

January 11, 2016

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ITEM - <i>6</i>

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Attention: City Clerk's Office

RE: City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 12, 2016
Item 6, VOP 2010 Proposed Modifications to Schedule 2 “Natural Heritage Network”
Block 41 Landowners Group, City of Vaughan
Request for Delegation Status

I am the Block Coordinator for the Block 41 Landowners Group who own approximately 232 hectares of land within Block 41. Block 41 is one of two New Community Areas proposed to accommodate population growth to 2031 in the City of Vaughan.

On behalf of the Landowners I am requesting that Committee either:

- delay dealing with this item until we are able to meet with staff to address outstanding issues, or
- not endorse the proposed modifications to Schedule 2, as they relate to the New Community Areas, for the following reasons:

Timing

The proposed modifications/amendments to Schedule 2 are being brought before Committee with very little time for review. The Staff Report was made publically available on Thursday January 7, 2016 with no prior notice to parties involved in discussions related to the Natural Heritage Network (“NHN”)

Ongoing discussions regarding the Natural Heritage Network

On June 23, 2015 Council directed City staff to report back in Q4 of 2015 on progress relating to the Natural Heritage Network Inventory and Improvements, Study Completion and Recommendations and associated amendments to VOP 2010. The Block 41 Landowners Group and City staff have met on a number of occasions to discuss and try and reach consensus on outstanding areas of disagreement. We are therefore surprised and disappointed to note that some of the issues related to mapping that are still under

discussion with City staff are being brought forward as modifications to Schedule 2. These issues have been identified below and on Attachment 1:

1. A Core Feature has been added to Block 41 north of Teston Road with no justification. It is also shown running through Block 40 (immediately south of Block 41) which has a Council approved Block Plan (May 19, 2015) which does not show this Core Feature;
2. Core Features are shown in an area within the Greenbelt Plan area with no existing woodlots or features; and,
3. While the extent of this Core Feature has been decreased, it should not be depicted at all based on ecological fieldwork and analyses completed over several years of study by the Landowners' environmental consultants.

Lack of Accompanying Policy Changes

I note that the previous June 23, 2015 staff report included proposed policy amendments that were to accompany the revised Schedule 2. These policy amendments are no longer being brought forward in conjunction with the proposed modifications to Schedule 2. It is my opinion that proposed policy amendments and modifications to Schedule 2 should be considered at the same time.

Based on these mapping irregularities identified within Block 41, the lack of time available for public review of these modifications, and the lack of accompanying policy recommendations, it is my opinion that it is premature to accept modifications to Schedule 2 and request that Committee not adopt staff's recommendation, in so far as it relates to the New Community Areas,

I respectfully ask that City staff be directed to continue to meet with the representatives of the Block 41 Landowners Group to try and resolve these outstanding issues.

I also request that I be added to the list of delegates for the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Yours truly,

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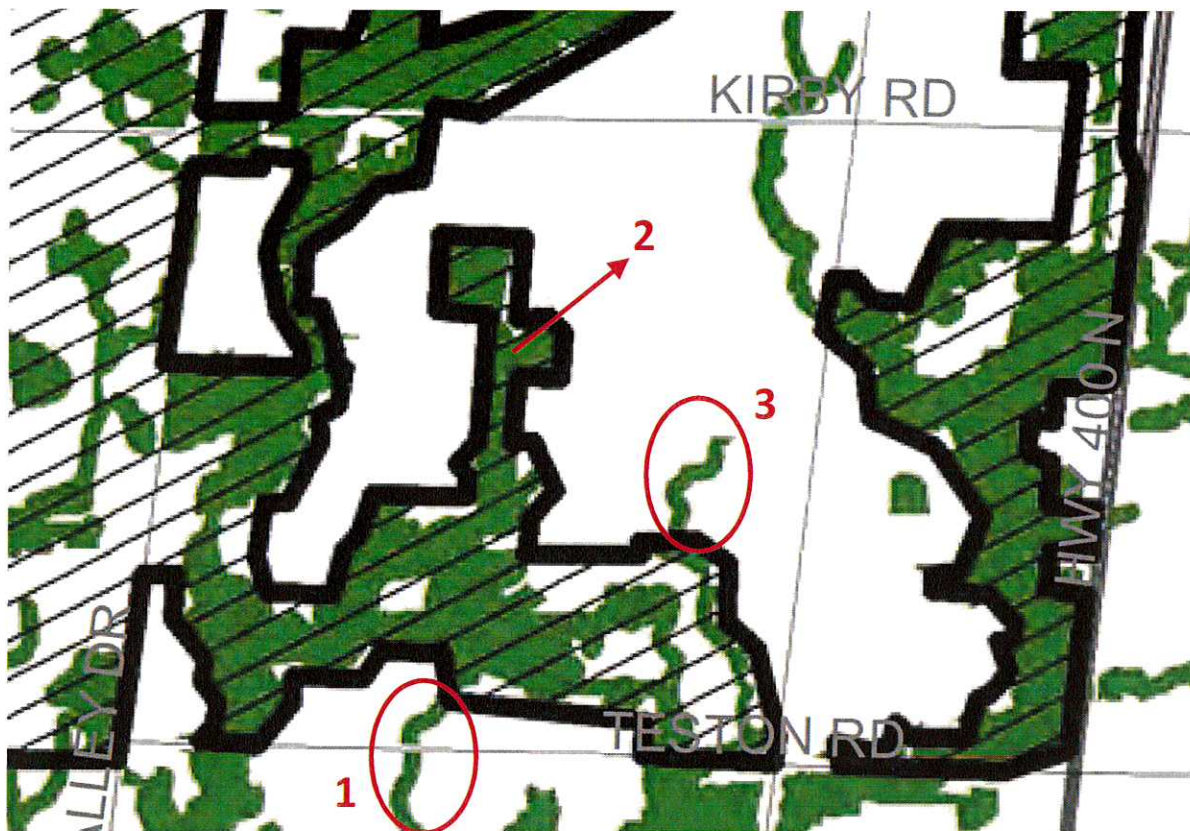
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RE: Comments From Block 41 LOG - Item 6, VOP2010 Proposed Modifications to Schedule 2 "NHN"

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Attachment 1: Block 41 – Issues with Proposed Modifications



Source: Proposed Schedule 2 – Natural Heritage Network
Annotated by Malone Given Parsons Ltd.