

COMMUNICATION – C36
ITEM 1
Special Committee of the Whole
July 8, 2020

June 26, 2020

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

We would like to formally express our concern over the potential that the Ontario government may be approached to issue a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) with council's approval over the Board of Trade Golf Course Development (20 Lloyd Street, Vaughan).

We, local residents part of the Keep Vaughan Green community group, ask that should such a MZO come forth with regards to the BOT golf course that council support a democratic process and oppose such a MZO. We as community members have invested many hours of our time and money to bring forth our concerns regarding the impacts of this proposed development on our community.

A draft motion has been submitted to our Ward 2 Councillor Tony Carella resolving that Vaughan Council:

1. Will reject any request of support by the applicant(s) for a Minister's Zoning Order or proposed Minister's Zoning Order that may be forthcoming on the former Board of Trade Golf Course.
2. Will support the normal planning process legislated by the Ontario Planning Act and conferred upon Municipal Governments under the Ontario Planning Act.
3. Will not support any planning directive that does not include all stakeholders, specifically the citizens of the City of Vaughan.
4. Will support our residents to retain their right to be part of the planning process and to play a key role in assessing how the proposed Toronto Board of Trade development application will impact their community

Issuing such a MZO would be unjust to the taxpayers of this community.

We further recommend, in addition to the above, that Vaughan Council support the implementation of an Interim Control Bylaw to facilitate the completion of pertinent independent studies so that an informed decision can be made with respect to the proposed OPA, plan of subdivision and zoning amendment for this site.

We have recently been informed that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, has advised of the intention to end the temporary suspension of the Planning Act timelines as of June 22, 2020 and NOT when the province lifts the state of Emergency as originally intended. We ask that the city consider continuing this temporary hold on timelines given the extent to which York Region has been impacted by Covid19, and given that our region has not been able to 'open up' as early as other jurisdictions. We further request that the special COW that is recently scheduled for July 8, 2020 be rescheduled to a later date so as to allow maximal participation of residents (as has been granted to other rate payer groups for other development applications).

Sincerely,

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