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City of Vaughan Clerk Office

Re: Official Plan Review – 13 October 2021

Dear Mayor & M of C,

After hearing the presentations, I wish to add my comments at this time, but I trust there will be opportunities to discuss the issues raised as you move forward with this review in the coming years.

My 3 issues presently are:

- 1. More attention should be allocated to the VMC, where there is City has approved high density residential and more. Once the VMC is built out, significant pressures will be reduced for High Density Residential in other areas of the city.
- 2. Developments at the VMC should be contemplated as a complete development from the start. What I'm trying to say is that there must be considerations given for Retail, Restaurants, Coffee places and other services that will serve the new and existing residents and this is the only way to entice more people to want to move into these areas. People want to just walk downstairs to get their services.
- 3. Furthermore, the city should focus more attention and allocate funds to providing more Arts, Cultural events, Music and other services that will provide a complete City. Yes, something is happening, but more is necessary to attract the new residents but also the existing residents.

I agree with presenter Angela Grella that we should provide more medium density at the VMC. If we do that, we will have a more complete Downtown for everyone, who wish to live, work & play in Vaughan.

Sincerely, Mario G. Racco President-Brownridge Ratepayers Association