

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Hiten Patel, Community Advocate, [www.HitenPatel.ca](http://www.HitenPatel.ca), tel# 365-597-0717

Mr. Harte,

This open letter to you is in response to inappropriate, false, and ongoing accusations you have made in recent, multiple, unsolicited and private emails you sent to me (one on July 9<sup>th</sup> and second on August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020) and others in your efforts to discredit and silence me. Make no mistake I will not tolerate it any further. However, I will only address communications you sent to me directly.

This note has been posted on my Community Advocate website ensure full transparency to the public. If you wish this document to be removed from public access then I suggest you read this three page document right to the end and take recommended action quickly.

In the near future we could be in the same meeting room at City Hall supervised by senior management of City of Vaughan (CoV) Recreation Services in regards to our roles as presidents of CoV CSO Minor groups so that respective members can access their fair and reasonable share of allotment of weekly fall/winter community ice permits at their nearest publicly funded municipal facilities. I will be attending in good faith and I expect you (or your successor or designee) will as well. But if no CVHA rep attends then the meeting will still continue and the assumption will be made that CVHA does not contest suggestions aligning with Fair Play Facility Allocation Policy (main companion policy related to CSO Policy).

If I attend the CVHA AGM scheduled in late August 2020, I presume you will be in attendance and expect you will welcome and allow me and others to speak if they choose to during the “other business” portion of the AGM.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 you sent the following email to my semi-dormant email account;  
Contacting CVHA Parents, Coaches and Board Members

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From: President (president@vaughanhockey.com)  
To: hiten.patel@rogers.com  
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020, 4:43 p.m. EDT

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Mr. Patel

Refrain from contacting the parents, coaches and executive board members from within our CVHA membership. Yours calls are unwanted and can be interpreted as harassment.

Barry Harte  
President  
City of Vaughan Hockey Association  
"Home of the Vaughan Rangers"

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I received and read your July 9<sup>th</sup> email on July 24<sup>th</sup> and the next day reported your email to CoV Mayor's Office (MO) to give them an opportunity to at least acknowledge the matter by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Since the MO did not respond, it signaled to me to handle the matter myself via the following email response on August 1<sup>st</sup>;

Re: Contacting CVHA Parents, Coaches and Board Members

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From: Hiten Patel (hiten.patel@rogers.com)  
To: president@vaughanhockey.com  
Date: Saturday, August 1, 2020, 10:17 p.m. EDT

Mr. Harte,

If you choose to communicate with me in this manner and/or ever accuse me of harassment I shall report it to the York Region Police. You have no right to tell me who I can contact and who can contact me.

Good day,

Hiten Patel

Once I responded to you on August 1<sup>st</sup> warning you not to communicate or accuse me of harassment you hastily responded about an hour later by doubling down with additional detailed falsehoods;

Re: Contacting CVHA Parents, Coaches and Board Members

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From: President (president@vaughanhockey.com)  
To: hiten.patel@rogers.com  
Date: Saturday, August 1, 2020, 11:20 p.m. EDT

Mr. Patel

The email read, "can be interpreted as harassment".

The team officials and executive members you have contacted on their personal phones, have taken exception to you calling them, seeking information about the CVHA's Vaughan Ranger program and the GTHL. In fact, one of our Board Members you contacted expressed his displeasure with you calling him and when he suggested you call me, you hung up abruptly.

If you are seeking information regarding the CVHA or Vaughan Rangers program, you can contact myself (as you haven't hesitated to do in past) and any GTHL information requested, you can contact the GTHL office directly.

Regards

Barry Harte  
President  
City of Vaughan Hockey Association  
"Home of the Vaughan Rangers"  
"Memories Last a Lifetime "

I shall address both your emails in the following bullet points;

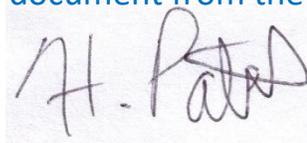
- You have no right or place to act as gatekeeper if and when I speak to or attempt to contact other adults regardless of whether or not they or their children are CVHA members. You certainly cannot accuse me directly or indirectly of "harassment". It is none of your concern if I choose to contact adult individuals based on publicly posted telephone numbers found at [www.Canada411.ca](http://www.Canada411.ca) or by making their acquaintance through various community events and programs or via public contact information databases.

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- If my calls are unwanted by the person on the receiving end and they are feeling harassed they are the ones who must file a complaint directly to YRP. And you have no right to get involved by accusing me on behalf of others.
- Rather than write these emails (either July 9<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup>) all you had to do was call me to ensure we had a proper and correct understanding of the events that led to the statements in your emails. Or do neither email nor call.
- The board member who you claim expressed, in your words, his “displeasure” to you at me calling him at his publicly posted number is his and only his concern. He is free to share his perception of the interaction privately with you or even publicly. But I’ll remind you once again it is not your place to contact me by email regarding interaction with others and making assumptions based on one-sided view of interactions of others. That individual needs to file a complaint to YRP if they truly in your words “interpreted” the interaction “as harassment”.

Based on your August 1<sup>st</sup> response, I contacted York Regional Police (YRP).

- On late afternoon of August 4<sup>th</sup>, I called YRP and spoke to an officer. After reading the three emails noted here to the officer over the phone verbatim they said that if the situation escalates further I can request an officer to take my statement in person as a formal complaint since what you allege of me is not harassment by any stretch, your ongoing insistence itself is harassment and you should not be making harassment claims on behalf of other adults. If you don’t agree I encourage you to call YRP yourself and speak to a Call Intake Officer in Communications at 1-866-876-5423.
- Stop acting as gatekeeper of the CVHA board and making accusations of harassment on behalf of other adults. And start working with other CSOs rather than maintaining barriers you control due to an outdated CSO Policy. CVHA board members are expected to hold each other accountable and not shield each other from fair and reasonable public scrutiny. Advise other board members to contact YRP if they feel harassed by me or anyone else.
- If you call me at 365-597-0717 (do NOT email or text) and apologize with respect to your behavior and promise to work collaboratively in good faith with Thornhill-Carrville Hockey School (TCHS) through City staff and council, I’ll be happy to remove this document from the public realm.




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