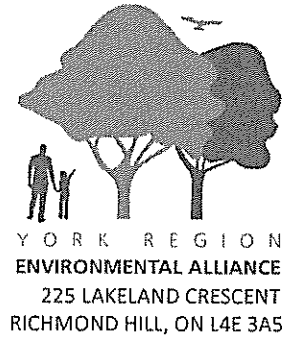


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October 15, 2012

Mayor and Council
City of Vaughan
Clerk's Office
E: Jeffrey.abrams@vaughan.ca

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2012, ITEM #8, BLOCK 27 & 41

The York Region Environmental Alliance is participating in and providing input at Vaughan's Natural Heritage Network Study (NHNS) meetings and commends the City for undertaking this worthy initiative.

Just as companies are increasingly looking at a triple bottom line model to doing business, so to, must municipalities and the cities and towns within them, embrace a holistic approach to planning and building if we are to realize liveable, healthy, vibrant communities.

To avoid the mistakes of piecemeal planning (more gridlock, urban sprawl and ecological degradation) we ask that the identified Secondary Plans and Natural Heritage Network Study be substantially complete so that transportation, mixed use development, amenities, services, employment, infrastructure and preservation of green spaces can be considered all together in an informed manner with input from all stakeholders.

We therefore feel it is premature to initiate the Secondary Plans for New Community Areas until the important work of the Natural Heritage Network Study is complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gloria Marsh".

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