

February 6, 2022

Tuesday February 8, 2022

10. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MUNICIPAL FINAL AUTHORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING 193 Resolution of Councillor Iafrate and Councillor Shefman with respect to the above.

Supporting the Resolution for Municipality being the Final Authority for Development Planning

Dear Members of Vaughan Council:

We have had issues with the OMB, LPAT, and when considering the OLT, we realize that this adjudication body is there to serve the development community at the expense of the environment, the Oak Ridges Moraine, productive farmland, the Greenbelt, and the citizens of Ontario/Vaughan.

We have spent thousands of dollars at LPAT hearings having to hire experts, lawyers, and others. Enormous amounts of our time including many years of negotiations before and after LPATs, efforts having to deal with developers that predictably backslide on agreements, have made us wary and wanting to eliminate the OLT. The lack of support at OMB, LPAT, and OLT for residents, and official plans at the expense of environmentally sensitive areas, make the OLT irrelevant and archaic.

OLT is an unaccountable body that makes a mockery of it of the public process, official plans approved by the province, and what most residents in Vaughan want: to preserve the environment, productive farmland, and other natural heritage features of Vaughan.

Planning matters are the decisions of municipalities and not the jurisdiction of unelected members of the OLT, who rarely (if ever) know the community, and have no stake or accountability as politically appointed adjudicators.

We are the only the province that has this type of tribunal and supports abolishing the OLT.

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