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**RE: Oct 29th Committee of the Whole Agenda Item 8 Report 42
Site Development File No. DA.13055
Ward 2, Vicinity of Napa Valley and Rutherford Road**

Dear City Clerk, Honourable Mayor Bevilacqua and Regional and Local Councillors of Vaughan and City Planning,

My name is Tina Catalano and I live on 20 Dalmato Crt. I am writing today as a resident of the community of Vaughan as **I am strongly opposed to the site selection of Napa Valley and Rutherford Road as a site for locating a telecommunications tower.**

While I do not reside in the affected community I do reside in Vaughan and do not feel comfortable watching towers go up in the back yards of members of my community, especially in communities where there are many young families residing with young children. Today its their backyard and tomorrow it may be mine and at the end of the day we all have to look out for one another and work with the city to find locations that make the most sense. While there continues to be a debate on the merits of potential health hazards as a consequence to the exposure to electromagnetic radiation from telecommunication towers, the fact is that the **WHO did classify electromagnetic radiation to be a potential carcinogen.** While more recently there is much talk on the phone being the issue and not the tower, at the end of the day it is the **same form of radiation that is being emitted whether it is from the phone or the antenna**, albeit with a tower the highest levels being near the source (at the antenna) and lower levels as you move away from the source. Nevertheless, given the uncertainties and the continued debate why should we unnecessarily continue to expose our most vulnerable, our children! While I agree that society demands coverage we as a City need to evaluate appropriate locations that will ensure that coverage is met but while also looking at all available options to ensure that the location is one that will be of the smallest impact to the community – ie. locating as far as reasonably possible. If possible find a location that will allow for co-location, one that is reasonable distance away from residential areas so that rather than having many smaller towers infiltrate the community with individual providers we can have fewer larger towers that should be able to cover larger areas.

Napa Valley and Rutherford Road is the wrong location on many fronts:

1. Location= very close to residential in a very dense neighbourhood
2. Elementary school close by

3. Location will be at the entry way to Napa Valley community and thus not aesthetically pleasing to have a 40ft tower right at the corner
4. Co-location not possible, nor would it be the right location for co-location thereby resulting in more towers coming into the community by other carriers
5. With hydro corridor in the vicinity there is already exposure to ELF's in this community why introduce another source of exposure to this vulnerable community?
6. Many bought their homes knowing there was no cell tower here and this is being forced upon them
7. There are other options in this area that should ensure coverage while maximizing distance from homes and schools – ie. open pockets of green space with greater distance from homes that serve as a better option

I ask that council and City planning strongly re-consider the proposed location and find a location that is more appropriate.

As a concerned member of the community of Vaughan, as a member of the Telecommunications Task Force, I ask that the City of Vaughan carefully re-evaluate this proposal along with the many other proposals that are coming forward for telecommunications sites and ensure that you consider the residents of this community first and work together with carriers to ensure responsible siting!

Please accept this letter as official correspondence as my deputation towards the above noted item for the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 29th, 2013. I would wish to receive any future correspondence on this matter.

Thanks in advance for listening to concerns of the community and being leaders in responsible telecommunications siting. I respectfully ask for acknowledgement and consideration of my submitted letter.

Kind regards,

Tina Catalano