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Members of Council,

Further to the email below, I have had a subsequent discussion with John Mackenzie who has assured me that there will be ample opportunity for public input up to November 29<sup>th</sup>. He has also confirmed that the document is far from a final document and there will be possibilities for amendment through the outlined public information process. I still have not yet read the document, however, I expressed the following general concerns regarding environmental protection:

1. Vaughan is one of the fastest growing municipalities in all of Canada. We should embrace the fact that our City is a place where many people want to call their home. Without land available for development, that will be difficult and price us out of the market for everyday Canadians. Simple supply and demand. We have so few lands left that we have to make sure as much of it is available as possible so the next generation can have the same benefits as our generation. We have to be careful not to prejudice our ability to grow and approve lands by over freezing good developable land and trying to make it into a grove of trees or a river full of fish when one doesn't currently exist there today.
2. To that end, I was concerned over putting too large of setbacks adjacent to environmental lands. 10 meters is more than sufficient. Anything more is excessive.
3. Enhancement Areas need to be reduced. I watched a presentation during this Natural Heritage Review a few months ago that turned a mostly white (with some green environmental areas in it) picture of northern Vaughan, and turned it almost entirely green with Enhancement Areas and large setbacks. All I saw there was unaffordable white belt lands to remain where only the most wealthy of residents would be permitted to live.
4. Lastly, this Natural Heritage Network Document is a very high level document spanning tens of thousands of acres. It will be impossible to verify on the ground the significance of any identified feature until there is a site specific application that confirms the boundary of the feature. My simple ask in this situation is that any environmental boundary feature identified as part of this Natural heritage Network be able to be refined when site specific studies are brought forward with any development applications.

Mr. Mackenzie has assured me these general concerns as well as any further concerns that arise from the public consultation process will be addressed. To this end, I no longer request the deferral and look forward to working with the Planning Department on this file.

Yours Truly,  
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Members of Council,

I just noticed the Natural Heritage Network Item on the agenda for next week. I respectfully request the item be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> for the following reasons:

1. The document is 64 pages long and absolutely impossible to be digested in a meaningful way not only by me, but our environmental team of consultants in such a short period of time.
2. We have been heavily involved in the Natural Heritage Network Study, attending the Public Information Sessions and high level discussions with various staff and decision makers. The fruitfulness of those discussions are difficult to interpret in a 64 pg document in such a short period of time. The document is extremely detailed.
3. There will be no prejudice to the City efforts if the item is delayed. The Natural Heritage Network is a very important item to the City and it is important it receives the very best public input available from its most affected stakeholders.
4. By October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be able to provide a fulsome response and comments to the document that may prove helpful to Council when making its decision on the matter.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Thank you.

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