

From: Alli Rock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Alli Rock <[REDACTED]>
Subject: I urge you to consider NOT supporting the Minister's Zoning Order

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Dear Mayor and Council,

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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,

Allison

Allison Rock

*Occupational Therapist
M.Sc.OT., OT Reg.(Ont.)
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From: Alf Chalk <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 4:11 PM

To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>; Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham <KRea@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

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Sincerely,

Alfred Chalk
[REDACTED]

From: The Strutts <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 5:09 PM
To: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>
Subject: Stop Farmland Loss

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Sincerely,
Ralph Strutt

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From: jaykamath jaykamath <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 5:14 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>; Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham <KIrish@markham.ca>; Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham <Alan.ho@markham.ca>; Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham <RMcAlpine@markham.ca>; Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham <KRea@markham.ca>; Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham <AKeyes@markham.ca>; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham <ACollucci@markham.ca>; Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham <ILee@markham.ca>; paul.calandra <paul.calandra@pc.ola.org>
Subject: Request, Not to Endorse or Approve the Most Recent MZO by Flato Developments

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As long time resident of this city, I urge you 'Not to Endorse or Approve' the most recent MZO request by Flato Developments in the vital and environmentally sensitive Rouge Watershed. The MZO is not consistent with Markham's official goal of a " Safe and Sustainable and Complete Community" and compromises the holistic planning practices that we value and cherish.

Further, the health and wellbeing of the residents of Markham is being compromised and being put into jeopardy by this rush to urbanize our precious remaining farm lands that we must preserve for posterity of generations to come. The use of MZO to do this, compromises public engagement and trust. It short-circuits the democratic process we have come to value highly. It gives the impression that citizens voices are not being given due importance that they deserve. Not only is this damaging our natural and environmentally sensitive, spaces and farm lands, it is not in keeping with good and responsible governance. So please adopt staff recommendation and notify the Provincial Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs & our MPP Paul Calandra, that this MZO is unwelcome and is not in keeping with Markham's Growth strategy.

Sincerely,

A concerned Resident.

Feb 05, 2021

From: Amy Fabbo <[REDACTED]>
Date: Feb. 4, 2021 1:03 a.m.
Subject: Save Markham!
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
Cc:

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Sincerely,

Amy Fabbo

From: Iris Leung <[REDACTED]>
Date: Feb. 3, 2021 11:01 p.m.
Subject: Letter to Markham mayor and councillors
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
Cc: paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

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Sincerely,
Iris Leung

From: Miranda Minhas <[REDACTED]>
Date: Feb. 2, 2021 9:04 p.m.
Subject: Please oppose MZO request
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
Cc:

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Sincerely,
Miranda

From: Donald Strathroy <[REDACTED]>

Date: Feb. 3, 2021 10:50 a.m.

Subject: Resist MZOs. Stop Sprawl. Protect the Greenbelt.

To: "Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham" <Alan.ho@markham.ca>, "Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham" <jheath@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham"

<ILee@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham"

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<AKeyes@markham.ca>, "Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham"

<DHamilton@markham.ca>

Cc:

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. Thank you for all your efforts over the past months to help get us through this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

I'm writing to you today with two specific requests:

- Please resist using MZOs and tell the Province you oppose the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act because both fast-track sprawl-style development, sidestep public consultation and override policies intended to protect Ontario's natural areas, water sources and farmland.

- Please represent the interests of your constituents and stand strong against developers and land speculators who want to develop Greenbelt lands. And please support the protection of agricultural and natural heritage lands, our streams and the sources of our drinking water. Remember, the Oak Ridges Moraine is the rainbarrel of Ontario.

There has never been a greater need for bringing more farmland and natural areas under government protection in protected areas like the Greenbelt.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us how important these spaces are to our well-being. We rely on natural areas for our mental and physical health, and farmland for the local food that keeps us healthy and our farmers employed. These lands are also critical to conserving biodiversity and enhancing community resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Some local governments in the GTA have ignored this reality and have tried to get permission to have protected Greenbelt land used for sprawl-style development. As well, an increasing number are relying on emergency-only Minister's Zoning Orders to bypass important environmental protections and local planning rules. And just recently, the Province has made changes to the Conservation Authorities Act that remove powers to stop bad sprawl-style development. The backlash from the voting public to these changes has been fast and furious.

As a resident of this municipality, I am calling on Council to commit to stopping the misuse of MZOs, opposing changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, stopping sprawl and growing the Greenbelt as part of a Green and Just Recovery.

Yours sincerely,
Donald Strathroy

From: Miriam Reesor <[REDACTED]>
Date: Feb. 3, 2021 12:03 p.m.
Subject: Flato Developments MZO request
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am very concerned about the request by Flato Developments for a MZO in the vital Rouge Watershed. As a farm family living in Markham and the previous Executive Director of Willowgrove Farm and Outdoor Education Centre, I am very aware of the importance of farmland, nature and green space for a community's health (mental, emotional, and physical). We can not keep paving over and building on land without going through the appropriate local town procedures to ensure environmental and long term planning by local councils are taken into consideration. This cannot be just a developer and money issue. I urge you to not endorse this request. I have also written to our local MPP Paul Calandra regarding my concerns with MZOs in general and this one specifically.

Sincerely,

Miriam Reesor
[REDACTED]

From: Josh Griffin <[REDACTED]>
Date: Feb. 5, 2021 7:35 p.m.
Subject: Vote NO to the request by Flato Developments
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>, Clerks Public
<clerkspublic@markham.ca>, "Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham"
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Sincerely,

Josh Griffin

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Feb. 5, 2021 7:07 p.m.
Subject: Protect our Waterched
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
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Judith Livingston