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From: KEEP VAUGHAN GREEN <keepvaughangreen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Carella, Tony
Cc: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Kostopoulos, Daniel; Reali, Mary; Bevilacqua, Maurizio; Council
Subject: Tree Removal - Stakeholder Engagement and Research plan for Golf Courses
Attachments: KVG_Letter.pdf; tree cutting on BOT[8829].pdf

Dear Councillor Carella,

Thank you for meeting with members of Keep Vaughan Green last week to answer our questions regarding the planning approval process and to listen to some of our questions and concerns.

Please see our attached letter detailing our concerns regarding the exemption of golf courses from the Tree Preservation By-Law and our disappointment that community groups, such as Keep Vaughan Green, have not been invited to participate in the consultation process. Please also see the attached pdf document of photos that have been sent to us from concerned residents showing some of the mature trees that have recently been cut on the former board of trade golf course.

Sincerely,
Keep Vaughan Green
Bob Moroz, Laura Vecchiarelli Federico & Daniela Costantini



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April 2, 2018

Re: Committee of the Whole, Wednesday April 4 Report # 14, Item 23
**TREE REMOVAL – STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH PLAN FOR
GOLF COURSES AND NURSERIES**
https://www.vaughan.ca/council/minutes_agendas/AgendaItems/CW_0404_18_23.pdf

Dear Councilor, Carella

When it comes to tree preservation, we are all stakeholders and therefore Keep Vaughan Green is requesting to be included in the upcoming consultation sessions to discuss the issue of exempting Golf Courses and Nurseries from the new Tree Preservation By-Law.

As you are well aware, the Toronto Board of Trade Golf Course has been sold and the new owners have submitted a residential development application to the City of Vaughan. Some of the members of Keep Vaughan Green have already witnessed an accelerated rate of tree cutting on the golf course as early as this past weekend. Keep Vaughan Green is very concerned that the Toronto Board of Trade Golf Course and others like it may take advantage of the existing exemption to cut trees at an alarming rate ahead of the upcoming consultation process.

Given that the new owners of the Toronto Board of Trade Golf Course have submitted a residential development application to the City of Vaughan, Keep Vaughan Green believes that the new owners will most certainly argue to continue the existing tree cutting exemption for golf courses. Keep Vaughan Green is also of the opinion that golf courses who have submitted development applications to the City, have technically ceased to be golf courses and are now in reality, land development enterprises. It is therefore logical and reasonable to believe that their continued argument to be exempt from the tree cutting by-law would be self-serving and one-sided.

During the course of the consultation process to consider whether Golf Courses should continue to be exempt from the revised Tree Preservation By-law, Keep Vaughan Green is very concerned that tree cutting on the golf course will be expedited during this period.

In light of these circumstances, Keep Vaughan Green requests that, as our Ward 2 Councilor, that you bring forward a resolution at the Wednesday April 4 Committee of the Whole meeting that facilitates the following;

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1. Effectively, on an interim basis, ban all tree cutting on golf courses until after the consultation process is completed and after the staff report is brought forward to Council for consideration to exempt golf courses from the new Tree Preservation By-law.
2. Allows community groups such as Keep Vaughan Green to participate in the consultation process to consider whether or not golf courses should be exempted from the new Tree Preservation By-law.

As our Ward Councilor, Keep Vaughan Green is counting on your support on this matter as well as all Members of Council, in order to facilitate a fair consultation process in consideration of the new Tree Preservation By-law and to stop any pre-emptive tree cutting while this matter is being considered.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Bob Moroz
Keep Vaughan Green
President

CC: Members of Council
Members of Keep Vaughan Green.

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