

April 3rd, 2017



Re: Committee of the Whole, Item #5, April 4, 2017

Dear Members of Council,

We are writing to you today to voice our support of the proposed amendments to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010.

This policy amendment is long overdue. Residents understand that change will take place and that more development will occur but to date, none of it has respected and reinforced the established neighbourhoods in which they are built.

The current guidelines are insufficient and these proposed changes must become policy in the Official Plan 2010. The clarity of acceptable development must be entrenched in the Official Plan 2010 in order to better protect the residents when they are challenged at the OMB. This policy allows the City to preserve the integrity of the VOP 2010 and mandate to intensify, by deciding where it can or cannot take place.

Setbacks, lot coverage, heights and all matters that speak to 'compatibility with neighbourhood' character has been clearly articulated in this report and a case for the importance of protecting this has been well made by staff and also by residents throughout Vaughan at many public hearings.

Such policy would have ensured respectful and complimentary housing products in a number of developments that have been and hope not to be approved in our neighbourhood of Pine Valley Drive.

We trust that council will make the right decision in this matter and protect the citizens of this community.

Sincerely,

Tania and Carmelo Lamanna, Concerned Residents