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Hello,

I might too late for the meeting tomorrow. Hoping this will be excepted.

Kind regards,
Alexandra Ney

Special Committee of the Whole
Item #6.1, Statutory Initiation of the Vaughan Official Plan Review 2051
Wednesday October 13, 2021

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I'm writing today as I have very grave concerns about the opening of most of the Whitebelt farmlands and countryside in Vaughan and York Region as a whole. I understand the Province is calling for this significant amount of growth, in the Growth Plan 2020, which provides a new 2051 planning horizon and updated growth forecast. I'm heartened to read in the newspapers that Markham asked for a reduction in Whitebelt development expansion and to consider higher levels of intensification, King asked for less Whitebelt development and more growth within villages. I understand you have a lot of pressure from upper tier levels of government and decisions to be made, but I'm hopeful you will also request much less Whitebelt development and not endorse the Regional official plan at this time. These decisions will have lasting effects on the area, infrastructure and your existing residents. The last 2010 VOP, as I understand, did not have the growth that was forecasted.

Once the whitebelt is opened to development there is no going back, I'm asking:

- 1) That York Region and the City of Vaughan do not make any decisions on forecasted land needs or urban boundary expansion until the release of the Auditor General's value for money audit on the land needs assessment process and direction provided by the Province on Provincial Growth.
- 2) With the above in mind - the City of Vaughan consider passing a motion and/or sending a letter in support of the Auditor General's ongoing value for money audit of land use planning. In lieu of this, would individual Councillors take the initiative to send a letter expressing concern and supporting the above Auditor General value for money audit.
- 3) That the City of Vaughan provide comments back to the Region, copying the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs expressing concerns about the magnitude of lands proposed for urban expansion and the time horizon. Expressing concern that Public Consultation opportunities on the proposed urban boundary expansion for Vaughan Residents has been inadequate.

As I understand York Region is in the process of reviewing and deciding land use boundary and designations, during its comprehensive review/official plan. With the past 2 years and continuing economic climate, it is questionable if York Region has the money for development of the necessary infrastructure? York Region and Vaughan does not have the infrastructure in place for transit to support the proposed massive growth. The end result will promote car dependency, gridlock and more pollution. Supporting this level of Urban growth will not support your own declaration of a climate emergency. If you build within the already

developed areas, you have the waste water infrastructure and some of the other required infrastructure in place.

There is the uncertainty surrounding the GTA West Corridor, lands are frozen around the proposed highway, so is it fair to make decisions about the surrounding lands at this time?

I'm greatly concerned about the directed Official Plan horizon by the Province of 30 years, especially with all the uncertainty during a pandemic. People want to have open spaces, and are much more aware of the necessity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This will not be achieved with creating more car dependent communities, due to the lack of alternative transit options.

Regional Councillors, I did not see updates to your COV citizens as the Regional Official Plan 2051 process has been ongoing. I may have missed the information, with this said I hope in the future you will inform your voting residents, so we may participate in the Regional Public input process and/or speak to issues which concern us. This is the only way we can build communities together.

I'm not against development, realizing change comes, and communities grow. I ask you take into consideration your existing communities and residents, addressing our needs and what our future will be like. Value our farmlands, food production, surrounding countryside and the vulnerable wetlands, woodlots, streams, Greenbelt and Oakridge Moraine. We are invested stake holders who would like to have our say in how the City grows, have our needs addressed, thereby addressing the needs for future residents.

Kind regards,
Alexandra Ney
Resident on King Vaughan Road