

To: Members of Vaughan Council

From: Peter Badali

Re: Public Meeting of April 5, 2016, regarding 230 Grand Trunk Avenue

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M. Chair, Mr. Mayor, members of Vaughan Council, my name is Peter Badali, I am a Director and the founding President of Eagle Hills Community Association. I am also the owner of 68 Warbler Avenue which is located just south of the subject property. I am speaking on behalf of the members and directors of Eagle Hills Community Association, which is a registered ratepayers association representing this area. I am also speaking as a homeowner in this area. Our association was formed in 2013 to address the planning and serious and dangerous high volume traffic issues. Our boundaries are Major Mack Drive to the north, Rutherford Road to the south, Dufferin Street to the east and the Go Line to the west. For all of our Annual General Meetings we hand deliver a meeting notice to every home in the area. We have had three AGM's since the creation of this association at which the Local councillor has attended and our last AGM was attended by the Regional Councillors. At all of our three meetings the high volume traffic on Peter Rupert has been a priority concern. In the morning and afternoon rush hours Peter Rupert resembles more Hwy 400 than a simple two lane road. The fact is that over 4,000 vehicles travel on this road every day – that is a number provided by the Vaughan Staff; yes 4,000 vehicles. And we must always keep in mind that there are two elementary schools and a large community park fronting on this busy avenue. I believe that this is serious risk and always poses a danger to the public.

This neighbourhood was planned around having two north south roads feeding traffic from Major Mack to Rutherford. There are over 2,500 homes in this area and I'm not a planner but I believe that alone would require two north south roads. At all three meetings the comments and the voice of the residents were strongly in favour of completing Grand Trunk Avenue. That is why we are here supporting this application for a Draft Plan of subdivision, file # 19T-16V001, to facilitate the creation of 18 blocks in the manner shown on the attachments. This application will expedite this process and link the two Grand Trunk Avenues. This application will help the unbelievable congestion and traffic that presently exists on Peter Rupert Avenue. We ask that the council members approve and move this application forward as quickly as possible so that the applicants can begin to construct this road this year. We cannot and should not wait any longer to address the high traffic issue of Peter Rupert. This traffic relief of Peter Rupert is very critical to the safety of the residents in this area.

In closing this application serves the best interests of the majority of residents who call this community their home.