

**TO: HONOURABLE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**  
**FROM: JOHN MACKENZIE, COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING**  
**DATE: November 1, 2013**  
**SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION**

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**ITEM #7, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.12.003**  
**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.12.008**  
**JOHN DUCA**  
**WARD 2 - VICINITY OF REGIONAL ROAD 7 AND KIPLING AVENUE**

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

1. THAT this Communication, BE RECEIVED, as information.

Background

A report prepared by the Development Planning Department is scheduled to be considered at the November 5, 2013, Committee of the Whole with respect to Official Plan Amendment File OP.12.003 and Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.12.008 (John Duca).

The City of Vaughan is in receipt of correspondence from The West Woodbridge Homeowners Association Inc. that requests that the report be considered by the Committee of the Whole at an evening meeting in order to allow residents to voice their concerns.

Development Planning Staff provides the following information:

There has been significant public input received to date as part of the Planning Act process including but not limited to:

- A Public Hearing occurred on September 4, 2012 under the Planning Act where numerous deputations were received.
- A meeting with the residents was hosted by Regional Councillor Di Biase on September 26, 2012.
- Upon appeal of the applications to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in November and December of 2012, an OMB Pre-Hearing occurred on March 26, 2013, and another on August 7, 2013 by way of teleconference.
- An evening meeting occurred on June 27, 2013, between ratepayer representatives and City staff, including external legal counsel, in respect of mediation which had been scheduled for July of 2013, but, was subsequently cancelled at the request of the appellant.

## Conclusion

City Staff have reviewed the communication of the WWHA that includes a request for these applications to be considered at a Special Committee of the Whole. If this is moved to a night meeting it should occur on the same evening the matter is currently scheduled to be considered.

There is a need for timely consideration and direction on these applications so that the Committee of the Whole's position can be established prior to City witnesses providing witness statements. The OMB's Procedural Order requires witness statements detailing the position of the City's witnesses to be delivered by Friday November 8, 2013. Of necessity, the preparation of those witness statements is already underway. The OMB hearing is scheduled to start January 6, 2014. Deferral of this request to a future date for the Committee of the Whole will create significant timing challenges with respect to the OMB process and potentially be detrimental to the position the City wants to put forward at the Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Mackenzie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOHN MACKENZIE  
Commissioner of Planning

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