FW: Vote No: Development Proposal 5474 & 5662

From: Laurie Waterman
Sent: February 09, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>>; paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
Subject: Vote No: Development Proposal 5474 & 5662

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Hello,

I am writing in to request that the development proposal for the MZO at 5474 and 5662 19th Ave be denied.

I believe the vote is at 1:00pm today, please pass this along to the appropriate parties involved in this issue.

Thank you, Laurie Waterman

FW: Stop rushing the MZOs

From: Rachel Burkholder <
Sent: February 09, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>>;
paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
Subject: Stop rushing the MZOs

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I am very disheartened to hear of the rushing of development projects by the Development service committee and Flato developments. The area on the north Markham south Stouffville border has been classified as A1 grade farmland, some of the best soil in southern ontario, and can not be unpaved once developed. I fail to understand why Markham and Stouffville counsels are being so blindly deceived by corporate developers who are making unrealistic promises about affordable housing and walkable areas. These types of plans need greater environmental and community assessments and should be developed in greater partnership with the region not dictated by developers. I am urging you to delay these types of decisions until the pandemic is over and people can be properly consulted about their communities. We have an obligation to protect the farmland and other green space. The decisions you make today have a huge impact on our green future and the many generations to come.. Please vote against this proposed MZO.

Thanks, Rachel Burkholder Markham resident of 27 years current Stouffville Resident

From: Kevin Hawkins <
Sent: February 09, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>>
Subject: Markham resident concern with MZO - reject the North Markham MZO

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As a Markham resident, I am greatly concerned that the Markham Mayor and majority of councillors endorsed an MZO which permits a massive development plan for the lands south of Willowgrove exiting onto 19th. It will be connected to two more developments on the Stouffville side which exit onto 48. Reject the North Markham MZO!

Concerned citizen, Kevin Hawkins

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FW: Proposed MZO request near Highway 48

From: Madison Conley <
Sent: February 09, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>>;
paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
Subject: Proposed MZO request near Highway 48

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Good afternoon,

I am against the proposed development plan for the 616 units on the property south of Willowgrove. This is prime farm land and soil that will be destroyed by this development. Please reconsider and help keep farm land alive in this community.

Sincerely

Madison Conley

FW: Please Vote No

From: Kayla Drudge <
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>>;
paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
Subject: Please Vote No

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Dear leaders of Markham,

I am heartbroken by the proposal of building 616 units south of Willowgrove by Flato Developments. Know that when you prioritize profit over working to protect the earth and combat climate change, you will be held accountable by your children and grandchildren, who, in the next several decades, will be living in a hellscape that you refused to use your positions of power to prevent. Please locate yourself on the right side of history, and vote to stop this development from going forward.

Kayla Drudge Grandchild of nearby landowners

FW: Development on McCowan and 19th

-----Original Message-----From: Sweet Hive Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:02 PM To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>; paul.calandra@pc.ola.org Subject: Development on McCowan and 19th

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To whom this may concern,

As a long-standing resident of Markham I am disheartened to hear of the development proposal at 19th Avenue and McCowan road.

I could not believe that East of this land was approved for development. Where and when does it stop? You continue to allow development on these beautiful farmlands and forests that are home to wildlife, not to mention the destruction of ecosystems that we need in this crucial time of climate change.

Creating more houses to bring more people into this city in a time that we should be focused on other priorities is absurd.

My children have been attending Willowgrove camp and nature school for years, and it has always felt like a sanctuary away from the busyness in town. This development of townhouses, condos and homes will most definitely take away from that calming and beautiful space that we all need right now.

Please reconsider your decisions by taking away beautiful green spaces that we all need so much right now.

Thank you, Annie

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FW: STOP BUILDING ON FARMABLE LAND

From: Elizabeth Mehak
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; <u>paul.calandra@pc.ola.org</u>; Clerks Public
Subject: STOP BUILDING ON FARMABLE LAND

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Hello all,

This is in regards to the property on Druges Farm in Markham & Stouffville where you are proposing to build 616 new units.

YOU NEED TO HELP STOP THIS! Greener futures start with you. Please do not use this amazing farmable land for highrise condos. Land like this needs to be preserved and not used for housing.. please protect our natural landscape.

Please think of our future. Please remember that land like this is precious and needs to be protected.

FW: Say No to MZO

From: Hannah Taylor Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:45 AM To: Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>> Subject: Say No to MZO

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I have lived in Markham my entire life. I am a young professional and I want MY government officials to vote against MZOs in Markham.

The ones you are voting on today has been pushed by the developers that have been walking all over us for years. There plan for the land near McCowan Rd. & 19th Ave. Is incomplete and inconsiderate of the needs and wants of the community. There is no proper sewage plan for the housing development they want and no transpiration plan either.

Running through this land is also a creek that has won provincial awards for its cleanliness. This creek feeds into the Rouge River, the Lake Ontario. The animal life in this creek needs to be protected. Clean natural water sources is Canada greatest asset. We must protect our land.

The Markham plan to just let Flato develop all our land into houses is not sustainable. No youth want to live in Markham. This is becoming a city of housing with bad traffic. There's a reason everyone works and spends leisure time in Toronto or cottage country, because there's nothing in our city. Please allow the diversity of Markham property. No more housing on beautiful nature!

We want to be a wealthy city. If we have local food sources, everyone benefits. Please preserve farmland in Markham. There's a reason the Markham farmer's markets are so popular, people love knowing where there food has come from. If we run out of local food sources, our residents will drive farther for new farmer's markets taking the revenue farther from Markham. If you build places that build Markham into a self supporting city, you will see more money flow back into itself.

One of Markham's greatest strengths is the diversity of its people, but development is forcing the farming families out. I want everyone to feel welcome in my city.

Please listen to the locals and the conservation authorities. Say no to Markham MZOs. Si vous plait, dit NON à les MZOs

Hannah Taylor, R.Kin

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FW: Markham MZO discussed yesterday at Development Services Committee

From: Flora MacDonald
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>>
Subject: Markham MZO discussed yesterday at Development Services Committee

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I was dismayed to watch this meeting and the steamrolling that took place. I had always thought that council understood the importance of consensus decision making that values expert opinions and the communities involved. But yesterday I learned that this was not the case.

This MZO is being rammed through.

Specifically I am concerned:

- expert advice from the city planners was ignored and council took opposite directions to the people we pay to be experts circumventing good planning practice
- not consistent with the Official Plan goal of a Safe Sustainable and Complete Community
- this decision does not respect the well established process for such a decision
- This decision specifically chose to ignore the request to add a step for community consultation: letting the people you represent have a say.
- Paving over precious farmland should never be undertaken in this way. It is an especially serious decision that requires all the expert advice and community consultation possible
- This disregard for your electors during a worldwide pandemic is irresponsible

Please do not endorse this MZO without first including the community and listening to your planning experts.

Thank you

Flora MacDonald