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Subject: FW: NHN Study Item 1, CW April 14th

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Dear Members of Council,

With regards to the above noted item, I have the following comments and concerns:

1. Inaccuracies in the mapping are apparent across all of Vaughan, all of which we object to. We not only object to site specific mapping errors on properties we own, but on the mapping across the entire City. For example, the Rizmi Lands are inaccurate, VOP Appeal #21 Lands are inaccurate, the NE corner of Dufferin and Teston Rd. Are inaccurate, Kortright Center is inaccurate and Boyd Park is inaccurate, just to name a few.
2. A habitat compensation protocol is very interesting. I look forward to helping craft such a protocol. It goes a long way to creating flexible environments and likely increasing the amount of land set aside for environmental protections.
3. As Council is aware, you passed the following resolution On December 11th, 2012 (Item 2, Report No. 51, Committee of the Whole (Working Session): **"That a notwithstanding clause, similar to that found in Section 5.4 b) of OPA 604 amending OPA 332 (Oak Ridges Moraine Conformity OPA) be incorporated into the NHN Inventory and Improvement Plan for those areas within the jurisdiction of the municipality"** This clause is still missing from the document. I don't know why.
4. The document provides too much discretion regarding policy interpretation to external agencies such as the TRCA. There are no accountability measures in place with those external agencies. Such policy interpretations should be brought into the Vaughan Planning department, especially since this is Vaughan Official Plan, not the TRCA Official Plan. The only policy interpretations that the TRCA should have are those that are given to them under provincial authority, which is under the Conservation Authorities Act. The TRCA should not be included in clauses that say things like : "....to the satisfaction of.....the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority", unless it is under their provincial authority, like their Regulated Area and Flood Plains. Everything else is duplicitous and overly regulatory, not to mention undemocratic since the TRCA is not an directly elected body with democratic checks and balances, it is an appointed body. The City of Toronto for example has 5 private citizens on the Board.
5. All TRCA owned lands in their entirety should be included in the NHN Core Features. For example, the entire Kortright Center and the Boyd Conservation Ares should be entirely Core Features. Right now they are not. The current mapping shows them as partially developable lands.
6. Setbacks are too large. 10m is sufficient. Sometimes less where appropriate.

Yours Truly,
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