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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(PUBLIC MEETING)

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Subject: [External] Notice of Public Meeting for OP.21.001, z.21.002, 19T-21V001 + DA.21.001

To the City of Vaughan,

We would like to enter the following comments for Tuesday's September 14, 2021 meeting regarding the subject line topic.

Recently, we received a disturbing letter from Vaughan's Development Planning Department letting us know that the plans to build a 12-storey building on the corner of Major Mackenzie & Fossil Hill Road have been revived again. We as residents of Alexie Way are firmly against any such development. Our neighbourhood is made up of 2-storey homes and a few commercial plazas and there are no multi-story buildings in sight. To have these massive buildings standing right in our backyards is not why we moved from Toronto to Vaughan.

As the city planning committee assess this application, please consider the following questions:

- Fossil Hill and Sibella are already very narrow streets. Every morning streets are clogged with cars trying to drop off kids at the school across the street. What will 200 additional units do to the traffic?
- What will this building do to the sunlight that homes get today?
- What will it do to the future value of our homes when they have a 12 storey building standing in our backyards?
- What will happen during construction? A building this size will need heavy equipment and will have underground parking. After the Major Mackenzie extension project, we will now have to put up with noise and vibrations from a far bigger project.
- What does this building do to the aesthetics of the area? I see no such examples of large buildings amongst low-rise houses.
- Why not develop the land by building more homes, commercial stores etc.? Why have people from 12-storeys of units peering into our backyards and homes?
- We understand that Vaughan is a growing city and it needs high rise buildings but there are lots of places where a building can be stood up. There is already a building at Major Mackenzie and Pine Valley and another building there will be just fine, however, interestingly townhouses are being built next to it!!

Overall, we are surprised that such an application was even submitted. We are counting on you to make the right decision here. From our end, we will always oppose such a project just like others will, including our city's honourable Mayor and Councilors if such a building was proposed in their respective backyards.

Regards,

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