

Appendix A

Correspondence from Mr. Sameer Thaver, January 28, 2011

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Your Worship & Esteemed Members Of Council,

Good day to you all. I wanted to add a few points which I might have forgotten to point out during the course of my address to council which I hope will positively assist with the report currently being worked on by the hard working and dedicated members of the clerk's office.

I wanted to begin by saying that since July of 1982, Mr. Vij and his family have been very proud and dedicated residents of Markham with Mrs. Vij continuing to reside in the same beautiful home on Highgate Dr. and their son Vick, living with his wife and three beautiful children only minutes away while operating his accountancy business also in the Town Of Markham.

During the course of Lali's magnificent career, he has performed many great deeds both on and off the air, such as bringing the entire community together immediately following the 1985 Air India Disaster with a very wonderful and heart-warming program that was produced entirely from his home on Highgate Drive (the program can be seen by visiting my website www.humsabekhai.com, selecting to Watch Programs and then picking the date June 26th of 2010.) A special tribute program to Mr. Vij himself is also available on the same site by selecting May 29th 2010.

As well, being a proud Markham resident.. Lali also helped furnish promotions for various religious institutions such as The Vishnu Mandir in Richmond Hill (for whose fundraising initiatives he helped promote), The Sanatan Mandir, Vedic Cultural Centre and others.

He also helped bring many renowned celebrities to the Markham Area for a handful of community celebrations, such as in 1988 when internationally celebrated actress Shabana Azmi had come to open the film Madam Sousatzka at the then Moghul Banquet Hall on Hood Rd. (now the Swagat).

Another example came in 1989 when renowned singer from India, Pankaj Udhas had come to the Moghul Banquet Hall to launch the cassette of a great local singer & mutual friend, respected real estate agent and another long time Markham resident, Bob Chaman.

In my address, I did acknowledge his many charitable endeavours such as fund raising and participation in various Sick Kids Telethons, fund raising efforts for many great causes throughout York Region and the GTA by working with organizations such as the United Way. Certainly, everybody throughout the GTA including in York Region has benefitted from his dedicated work over the years.

Sadly, as we know... his storied life was unfairly cut short way too soon but certainly there is no doubt in my mind that he would have done his level best to assist with many of Markham's wonderful projects such as Markham Stouffville Hospital had he still been with us.

I certainly hope that all of you can join with me in bestowing these great honours on a true pioneer within our community, a wonderful friend, timeless and inspirational legacy but certainly most of all a very beloved, passionate and long-time resident of the Markham Area.

Regards and Best Wishes to you all,

Sameer Thaver