

COMMUNICATION – C78
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Special Committee of the Whole
July 8, 2020

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July 7, 2020

Re: Clubhouse Developments Inc., 20 Lloyd Street (Board of Trade Golf Course), 241 Wycliffe Avenue, 737 and 757 Clarence Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

As long-time residents of the City of Vaughan, we are extremely disappointed with your decision to have this important COW meeting during this difficult time of pandemic. It seems quite obvious to many that you are using this health crisis to trample our democratic rights and ram this mega development project down our throats. Live streaming this important meeting is an infringement of our constitutional rights. The decision that you will be making on July 8th will have long term ramifications on our lives and those of our children for generations to come.

For years, we, the citizens of Vaughan have cried out for an ICBL. These cries for fairness and accountability continue to fall on deaf ears. Once again, we plead with Vaughan City Council to take the high road and proceed with extreme caution when assessing the merits of this herculean development project in the heart of the city. The environmental damage and health risks that this huge development project would unleash on our unsuspecting citizens would be criminal. What kind of legacy will you be leaving our children? We implore city council members to carefully investigate the impact of this proposed development by granting us an Interim Control Bylaw. We demand independent reviews by experts on the studies conducted and we want input on who performs these studies. Do not rush to approve this development and trash our ever-decreasing open spaces in the heart of Vaughan. The citizens of Vaughan deserve more respect and transparency from their elected officials.

The approval of this application is nothing less than an implosion of development and an affront to our intelligence and common sense. If you look at the big picture, you cannot but see the irreparable damage that will be unleashed. You will be opening a veritable Pandora 's box.

The noise and air pollution that will be created by this ill- conceived and self- serving development nightmare will terribly impact our environment in many ways and therefore our quality of life and that of our children and families for decades to come. We have a gem in the heart of our city that needs to be protected and appreciated. We need, we must preserve our precious open spaces and historically significant lands for further generations. All our neighbourhoods and the community as a whole are against this development proposal.

The residents of Vaughan are and continue to be the victims of this unharnessed attack on our communities by overzealous developers. Why tinker with an already established community. Our road systems cannot withstand more traffic congestion. Plans to widen streets will not alleviate but exasperate the traffic chaos that already exists. All we ask from you, our elected officials, is to use your common sense and to look at the big picture, the grand scheme of things

and just do the right thing. Listen to your constituents, be the voice of all citizens of Vaughan not just to the few. Stop this ridiculous development of the Board of Trade Golf Course. Do not allow the destruction of such a significant area of green space. It is an idyllic property that contributes uniquely to the character of the overall area.

Our infrastructure is already saturated. More importantly an increase in the number of vehicles will flood our neighbourhood streets even more, placing both young and old at risk. Taking a leisurely walk and cycling will be a thing of the past. Simple physical activities such as jogging and walking to the parkettes will become more problematic. Don't sell us out! Open space is open space. Do not change the zoning determination of this property. Leave our established streets and communities alone. Make Vaughan a place to live!

We respectfully ask Council to fund independent assessments of the impact of this development proposal, including financial and well-being (health) costs to individuals and the community. We all demand that an ICBL be granted to allow proper time for this. No more discussions or decisions behind closed doors. No more political shenanigans. We demand openness and transparency at all levels. We insist that councillors who have any semblance of conflict of interest with anything and anyone associated with this development plan recuse himself or herself. We deserve elected officials who show integrity through and through. Do not let us down! The sustainability of our neighbourhoods, our communities, and our city hang in the balance.

We like to thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Rose and Frank Troina