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Subject: October 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
Attachments: Petitions.zip

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

My name is Emily Scarcello and I live at 51 Carstad Cres. I am writing today as a resident who is strongly opposed to the proposed cell tower site at Napa Valley and Rutherford Road.

I reside in the area and the affected community and I oppose this site selection for a telecommunication tower to be erected, since it is in a densely populated neighbourhood where there are many young families residing. I understand that there continues to be debates regarding health concerns with radiation emitted from cell towers and cell phones but according to the World Health Organization factsheet, it states that according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer , electromagnetic fields produced by mobile phones are classified as possibly carcinogenic. Hence, the risk is evident if you are living close to a cell tower since you will be exposed to this radiation every day all the time while in your home. In further researching this topic I also understand that the closer you are to the telecommunications tower the more exposure you get and as you get farther away, one is exposed to lower levels. Therefore, it would be appropriate to move these telecommunications towers in a less densely populated area. I understand and I am aware of the increasing demands for service , however, a more suitable location is needed. As a city we need to ensure that when planning construction of cell towers we choose locations that have the least impact to the community that are as far away as possible while meeting the demand for coverage. I also believe that it would be a good idea to co-locate service providers on the same cell tower -which is constructed far away as possible from densely populated residential neighbourhoods which would result in having fewer towers erected in neighbourhoods.

Napa Valley and Rutherford Rd. is the wrong location for many reasons:

1. Location- it is very close to densely populated residential area

2. Day care and elementary school nearby

3. There already are hydro towers opposite this proposed cell tower site hence more radiation exposure would be added to that already emitted from the hydro towers.

4. There are other possible options available in this area such as green space that is farther away from homes, schools and daycares.

5. I also think that if a very large cell tower that is 40 feet tall is going to be constructed on the corner of Napa Valley and Rutherford Rd. it would not be aesthetically pleasing for our community as one enters and exits this subdivision, especially since it has to be enclosed and surrounded by a fenced in area. Furthermore, It is also a York Region public transit bus stop location.

6. Another important reason is that co-location is not possible therefore causing more cell towers to be constructed.

I strongly ask Council and City Planning to strongly reconsider the proposed site for the cell tower on Napa Valley and Rutherford Rd and find a location that is more appropriate. Please accept this letter as official correspondence as my deputation towards the above noted item for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 29, 2013.

Thank you in advance for listening to my concerns and the concerns of many of my neighbours. Petitions have been sent by my neighbour Diana Marini and I will also attach the same petitions as we are working collaboratively to oppose this cell tower construction site.

Sincerely,

Emily Scarcello