



April 23, 2014

SENT VIA EMAIL

TO: Lo Specchio

c/o Giovanna Tozzi
160 Woodbridge Avenue
Vaughan, ON L4L 0B8

RE: Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing)

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application
Property: 8850, 8936, 8944 and 8980 Regional Road 7
(west side of Regional Road 27, south of Rutherford Road)

The proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment to permit the development of a 38,070.18 m² distribution centre for the subject lands represents an incompatible land use for the subject lands and should not be located in close proximity to a residential community and a large elementary school. There will be consequences for the nearby residents and the hundreds of school children. The quality of life and healthy environment will deteriorate and pose safety concerns.

We are talking here about diesel fumes from tractors going in and out of the distribution centre and from dozens more idling which will be inhaled 24 hours a day by hundreds of adults and hundreds of school children. Not including the numerous standard vehicles of the employees going in and out of the distribution centre.

What is more surprising is the how this application has been expedited through the process. The complete application was received by the City of Vaughan Planning Department on March 21, 2014 and March 26, 2014 and within less than a month has already been scheduled for a Committee of Whole (Public Meeting). The Planning Act does specify time frames, within which the municipality must deal with development applications, and the City of Vaughan's policies provide for a pre-application consultation. However, the acceleration of this development is "unprecedented" for Vaughan.

Furthermore, we are shocked and so are many of the area residents that a development application of this nature, which will have a huge impact on their neighbourhoods, etc. was not shared with them and did not allow for real public participation prior to the Committee of Whole (Public Meeting). This is not how we should build a community.

We are not against a Fed-Ex distribution centre, but we are against the location, which is too close to existing residential neighbourhoods and a large school. We welcome development that will generate and provide job growth within the west Woodbridge employment area that clearly provides the hallmark of a strong and sustainable city.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,



Nick Pinto

President

The West Woodbridge Homeowners Association Inc.