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Hi John,

This was the email that was sent to the clerks office regarding the parking pads - File Number Z.14.04

With thanks,
SpringFarm Rate Payers Association.

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From: SpringFarm RatePayers Assoc <springfarmra@gmail.com>

Date: 12 January 2015 at 09:14

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To: clerks@vaughan.ca

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The SpringFarm Ratepayers Association (SFRA) ask Council to consider the change below to the proposed Zoning By-law 1-88 amendment which is intended permit parking to occur on a hard-landscaped walkway adjacent to the driveway in the front or exterior side yard of a residential lot (on frontages 6 meters and greater)

The SFRA would be in support of the proposed amendment if the City was to also consider taking the same action that other cities such as Kitchener, Victoria B.C. and Maryland (links to websites below) have taken regarding driveway extensions.

The SFRA strongly recommends the City of Vaughan consider a special tax to be levied on any homeowner who uses impermeable pavement to cover additional soil, which was not originally approved for a driveway.

We all know these driveway extensions will have negative environmental consequences and additional stress will be put on our sewer system.

For example, by covering permeable grass with impermeable concrete, asphalt or interlocking brick, an increased volume of rain would be caused to flow into the City of Vaughan storm sewer system as opposed to being absorbed in the ground.

The tax would be a set dollar amount per square foot of the incremental pavement addition and money collected would be used as a contribution to help defray the increased costs of storm sewer system upgrades which would be required. If permeable materials were used to create the incremental parking, no tax would be levied.

This tax would encourage people to use more environmentally friendly approaches as they expand their driveways under the proposed amendment.

It is important that we not lose sight of the impact that the hardscaped extensions will have on our sewer management system

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

SpringFarm Ratepayers Association

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Background Information: Kitchener

<http://watercanada.net/2013/user-fees-that-please/>

Victoria

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/victoria-offers-tips-ahead-of-2014-stormwater-bills-1.668817>

<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/departments/engineering/stormwater.html>

Maryland - Rain Tax

<http://news.yahoo.com/included-maryland-controversial-rain-tax-exactly-sounds-031617277--finance.html>

Permeable Solution

<http://purus-northamerica.com/>