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From: Caroline V [REDACTED]
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To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] June 8 2021_Committee of the Whole_Item#13 Clubhouse Development Inc_Resolution Regarding Peer Reviews

Dear City Councillors, and Mayor:

I am writing regarding the proposed development application at 20 Lloyd Street and the resolution before City Council regarding conducting peer reviews. I have been a long-time resident of Woodbridge. My family home is on Gamble street and is directly impacted by the proposed development applications.

On July 15, 2020, Vaughan Council adopted the following resolution related to development applications for the lands occupied by the Board of Trade Golf Course:

“That Council direct funds be set aside from the appropriate reserve to conduct peer reviews that staff identify as necessary, in consultation with the Community Working Group, and as approved by Council.”

I urge City Council to set aside funds to conduct peer reviews, and that Council consult with the Community Working Group. The proposed development application seeks to uproot a distinctive landscape that has existed for decades. Given the highly disruptive nature of the proposed development plan, peer reviews ought to be completed to thoroughly study impacts on our ecosystem, traffic, and Woodbridge heritage. Without peer reviews, the concerns of affected residents regarding the many impacts on the Woodbridge community will not likely be adequately addressed or studied.

Traffic along Islington Avenue, for example, is already highly congested at rush hours throughout the week. Slowly moving line-ups of cars regularly form along Islington between Davidson Drive and Rutherford Road. I am greatly concerned that the proposed development plan for this area will exacerbate the heavy traffic congestion in the area. A development plan that increases inconvenience and delay for vehicle traffic in the area is not in the interests of residents or any visitors to the Woodbridge area.

Wildlife is abundant in the area. The abundance of animals, forest, and picturesque sites along the Humber River valley make Woodbridge a unique community within the City of Vaughan. However, the proposed development plan threatens the current balance between wildlife and urban life in the area. I

have observed a range of species on the BOT golf course lands, in surrounding forested areas, and in the nearby Humber River, including: beaver, muskrats, turkeys, coyotes, deer, rabbits, fox, racoons, hawks, bats, and herons. Disruption to the existing ecosystem will impact habitats, and travel routes of these various animals in the area. City Council should seek to protect, and support the delicate balance between wildlife and our community. I believe that peer review regarding ecological impacts is critical in regards to the development application.

I ask that City Council please set aside funds for peer reviews, and consult with the Community Working Group regarding the peer reviews. The golf course lands, surrounding forest and green space are a unique and special area of Woodbridge. Accordingly, it deserves a high-level of attention, study, and understanding before any decisions to permanently alter and disrupt that area are made.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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