single homes we all gain tolerance, understanding, appreciation and love for one another regardless of financial difficulties or stations in life.

The Concord West Ratepayers is one of the longest standing ratepayer groups in the City of Vaughan. We have always enjoyed a respectful, amiable working relationship with all members of Council including our Mayor – past and present. The by-passing of a wide public consultation – especially the Concord West Ratepayers Association – the most directly impacted and affected, has not even been a

consideration to approving the Minister's Zoning Order regarding the above noted properties is received as a smack and an insult to our community. In fact, were it not for our Local Councillor, Sandra Racco, who brought this to our attention, it would have slipped right by us – but I'm assuming that this was the general plan. You should each hang your head in shame – most especially our Mayor.

The Concord West Ratepayers Association asks that Council not support this Minister's Zoning request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy Ferlisi".

Cathy Ferlisi