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My feelings and thoughts as an output of last night's abomination..

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Elected by the People - Vaughan City Council:

Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mario Ferri, Gino Rosati, Linda Jackson, Rosanna De Francesco, Alan Shefman, Sandra (Yeung) Racco

Your behaviour at the Committee of the Whole meeting in dealing with the Peer Review Resolution was abominable I don't know what rules you follow but members of Council did not have the decency to show your faces during the meeting how, not one of you had any questions or comments, for any of the deputants, that spoke! As I said in my deputation you were just going through the motions and your decision was made well ahead, the famed back room politics of City Hall.

- **Mr. Bevilacqua** at a minimum your constituents expectation is that you respect the citizens of Vaughan...all the people of Vaughan those who voted you in those who did not! Your conduct and response towards Richard Lorello was abysmal and certainly unbecoming of any human being least of all a Mayor it was unbelievably dis-respectful and lacked professionalism and leadership. Your lack of engagement, and community support on the BOT agenda item, is a slap in the face, disrespectful and outright neglectful. Vaughan is not the centre of the universe, as you may think Mr. Bevilacqua, you should consider standing down from your mayoral pedestal. Being a "big fish" in a small pond – Vaughan was your second choice seeing that being a "small fish" in a big pond – Ottawa, did not pan out for you.
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- **Mr. Ferri**, once again, due to an undeclared conflict of interest you did not recuse yourself on this item and have not done so on many other occasions on other items that have gone to Committee of the Whole meetings, as an elected member of council. At a minimum you should have disclosed your conflict of interest at at a minimum exclude yourself from voting
- **Mr. Rosati**...you do not hold your word, to the community! It seems that when it is an election year, promises are made to the community but when the council voting takes place, memory lapses occur Mr. Rosati and the promises made are forgotten. This seems to be a long-time pattern of yours. Do you remember when you stood before a room filled with 500 plus residents when you stated "If the residents don't want this development then I will support you and will not want this development " Was this a promise that was so easily broken
- **Ms. Jackson, Ms. De Francesco, Ms. Yeung-Racco and Mr. Shefman** – why have you voted against the peer review studies? None of you said anything at all about this agenda item and what the deputants had to say yesterday, or even showed any true interest with the community's concerns. If costs were of concern a reasonable threshold could have been established. Other communities were granted some peer reviews, Why is our community any different? Don't you believe that an area of this magnitude and rich historical and cultural value warrants enhanced due diligence before a final decision is made.

Mr. Carella and Ms. lafrate...thank you for motioning in the studies' peer review motion and for seconding it.

Your fellow councillors obviously totally disregarded the community and its citizens.

Your colleagues irrespective of all deputations, presentations, documentation and rallies ignored to properly evaluate the issues, and the rationale supporting the peer reviews raised by the debutants on June 8th, from the debutants that are directly by this proposal fell on deaf ears.

The residents affected have lost all respect, trust and confidence in this Council.

The community was not dealt fairly or in good faith, throughout this entire process with this BOT development application! This is the largest infill development application in a longstanding established community in the heart of Woodbridge! The property in question is the jewel of Vaughan that has existed in excess of 60 years, and is currently zoned as Open Green Space and should remain as such to protect the environmental structure of the area. In this period of Global Warming we should be doing all possible to protect as much green space as possible.

Backroom decisions are made, with no consideration for the very people who live in these communities, the very same people YOU PROFESS TO REPRESENT, pay YOUR SALARIES and your LEGAL BILLS, via our hard-earned tax paying dollars!

Residents in Vaughan are not against development, development applications, City Hall is obligated to make the decisions based on a complete review of all the issues, benefits, flaws and disadvantages in totality to properly assess the proposals so that the best decision is made. With this proposal, the residents, community ratepayer groups directly affected have not been engaged at a minimum the citizen citizens ought to have been engaged in good faith, with respect and with transparency, something that this Council does not understand and does feel the need to follow.

The Mayor easily posts accolades of awards received however poor performance in accounting, ecological improvement and other failures are swept under the rug. In a report card on the health of the Humber River Watershed in 2000, 2013 and 2016, Forest cover by Municipality in the Humber Watershed graded Vaughan with a "D". TRC reports that Vaughan has not met its on-going targets for green space in relation to population growth. In 2018, Vaughan once again received a "D" showing no improvement from 2013.

In academia when a report card shows C or D, one must do better. It's a known fact that there's only limited green space left between here and Lake Ontario. If you look at a map, it's more grey than green, and what is green seems to be golf courses, and we all know the development trend with golf courses. Our future needs to invest in protecting more land in between communities. The Board of Trade lands represent 300 acres and is one of the last green space area in the proximity of Lake Ontario. For the future's sake, members of council, ought to be concerned in making a conscientious well thought out decision that is in the best interest of the community not the developers. Especially within proximity of the Humber River. We all have to think about the long term. This 300 acre lot can be a legacy left behind and accommodate those tens of thousands of people who are aching for green space that isn't packed.