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Subject: Proposed Block Plan 59, File BL.59.2014 Comments from Marisa LaCaria

Good Day Councillor Carella, Mayor Bevilacqua, Regional Councillors and City of Vaughan Staff and concerned residents

I have decided to write ONE email to try to cover my concerns over the Proposed Block Plan 59. I warn you, it is lengthy.

June 17th, 2014 seems to be the mega-meeting day with regards to File BL.59.2014. EVERYTHING seems to be happening all at once, and the meetings overlap! I understand that Council needs to wrap up for summer break, but I feel that having all these meetings happening on the same day does not allow the residents of Vaughan to be appropriately informed and represented.

Scheduling a Public Information Centre from 5:30 – 9 pm and then also having a Public Hearing at 7pm and a Zoning By-law Amendment meeting at 11 am, provide NO time for information to be delivered to the residents of our neighbourhood.

I am only speaking for myself in this email, and as a courtesy, am distributing my comments to the residents that I have previously met with in discussing concerns and worries about the way our area will be impacted with the proposed FedEx facility within Block 59. In no way do I act as a representative, nor do I have any intention of undermining the goals or intentions of a larger group representation.

In addition to the FedEx facility, we have also been informed of another, even larger distribution facility just slightly south of the FedEx proposal. This would be a Costco Distribution Facility being developed by Rice Commercial Group Limited.

At this time, I am adding that development into my concerns because these two, very large distribution facilities make me feel like the lands to the west of my residential community, will turn into a MEGA HUB for distribution and transportation companies.

Is this the only type of development that will be attracted to the lands alongside my community?

Only distribution/transportation/trucking facilities?

Does this fit into the goal of having these lands deemed as "Prestige Employment"?

How will we ever know of the bigger picture for Block 59, when we cannot get our information at the Public Information Centre in time to prepare an informed presentation or comment at the Public Hearing?

I feel obligated to state my concerns even though I may not yet be fully informed of the entire plan for Block 59. My comments may overlap and be premature but I am very worried that I may not be able to attend the Public Hearing on June 17th at 7pm.

I would like to register my strong objection to the proposed E/W Collector Road that will run through Block 59 from RR 27 to Huntington Road.

I would suggest that the road NOT have any intersection or access to/from RR 27 at all!

FedEx should access their facility from a westerly point, from Huntington Road and use this road for all their trucks, vans, and varied transportation needs.

There is certainly a way for budgets to be designed to allow the road to be built from Huntington to FedEx or to have access to a northbound route to Rutherford Road.

RR 27 should not have any access point into the Block 59 area. This would hopefully minimize truck traffic onto RR 27 and maintain our ability to travel to and from our homes without greater distress. We have already mentioned how congested RR 27 is. Let's try to not make it any worse.

As well, if Martin Grove Road were to become an extension to the proposed road through Block 59 we are sure to experience additional vehicular traffic right in our own subdivision. Martin Grove Road will become an alternate route into Block 59 for any person wishing to avoid RR 27. Our community has a school right on Martin Grove Road and a very busy park. **I object to having Martin Grove Road become a through street to Block 59!**

Without any engineering details or background, and only from a personal point of view, I have to emphasize my concerns over ANY truck traffic being added to RR 27. This is an arterial route for my community. Our families rely on RR 27 as a "community street" and adding any additional trucking traffic from Block 59 will bring our community to a traffic standstill.

I would hope that businesses such as FedEx and Rice Group would agree in principle to keep their traffic flow westerly and towards the proposed Hwy 427 extension, or access the existing Hwy 427 from Huntington and Langstaff Roads.

With respect to some issues presented by the FedEx group, I would suggest that they relocate their Fuel Transfer station to a more westerly location. I feel there could be less environmental and noise/activity impact to the residential community if the design of their fuel station would be placed along an area that is more interior to their property, and not adjacent to RR 27.

As well, I am unsure how the sightline to the FedEx facility will appear to residents across RR 27 when the HVAC systems are installed on the rooftop to the FedEx building. I am unsure if that will be unsightly to the residents along Andy Crescent, because many of the upstairs bedrooms would be looking directly at the rooftop of the FedEx Building.

I wish I could comment in greater detail to the numerous environmental concerns and Official Plan details that should be addressed, but I am not qualified to comment with any expertise and feel uninformed on the details.

Please understand that my neighbourhood, the Woodbridge Meadows Community is a beautiful, residential area. We have lived in this area for 22 years or more. I hope to enjoy my home for many, many more years to come and am distressed that the plans for Block 59 will not take into consideration our quality of life.

All proposals being discussed for Block 59 should reflect that the residents to the east of the development be deemed a top priority. Any impact on our ability to get to and from our homes has to be of major consideration.

In the very least, I ask that Council NOT RUSH these proposals through their agenda without the participation of all residents and community groups. There can be very constructive and positive outcomes to these developments if a collaborative effort with the community is undertaken.

If I am unable to attend on June 17th at the Public Hearing, please register this email as my comments. If I am able to attend on June 17th, please know that I will not take up Council's time in repeating my position.

Respectfully,

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