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Resolution Supporting Municipal Final Authority for Development Planning

Thank you for the opportunity to address Vaughan Council on the Resolution Supporting Municipal Final Authority for Development Planning.

My name is Ron Moro and my family has lived at [REDACTED] Tasha Court for the last 30 years. We have raised our children in this community, they attended the local schools and participated in the local sports associations. Needless to say, Vaughan has been a great City to raise our family.

This is why over the years I have provided deputations to this Council, to York Region, and spoke at two OMB/OLT hearings. I had to stand up and defend our land locked community from unfair intensification due to poor planning. If you recall my deputation to Vaughan Council on June 22nd, 2021 I ended with the following statement:

“The Municipality blames the Region, the Region blames the Province, the Province claims the Municipality controls height and density. The developers just disregards everyone and go to the OLT. Nice planning process!!!” So I agree the existing system is broken and frustrating for residents.

My understanding of this Resolution is that all stakeholders, Municipal, Regional, Provincial, and Residents will have an opportunity to review the Official Plan at the prescribed intervals, at which point amendments can be discussed and finalized. Subsequent amendments to the zoning would only be considered if and when major infrastructure improvements have been made in and around the affected area.

From a resident’s point of view, the onus will be on the elected Municipal Council to ensure most affected residents are directly contacted to participate in the process.

In 2009, our community had to hire a lawyer and a planner to litigate OPA661 at an OMB hearing. The outcome was that the low density residential boundary line was repositioned and properties on the southeast corner of HWY7 & Kipling were zoned as Low Rise Residential. These were embedded in the Official Plan 2010 and agreed upon by all parties to protect the character of the neighbourhood. Today we have an aggressive developer that is requesting amending the zoning to allow 166 units where there were 4 low rise homes. Please note that there have been no infrastructure improvements to justify. The developer has refused our request to consider a built form that is more consistent and harmonious with the surrounding adjacent properties. Instead the developer threatened and did appeal to the OLT. The developer has deep pockets and is confident they will get their way at the OLT. This would be truly be a mockery of the planning process.

If this Resolution by Councillor lafrate and Councillor Shefman was adopted and implemented we would not be wasting volunteer time and money to litigate this approved zoning once again.

This Resolution has merit and I would support. Thank you again for this opportunity. Be safe!!!

Ron Moro

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