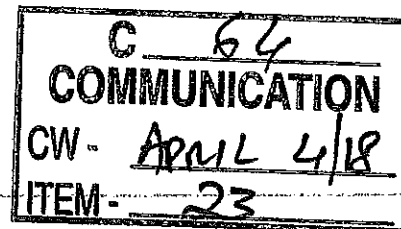


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Dear Office of the City Clerk and City of Vaughan Council,

RE: April 4, 2018 Committee of the Whole ADDENDUM ITEM 23

I am writing to you on behalf of The Friends of Keep Vaughan Green with regards to the TREE REMOVAL – STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH PLAN FOR GOLF COURSES AND NURSERIES (Addendum Item 23). It is our understanding that you will be discussing this issue at the Committee of the Whole on April 4. We strongly believe that golf courses and nurseries should NOT be exempt from permit requirements that is stated in the new Tree By-Law and Tree Protocol which was approved on March 20, 2018.

Golf courses and nurseries contribute to the overall urban tree canopy in Vaughan and without the proper by-laws to protect these trees, we will put our tree canopy at risk. In 2012, the 5-Year Plan to Expand the Urban Forest Update stated that the percentage of canopy cover in the City of Vaughan is only at 17%, where the ideal range is between 20-25%. It is also noted that, "human and financial resources re-allocated to address [insect infestation and natural disaster strategies] have delayed the implementation of programs to enhance and expand the urban forest and has resulted in an annual work order deficit that is expected to grow exponentially over the next 10+ years..." If we allow golf courses and nurseries to be exempt from this by-law, then we will be working against our efforts at expanding the tree canopy, thus creating further cost to our city in order to meet our tree canopy goals!

The City of Vaughan has demonstrated its commitment to existing and future generations by recognizing the value that trees contribute to a better quality of life through the approval of tree protection policies and tree expansion initiatives, such as Planting Our Future: A 5-Year Plan to Expand the Urban Forest and Green Directions Vaughan. **We are urging you to continue to remain dedicated to these goals and vote AGAINST the exemption from permit requirements for golf courses and nurseries.** We also ask that you consider public engagements to determine the impact of maintaining the existing exemption and not just that of the stakeholders.

Kind Regards,

Lucia Pulciani

Member of The Friends of Keep Vaughan Green



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead