

SP CW (WORKING SESSION)

May 20, 2014

ITEM: 1

Registered Ratepayer /Community Association Policy Changes Council Meeting

Draft Statement you may wish to make at the City Council Meeting on May 20th at 7pm

My name is Matteo Galeano, and I live at 141 Marconi Ave. I am a resident of the Weston Downs community.

I want to let you know that the current registered ratepayer policy does not work and needs to be changed. I support the recommendations that have been made by the Ratepayer Policy Review taskforce and I am asking you as my representatives of council to implement those changes. In particular, I am asking you to implement changes to section 8 and 9 of the new policy recommendations. These changes directly affect me and my community of Weston Downs.

Currently, the East Woodbridge Community Association (EWCA) is the official association registered with the City to represent the interests of my community. This association does not represent my interests nor that of my community. We have had many issues come forward which affect our community and EWCA has done nothing to support my community. In fact, on one issue they worked against our community. Also, I am not aware of any active members of the EWCA that live in Weston Downs. The EWCA should not be allowed to continue to represent Weston Downs when they never have.

Recommendation 8 and 9 make changes to the policy that allow me and my fellow residents in Weston Downs to decide who we want to represent us, not the City, not one individual or one family. These recommendations are democratic, they let the people decide. As a resident of Weston Downs and as taxpayer, I urge Council to do the right thing and implement these changes.

Respectfully,

Matteo Galeano