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Vaughan

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Mayor and Members of Council
[City of Vaughan](#)
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing today with respect to the proposed development at the Board of Trade golf course (also known as The Country Club).

As a resident of Vaughan for the past 31 years, I have witnessed the explosive growth that our community has experienced. I understand that it can be challenging for municipal council to balance this growth with the expectations of those living in existing neighbourhoods and I respect that dealing with this particular matter will ultimately be a Council decision.

Having said that, the Board of Trade proposal has understandably generated unprecedented concern from area residents who believe that it, if approved, would dramatically and negatively impact our quality of life.

I have now had the opportunity to attend two community meetings on this issue -- one organized by the Greater Woodbridge Ratepayers Association and the other by Keep Vaughan Green. At both of these meetings, our residents made it clear that they do not support this proposal going forward.

In addition, it is my understanding that all relevant advocacy groups and ratepayers' associations, on behalf of our residents, have requested that the City approve a comprehensive Interim Control By-Law that would ensure that this matter is dealt with fairly and that all potential impacts to the community are studied fully. I believe this is essential given the scope of what is being proposed and I urge City Council to accept this request and approve the Interim Control By-Law.

I also want to point out that recent changes to the land planning system made by our provincial government place significantly more power over how communities grow in the hands of both residents and municipal councils. Now more than ever before, it is critical that Vaughan City Council, working closely with our residents, make the right decision based on all facts. A decision that ultimately must be consistent with our community's wishes.

Please let me know if you require additional information from me or if I can be helpful in any way.

Regards,

Steven Del Duca, MPP
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