

Subject: FW: Dufferin Vistas Ltd. regarding CASE NO(S): PL111184

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Hello Susan,

Thank you for your e-mail. I have copied the City's Clerks Department for official record.

Thank you,

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To whom it may concern,

I am an area resident and a student currently studying urban planning at the University of Toronto.

Considering the environmental report submitted to council by the developer, I notice a conspicuous lack of research and the absence of any mention of today's best practices in urban planning. This is truly shoddy work and if the city is serious about shedding it's

reputation for corruption by development companies, and if Vaughan is ever to achieve its goal as a world-class city, I suggest council consider the following.

The lands in question are an important part of the patch-corridor matrix connecting wooded areas that are home to a diverse array of wildlife.

A patch-corridor matrix is a feature of virtually all modern, ecologically-responsible land planning and is designed to allow for integration between human development and animal habitats.

In short, a patch-corridor matrix means that larger, wooded areas are connected by thinner strips, or 'corridors' of natural, wooded land, wide enough to allow the animals a sense of security when travelling between the 'patches' of larger forest.

In the case of the lands in question, it is a textbook example of a corridor through which animals can pass from forested areas west of Peter Rupert Ave to the large forested areas east of Dufferin St and to points further north. Residents of Princess Isabella Crt will surely be able to speak to the frequent presence of animals utilising this corridor to access their habitats, ranging from rabbits to groundhogs and all the way up to deer and coyotes.

Without this corridor, the animals that inhabit the woodlands along Peter Rupert Ave will not leave that area, instead, they will die out as the habitat is not large enough to sustain any significant population on its own.

This is an example of smart planning and could make a case study for subdivision design in a modern city.

These animals are not bothered by road crossings like Peter Rupert, Dufferin, or a future Grand Trunk crossing, but it is the width of this forest and its valley-like nature that they require.

Demolishing this green space not only destroys a vibrant habitat within it, but seriously compromises the patch-corridor matrix in place now, which ensures healthy animal populations and their ability to coexist with suburban development.

As an area resident and a student of urban planning, I strongly suggest that council re-examine the damage the proposed development will do to patch-corridor animal habitats citywide, setting a precedent that will decimate animal populations and ruin Vaughan's improving reputation in the GTA.

Sincerely,
Robert Raskin

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