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Vaughan Mayor and members of Council Clerk's Department Policy Planning Heritage Vaughan Committee members Ward Boundary Review Consulting Team

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RE: Vaughan Ward Boundary Review preferred alignment

The MRRA believes that the existing Ward 1 boundaries around Maple should be maintained in the present configuration.

• Geographic Communities of Interest: ward boundaries should reflect communities, such as Concord, Kleinburg, Maple, Thornhill and Woodbridge, as well as new communities like Carrville and Vellore.

The goal of keeping Maple together will not be achieved in Ward 1 with this proposed re-alignment. We are connected the community of Maple in terms of being part of the north/eastern boundary. It is evident the proposed change to the Ward 1 boundary will sever the established community of "Maple" between Ward 1 and Ward 4 in a way that will further fragments us. We have no connection to Concord and North Thornhill in Ward 4 and are more geographically connected to Maple in terms of being able to walk to the proposed North Maple Park. When we purchased our homes, we did so as part of Maple, as our subdivision was advertised as being part of Maple, and we have a Maple postal code.

The MRRA feels strongly that we must keep the Maple together (current ward alignment). As noted in the boundary review meetings, Ward 1 would still be the least populous or at least similar to other less populated wards, and would be expected to remain that way until about 2022.

We want to be clear about how our communities are expected to grow, and where. This is especially an issue as development applications routinely have little regard for established population targets. There needs to be much greater clarity and without accurate numbers, a re-alignment of the Ward boundaries seems somewhat premature.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Kenedy, President of the MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association Subject:

FW: Ward Boundary Review Preferred Alignment

Attachments:

MRRA Ward Boundary Review Preferred Alignment Dec 12, 2016.pdf

----Original Message----

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Subject: Re: Ward Boundary Review Preferred Alignment

Please find the attached comments on the Vaughan Ward Boundary Review preferred alignment.

I am hoping these comments will be considered this Wednesday, as the recommended boundaries regarding Ward 1 are disruptive and disturb the continuity of our community.

Best,

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