

From: Carolyn Reesor <[REDACTED]>
Date: Feb. 7, 2021 9:47 p.m.
Subject: Most recent MZO - Do not support
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
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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. This MZO is not consistent with Markham's Official Plan goal of a "Safe, Sustainable and Complete Community", and circumvents holistic planning practices.

The health and wellbeing of myself and fellow citizens is being put at risk by this rush to urbanize our remaining precious farmlands. Please adopt your staff's 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,
Carolyn Reesor

From: Carolyn Burke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 10:35 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>
Subject: Flato Development MZO Application, 5474, and 5662 19th Avenue

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To The Mayor and Members of Development Services Committee

RE: Flato Development MZO Application, 5474, and 5662 19th Ave.

Please deny Flato Development's Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) application. I am very concerned about the process and potential negative effects on our environment. This MZO application circumvents the democratic planning process and harms our environment and wildlife.

Each day, while at work, I have witnessed the destruction of countless acres of farm fields and beautiful natural and built heritage from development. I want to be ensured that Markham is planned properly to protect our food security, biodiversity and resilience to climate crisis.

I sincerely hope that you will listen to Markham residents and deny this application.

Yours Truly,

Carolyn Burke
Thornhill Resident

From: Kim Empringham <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 8:43 AM

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, Andrew Keyes - Markham <AKeyes@markham.ca>; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham <ACollucci@markham.ca>; Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham <KUsman@markham.ca>; Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham <ILee@markham.ca>; Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham <DHamilton@markham.ca>; Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham <jjones@markham.ca>; Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham <JLi3@markham.ca>; Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham <jheath@markham.ca>

Subject: Written Deputation to Feb. 8th Development Services Committee Item 7.2 Flato MZO

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Clerk,

Please find attached a written deputation for Today's Development Services Committee Meeting - item 7.2

Thank you

Board of Directors,
York Region Federation of Agriculture

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February 8, 2021

Markham Development Services Committee
c/o Markham Clerk
PDF via e-mail to
clerkspublic@markham.ca
mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca

RE: Development Service Committee Meeting of February 8, 2021 - Agenda Item 7.2 – City of Markham comments to the Province on a Minister's Zoning Order request by Flato Developments Inc. to permit residential development on lands at 5474 and 5662 19th Avenue

Mayor and Members of Council,

The York Region Federation of Agriculture (YRFA) represents its 625 farmer members in York Region and we urge Council to not support the Flato Developments Inc. request to the Province on a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) to permit residential development on lands at 5474 and 5662 19th Avenue, Markham.

While the Planning Act authorizes the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make zoning orders regulating the use of land and the location, use, height, size and spacing of buildings and structures, MZO's have traditionally been used in norther Ontario where municipalities don't have official plans or to advance projects where there is clearly an emergency. The lands in question are currently governed by both the York Region Official Plan 2010 (YROP) and Markham Official Plan 2014 in place and there is no clear emergency need for this project to proceed. We are opposed to the use of MZO's in this manner. Over thirty MZO's have been issued in the last year which is more than in the past fifteen years combined.

Minister's Zoning Orders circumvent the normal planning process which allows for community consultation and considers things such as a land needs assessment and the impact on agriculture, the availability of sewage and water infrastructure, transportation and schools. The subject lands are located outside the urban boundary and are designated Agricultural Area in the YROP and Prime Agricultural lands in the Markham Official Plan.

The continued loss of Prime Agricultural land is of great concern to the York Region Federation of Agriculture. It affects the viability of agriculture in Ontario and the ability to feed our people.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
York Region Federation of Agriculture
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