

Good Morning,

I am writing this email in anguish, sadness and disappointment for the outcome of the May 23rd Vaughan Council Committee of the Whole meeting for all the residents in the Via Borghese and surrounding areas. Speaking to community residents, there is an evident feeling of the big guy vs the little guy and us the little guy has not been fairly treated by the City of Vaughan politicians, developers and builders.

In life, we have been reminded by wonderful family and friends, that you can't fight every battle that comes your way, even though you want to for the principle of the matter called "fairness". So, I have given some serious consideration and brainstorming and discussion with residents on the 3 issues at hand. The first one is the opening of Via Borghese and making it a thorough street to Pinevalley and to Major Mackenzie. The second is the question of the builder creating a subdivision consisting of detached homes and towns. The third issue is the destruction of our trees.

All of these three concerns are very important to our community. We cannot change the fact that the homes and towns are going to be built, but thankfully less are being built due to the action of our community and Council of Vaughan. Secondly, the destruction of our lovely trees, the City Manager indicated was due to the freezing storm we had several years ago, which personally does not account for all of those trees to be cut. This tragedy also, we cannot change. It has already happened. Yes, we ask for accountability and place more trees in the area that the destruction took place not around all of Vaughan's parks.

So, now, I embark on the issue that is very crucial to every resident that lives in the immediate and surrounding areas; the opening of Via Borghese St. I think this is the main issue that Council should re-consider at this moment. The traffic flow will not just affect the residents of that street but everyone that lives in the immediate community. We can also make the comparison for our street to the National Golf estate homes at Pinevalley and Rutherford.

During the last election, I attended several candidates' meetings. The residents who did not live in this mentioned area asked why is Pinevalley and Rutherford not an open street and that it should be opened up at the intersection for traffic so they don't have to go around to Langstaff. A lot of the politicians and residents insisted that it will remain closed. So to this day, it remains closed. The old adage, "Is it really greener on the other side of the street?" Why the difference? We want the same consideration and respect for our existing community that you gave to that community.

We bought our homes in this location for peace, safety and security for our families. This will impact everyone's life especially the little ones. There are plenty of other entrances and exits to accommodate the building of these homes. We know that Members of Council have had a difficult job to deal with all the concerns that have been brought up by residents. We also know there has been compromise on both sides of the spectrum. We also know you can make decisions and can change existing ones. For all the residents who voted for you, your constituents are grateful for taking good care of Vaughan and making it a great place to live. So now we are asking the same of you, keep our Via Borghese a great safe place to live.

I would love to extend an invitation to all Council Members and the Developers and the Builders to visit Via Borghese as a community to experience firsthand for yourself why residents are so passionate about living here and enjoying their piece of paradise when it comes to tranquility, peace and quiet, very little traffic and noise pollution, and most important of all for the security of their children and families to play and enjoy their community in its originality.

We are all human beings. You would want the same for you and your children and families. Please reconsider this concern before you ratify your decisions.

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