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Subject: FW: [External] Urgent action needed at 4101 Rutherford Rd.
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Dear Mayor and Councillors.

As you know, at the City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole meeting of May 18, 2021, the Vaughan City councillors sent Velmar Centre Property Limited (4101 Rutherford Road) to mediation which was to be led by the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT, previously known as LPAT). Council had hoped that a OLT led mediation would bring the landowner and the community to a compromise. The landowner however has refused to engage in the OLT led mediation and instead has chosen to go directly to an OLT hearing which will commence on November 9, 2021. He has now circumvented your authority and snubbed his nose at the entire community.

During the May 18, 2021 meeting, the City of Vaughan Council made a commitment to the community that if OLT led mediation failed, then Council would reject the proposed development.

Today we were informed that the Velmar Centre Property Limited (4101 Rutherford Road) development application will be discussed in a closed session council meeting on October 13, 2021. The City of Vaughan Council will decide whether to hire a lawyer and planners to fight this condominium development on behalf of the residents at the OLT.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We ask you to uphold your commitment and reject this development application of 7 stories and 139 units. Do not break your promise to the Weston Downs community and allow this developer to set a dangerous precedent in Vaughan and in Weston Downs. Take back control over the Planning process for our city.

Thank you for you continued support.