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To Vaughan Clerk Jeff Abrams:

It looks as though the item on Ratepayer Associations will be too late in the day for me so I will email my main comments:

Presently, any group of residents of any size can form a neighbourhood or business association to address any issue they choose in whatever manner they want. The registered RA cannot, and should not, squash their voices but I would hope they would attempt a reasonable level of coordination.

Any suggestion to allow registration of RAs of overlapping boundaries may create an even more chaotic administrative situation for the City Clerk's office. I would expect the city to eventually decide to cancel all registrations if overwhelmed by too many applications.

I would prefer to sit down with my fellow RA representatives and city staff to pre-determine RA boundaries within communities. What could, and should, overlap are business or condo associations only.

When the present executive of the BGRA took over the running of the association, boundaries which had been registered with the City of Vaughan were respected and maintained with now issues. I was, in fact, surprised to learn that the boundaries weren't preset everywhere!

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