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**Subject:**

FW: Markham Development Service Committee re: MZO

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**From:** [lpogue@](#) <**Sent:** February 08, 2021 9:30 PM**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>; Clerks Public; [paul.calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:paul.calandra@pc.ola.org)**Subject:** Markham Development Service Committee re: MZO

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I urge you not to endorse the most recent MZO request by Flato Developments in the vital Rouge Watershed. These MZOs are not consistent with Markham's Official Plan goal of a "Safe, Sustainable and Complete Community", and circumvent wholistic planning practices. The health and wellbeing of my family and fellow citizens is being put at risk by this rush to urbanize our remaining precious farmlands. Please adopt the staff recommendation and notify the Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs, and MPP Paul Calandra, that this MZO is unwelcome and not in keeping with Markham's growth strategy.

Sincerely,  
Louise Pogue

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**Subject:**

FW: North Markham MZO's

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**From:** Jordan Hedderwick

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:52 AM

**To:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

**Subject:** North Markham MZO's

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Hello

I am writing you about the vote to support the Flato MZO proposal for the properties on 19th Avenue.

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS MZO. I have lived in this area my entire life and to lose these lands to further development would be a travesty.

I understand that development needs to be considered to make space for a growing population. But DO NOT rush this process. DO NOT allow the developers to push their underdeveloped plans through with the use of MZO's. It is YOUR responsibility to decide what the city and its people needs. NOT to accept unsolicited plans from developers who seek only their own gain from the projects. They are not concerned about the existing population of the area.

Supporting this MZO would tell the population you serve that you are working not in fact working for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will be watching the meeting today.

-Jordy

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**From:** kevin

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2021 11:36 AM

**To:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

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Sincerely,

Kevin Pogue

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**Subject:**

FW: Deputation RE: MZO for 19th Avenue/McCowan Rd.

**From:** Maker's Acre Farm <

**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 9:36 PM

**To:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

**Subject:** Deputation RE: MZO for 19th Avenue/McCowan Rd.

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Hello,

My name is Ryan Drudge and I am the grandson of Norman Drudge who owned the land and sold it to Flato Development. I also happen to own an acre of land and farm an additional 2 acres on the northern border of the land subject to the MZO as discussed in today's (February 8th) council meeting.

The reason I am writing is to

1. Request a virtual deputation regarding this matter. I can be reached at 647-867-4674 of this email address.
2. Express my disbelief at the lack of seriousness given to the opportunity the object this MZO which, to me, so clearly is only to the benefit of FLATO Dev. and not to either Stouffville, Markham, and especially not to any current residents in the area.

FLATO Dev. has been clear cutting acres of forest and grinding the stumps and tilling it into the ground, as if they had never been there, just to make a connection point from Stouffville's recent rezoning (by way of MZO) to today's proposed development. This is illegal, and showcases FLATO's desire to accomplish their own objectives, without regard, or permission from the development planners or the local residents.

Furthermore, the meeting today showcased Shakir's plan to go behind the back of local planners by applying to the province for an MZO directly and bypassing the local preceeding's while making empty promises to meet the request's of markham council. He is not the first developer to do this and then when the time comes to fulfill his promise, back out and pay whatever penalties necessary to keep things moving towards his, and only his objective.

I also want to inform you, that Flato Dev. is renting the land to the same farmer that farmed the land before their acquisition. A farm which grows sweet corn for human consumption. Not, "corn for the animals" as Shakir told council today, when to subject of the land being class-1 farmland came up.

I just want the councillors who have clearly not taken the time to educate themselves fully on this matter, to do so. I invite any of them to come to my farm, walk around, learn the history of the land which my family has been a part of for a century, and look at the actual physical borders, the will show them that this is in fact "spot-rezoning".

Thank you for taking your time to read this, and as stated above, I am requesting a virtual deputation.  
Ryan Drudge  
Maker's Acre Farm