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Good day

Mr. Coles please add my comments to the Committee of the Whole communications for today.

It has come to my attention that Council will consider a request for a Ministerial Zoning order via a presentation / deputation. This is highly irregular and undermines the planning process. The item is below.

1. Presentation

Mr. Rino Mostacci, on behalf of Solmar Development Corp., with respect to Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) for Park Avenue Place Phase 2, (9095 Jane St.) and for Bellaria II (9291 Jane St.) and request favourable consideration from City Council to adopt the requisite resolutions.

<https://pub-vaughan.escrimemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=8c109899-aba8-4e42-a2c7-13d92e212692&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=5>

This development / Ministerial Zoning Order request should have never been allowed to proceed. It is wrong for a development application to come forward in this manner for several reasons. It effectively leaves the public in the dark on a planning matter of this size and scale.

I object to the manner in which this is being allowed to happen for the following reasons.

1. The clerks office should have never allowed this deputation / presentation to happen and should have directed the applicant to the planning department to follow the planning process established under the Planning Act which gives the public the right to be notified and be part of the overall process.
2. Allowing this application to proceed as a presentation gives preferential treatment to a developer and undermines the public's rights. The public cannot speak to a presentation / deputation.
3. Due to the nature in which this is being brought forward, the public cannot speak to this item because it is a deputation / presentation which undermines the public's rights under the

Planning Act to be part of the process

4. Technically Council can consider and vote on this matter today without notice to the public and without public consultation. I would strongly advise against this as it would further fuel the animosity and resentment felt by the public created by the unprecedented number of Ministerial Zoning Orders already endorsed by Council.

5. This is an abuse of the Planning Act in that Planning Act sets out a very specific process for development applications. Allowing this application and Ministerial Zoning Order request to go forward undermines the letter and the spirit of the Planning Act.

6. By proceeding in this manner, the City of Vaughan has effectively created a loop hole in the planning process giving developers yet another unfair advantage that already favours developers and puts residents at a further disadvantage.

As a side note, it is also my understanding that Mayor Bevilacqua currently leases or purchased a penthouse house suite at the same location / address and from the same applicant, which may be viewed as a conflict of interest.

I respectfully request that the deputation be dismissed before it is heard and the applicant be directed to the City of Vaughan planning department and follow the proper development application process where the public can be properly notified and be prepared to respond to this application.

Sincerely
Richard T. Lorello