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Subject: [External] December 2nd - Council Workshop

Hello,

In advance of the December 2nd Council workshop, please find attached our BILD comments for item 4.1 of the agenda.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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November 30, 2020

Mayor Bevilacqua
City of Vaughan
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Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council,

Re: City of Vaughan Parkland Policy Review – December 2nd Council Workshop

The Building Industry and Land Development Association is the voice of the home building, land development and professional renovation industry in the Greater Toronto Area. The building and renovation industry provides \$33 billion in investment value and employs 271,000 people in the region. BILD is proudly affiliated with the Ontario and Canadian Home Builders' Associations.

BILD York chapter members recently attended a preliminary stakeholder consultation session on November 4th for the preparation of a Vaughan Parkland Dedication Guideline Document. At the session we learned that there will be a Council Workshop on December 2nd where staff will deliver a status update of their internal parkland policy review and that their intent is to complete their guideline document by Q2 2021. Following this session, BILD formulated a Vaughan Parkland Working Group. It is imperative to note that we were not provided with any draft proposals at our November 2nd meeting, and as such we are unable to provide any detailed comment at this time, but we would like to take this opportunity to express the following:

1. Ahead of further materials being release, it would be beneficial for us to understand the issues surrounding this parkland dedication and the problem the City is trying to solve through this review. As staff begin to form the guideline document ahead of further consultation with the building industry, we ask that staff share these details.
2. We anticipate that the fulsome component of the stakeholder consultation is yet to come, as identified as task 3 of the timeline within the report. We look forward to those discussions as early as possible in order to provide comment that will feed into the guideline document.
3. We understand that in 2019 the City of Vaughan held \$63 million dollars in parkland reserves. We would like to understand the status and utilization of this account balance. Has this money been spent, and if not, how this money will be spent. As this review progresses, we are hoping to gain a better understanding of how the reserve is being used, including a list of projects where the money is accounted for.
4. It would be helpful context to include in the guideline reporting, how this work will be incorporated in a pre and post CBC regime. We would like to understand if another reviews would occur once the City's CBC is prepared, adopted and comes into force.

As this review begins to move forward, we would like to make our Vaughan parkland working group available to staff as a forum for discussion. We believe this forum for discussion can be used as a way to collectively determine a parks program that best meets the needs of both the City and our industry members.

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As your community building partners, we look forward to a continued positive and transparent working relationship in the years to come. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Stay safe and healthy,

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