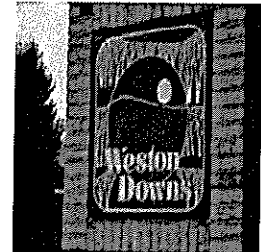


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Dear Members of Council & City Clerk,

Unfortunately, due to the fact that as a volunteer organization, most of our board and members have a full-time job, which requires them to work during the day, we are unable to attend an afternoon meeting in person to address our concerns. Therefore, on behalf of the Weston Downs Ratepayers' Association (WDRA), we are writing to you to address two issues on the agenda of the Committee of the Whole (February 25, 2014 at 1pm) meeting.

The first issue is regarding agenda item #5 – "VAUGHAN MILLS CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN (THE "VMCS PLAN") CITY OF VAUGHAN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SUBMISSIONS FILE #: 26.1 WARD 3 & 4". We understand from reviewing the documentation provided on the City's website, that the road network on the west side of the Vaughan Mills Centre Secondary Plan will not have a direct (westbound) connection to Astona Blvd (which is within the Weston Downs Community) at Weston Rd. We would like to reiterate our **community's strong concerns against** having a direct connection and remind everyone of the motion passed by council last fall that recommended that the "originally proposed" connection with Astona Blvd be "eliminated" from the Vaughan Mills Centre Secondary Plan.

The second issue is regarding agenda item #15 – "REGISTERED RATEPAYERS / COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION POLICY REVIEW". We understand that it is due process that staff be afforded the opportunity to review and report back on the recommendations provided by the taskforce. We wanted to indicate that the WDRA fully supports the recommendations of the Registered Ratepayer Policy Review taskforce and that we impress upon council to direct staff to report back as quickly as possible with a maximum timeframe of 45 days. Furthermore, given that the forthcoming recommendations impact the civic engagement of a number of volunteer organization whose members are mostly likely unavailable to attend a daytime meeting to provide their input on the recommendations, we would ask that Council direct staff to schedule this item during a special committee of the whole (working session) meeting that takes place in the evening hours (at or after 7pm).

Respectfully,

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