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FW: Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct Plan

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Hello,

Further to the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 3, 2013, I am writing to express my concerns about some elements of the precinct plan.

As a resident of the subdivision that abuts the north end of the precinct, I share Councillor Iafrate concern about the height of the buildings on the north end of the precinct (20 metres), as well as the potential height of 75 metres in other areas of the precinct. It was not clearly explained in the presentation why this vertical height is required, and what other planning options were explored. It appears that the Mackenzie Richmond Hill hospital takes up a smaller acreage footprint, but does not reach this height, so question why it is required and recommended at the new sit?

Another of my concerns is the proposed municipal roadway, the rationale for which, is not fully explained, particularly in light of the detrimental effect of future hospital expansion and required acreage. Does the current plan recommend a plan with above-needed heights in order to negate the need for the additional acreage taken up by the proposed municipal road? Why is the road required? Mr. Stationwala explained the potential negative impact of including the road in the initial plan, but the corresponding impact of not including it was not presented by the City, and believe this context is important in determining the most efficient plan for the site.

I trust that these factors will be considered by Council when reviewing and debating proposed plan options.

Thank you,

Nancy Van Kessel