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FW: 2011-2012 There were 7,872 Canadians who sought help for problem gambling.

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From: Rossana Burgos

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:25 PM

To: Abrams, Jeffrey

Subject: Fwd: 2011-2012 There were 7,872 Canadians who sought help for problem gambling.

Dear Mr. Abrams,

Please include the below submission for the item on the agenda tomorrow regarding the casino.

Thank you,

Rossana Burgos

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From: **Rossana Burgos** <rossanaburgos@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 9:55 AM

Subject: 2011-2012 There were 7,872 Canadians who sought help for problem gambling.

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Dear Members of VaughanCouncil,

According to the most recent copy of Canadian Gambling Digest 2011-2012, these are the number of Candians who sought help and counselling for problem gambling by province:

BC
4,611
AB
unavailable
SK
992
MB
2,567
ON
7,872
QC
7,046
NB
667
NS
948

Between 2011-2012 a total of **24,900 Canadians sought help and counselling for problem gambling**. These people are our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children, grandparents. What about the people who are hiding their problem from their loved ones? The people who won't admit they have a problem? The people who don't ask for help, how many more are out there? Are you willing to add to this number, to this problem? Please watch this video, to see the pain and destruction that casinos and gambling cause in Canadian households.

<http://www.stopthechase.ca/watch-videos/>

In reference to the request by the carpenters union to "continue the debate" on the casino issue: My father worked as a carpenter for 55 years of his life. He started working for my grandfather's construction company at the age of 10. My father's skill and hardwork built homes, office buildings, and condominiums. My father taught us integrity, the importance of one's character, and that nothing in life is free. My father worked as a carpenter 7 days a week to put all three of his children through university. If carpenters are not using their trade and skill to build a casino, they will use it to build the hospital, homes, condos, etc.

Please end the discussion on the casino on October 15 so we can all use our effort in more productive ways that benefit all Canadians in our community and our city. Please close this chapter that has wasted so much of our money, energy and time. I encourage you to return to working as a Council that we, the residents, can be proud of, not disappointed in.

Rossana Burgos