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Dear Members of Council,

I've read Item #8 on the Committee of the Whole report for today. It's good to see some initiative put forward in getting infrastructure built for the residents of Vaughan. As a representative and resident of the Vaughan Countryside Communities (as recently dubbed by the Ward Boundary Review undertaken by Dr. Ron Landes), infrastructure improvements in our area are top of mind.

As the number 1 issue for Vaughan residents, improving our traffic congestion has to be a priority. I am sorry to report to this Council that to date I'm unaware of any meaningful, tangible or real infrastructure improvements that are completed and currently being used by Vaughan residents that have improved our traffic problems. If there are any, perhaps a communication strategy crediting this Council with that infrastructure upgrade needs to be improved. I want desperately for this Council to say "We have a new interchange on the 400" or "Kirby Road has been completed and opened", or "Rutherford Road has been widened to 6 lanes". Talking about it doesn't really mean anything to residents. Building it does.

Lastly, before the New Community Areas are built, it is absolutely essential that the transportation infrastructure improvements are in place FIRST. I understand that the arterial road network serves a larger area, and hence a local area (Like block 41 and 27) cannot be solely burdened to build that specific improvement. That Block, however, can at least UP FRONT its construction and be paid back over a period of time by the Region or the City. That is a reasonable condition of approval. This is a creative Public Private Partnership that can get much needed services NOW as opposed to waiting.

I was disappointed not to see a recommendation of this UP FRONTING of transportation infrastructure improvements in this Report. Long drawn out processes to determine these things seems exactly that...long and drawn out. We should not bog down these processes with unnecessary layers upon layers of policy and "let's talk about it". Just get it done! Build the infrastructure now so this Council can get credit for it otherwise it is likely most of Council will be running on the *promise* (again) that they will solve our traffic problems without any tangible results from the past term.

-Antony.

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