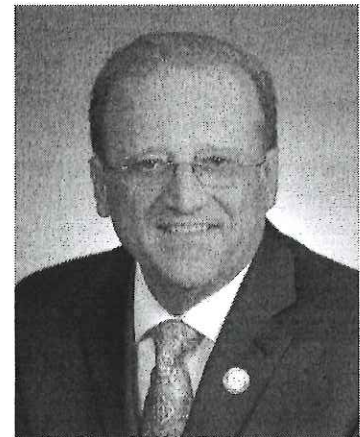


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Clerk, City of Vaughan



Mario F. Ferri M.E.S.
DEPUTY MAYOR
LOCAL & REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

Re: Committee of the Whole (Working Session) March 7, 2018
Item 5 – North Maple Regional Park Phase 2 Due Diligence

I am writing this brief note to express my support for the staff recommendation regarding the North Maple Regional Park. In my absence, please accept this note as an expression of support for the project and the urgency to move it into reality as soon as possible.

As many of you know, this project had its beginning in the late 1990's and culminated in the Maple Valley Plan Report that was approved by Council in 2003 outlining the potential uses of this Regional Park. I stood behind the report at that time and continue to support the report today. The Maple Valley Plan contained a vision that was embraced by the general community because of its diversity and opportunities to enjoy the leisure and recreational activities contained therein.

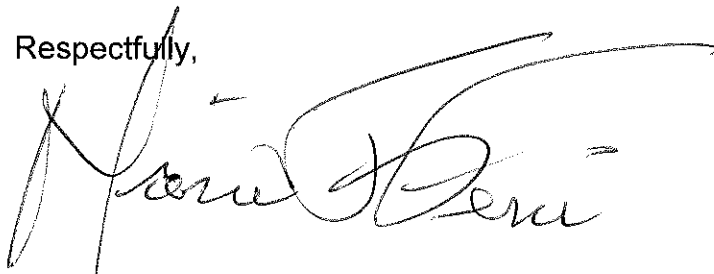
Although I am excited by the staff report, I want to be certain that we bring this project to a conclusion within the near future. Many in the community have expressed disappointment in the time that it has taken to get it to where we are today. Although I tend to agree, I am heartened by the fact that this project now creates the opportunity to expand it to 900 acres engaging multiple partners that enriched the project dramatically.

Not only does this project allow full use of the existing park area, but the current vision maximizes and creates the potential to transform the two former landfills into useable space for current and future generations. The concept of partnership to bring this project to life needs to be supported to ensure that the construction of this park is realized in the near future.

Our residents will be afforded the opportunity to enjoy concerts, year-round recreational space, cultural and performing arts productions, natural trails, hiking, bike paths and boardwalks, and more, as well as the partnership opportunities with Golf Canada and local entrepreneurs; creating destinations points for tourism, visitors and ensuring active and passive uses for all levels and abilities, age and interests.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that this park is destined to be a special place where recreation, culture and nature meet.

Respectfully,

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Mario F. Ferri, M.E.S.

Deputy Mayor, Local & Regional Councillor