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Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 11:37 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Comments regarding the VOP2010 Review

Good evening.

I am sending you my comments regarding the VOP2010 Review. I was unable to submit my comments prior to the scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for this evening of October 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. but I was online at this time and was able to stream the Live Council. My apologies for submitting my comments a bit late. Please accept my letter so that my comments may be considered.

Thank you very much in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,
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Woodbridge, Ontario
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Re: Comments regarding the Review of VOP2010

Date: October 13, 2021

Good evening, sir/madam.

My name is Elisa Testa and I reside at [REDACTED] Bruce Street in Woodbridge, Ontario. I have lived here for 31 years. Throughout my years of residency at this address, I have consistently been involved through the Vaughanwood Ratepayers Association in city development and sprawl. I have found the subject fascinating and yes, I have a special interest in it too. I do want to see urban development happen as we need to accommodate our growth in population and, we need to meet the needs of the people who so proudly reside in this great city, but we must develop appropriately and with careful planning. For example, Schedule 13 of the VOP2010 clearly outlines green space which must be maintained. We cannot reduce our designated areas of natural heritage. We have seen many regional storms in recent years throughout North America which have caused devastating effects to existing communities. The most recent devastation due to flooding was in New Jersey just this past summer. These natural disasters have been repeatedly proven as the effects of global warming causing climactic change. Therefore, we cannot be continually cutting down trees to allow for urban sprawl. Diminishing green space only perpetuates climate change. The less trees we have the more smog we have as trees act as a filter (they take in carbon dioxide given off by man made emissions and they give off oxygen). This smog creates cloud barriers which increases the green house effect (the sun's rays penetrate the cloud barrier but cannot escape out of the atmosphere) causing a warming effect of the climate which in turn, may cause unusual weather patterns.

My apologies for the science lesson within this context but again, I am asking you to please protect our green space. There should be no changes to what has already been designated as areas of conservation of green space. Urban development and sprawl need to be planned out with as minimal impact to this natural heritage as possible.

Furthermore, it is of the utmost importance to limit development in mature communities of single-family dwellings and keep the height of buildings facing highway #7 to only six stories or less according to the OP. An example of this is within the areas along highway #7 between Islington Avenue and Pine Valley Drive. There are already three low- and mid-rise buildings along this path, two town home developments, one on the north side of highway #7 and one on the south side and two more buildings have been proposed on the north side of highway #7 east of Islington Avenue. These two blocks of land along the highway are completely saturated and cannot hold yet two more condominium complexes.

There is extensive grid lock along this part of the road as the highway narrows along this path. Plans to potentially widen this part of highway #7 are not clear and will probably not happen soon due to the CN bridge over-pass just west of Kipling Avenue. Also, when a building is erected along this corridor within an existing mature community, it will infringe on the privacy of the properties whose backyards run along highway #7. Carefully planning around these areas may be much more appropriate. It should also fit with the mosaic of the already existing community.

As a resident of the City of Vaughan for over 30 years, I am asking you to please consider the comments of our community members in the planning process. Our future depends on it!

Sincerely,

Elisa Testa

■ Bruce Street

Woodbridge, Ontario

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