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ADDENDUM 3

- 1) I have been a Vaughan resident for 36 years; the first twenty-six years in Ward 5 either on or walking distance to Steeles Avenue and the past ten years in Ward 4 a short stroll to Bathurst Street. So I've never lived less than five km from the subject lands.
- 2) In Autumn of 2018 I founded two Vaughan based non-profit minor/youth (ice) hockey clubs (one community and one competitive) based in Vaughan.

A reasonable and natural conclusion would be that I support the expansion of Sports Village. After all more ice arenas and not being park user abutting the arean would align with the above two points? Not so fast!! That is not why I am composing this letter. So am I here to support the residents of Holly Bush? Not exactly, they are more than capable of advocating for themselves. So what is my mission?

- 1) The last two years, I've been to Sports Village about four times per week during the hockey season and a few times per month during the off-season. Each time I enter or exit or enter via Rutherford, I feel very troubled for residents of Villa Giardino, their families and visitors. There is nothing for them at Sports Village. No community programs, no public skating, no city programs of any kind. To call this a community hub is beyond absurd. The residents are primarily seniors and older adults. They are vulnerable. Their condo board has let them down. The city has let them down by even entertaining this proposal. The applicant claiming 'intergenerational learning' is total hubris besides that is what community centers and public libraries are for.
- 2) From the outset the outdoor skating trail was designed to fail. In my 43 years in Canada I've never heard of paying a dime to enjoy an outdoor skate. And blaming a broken water main for having to de-commission the skating trail is beyond comprehension.
- 3) The January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting hosted by the Mentena group was held in the restaurant of Sports Village that serves alcohol. Is this a neutral or an appropriate venue for a community meeting?
- 4) Do we really need expand or add another private athletic school? As a society we need to encourage individuals to use public K to 12 education. Yes the YRDSB has been

troubled for quite some time but that is changing very quickly. Public education inherently promotes diverse experiences that help children become well rounded civic minded emphatic citizens. There is an oversaturation of private schools in Vaughan and expanding a private school only promotes inequality and weakens social cohesion and understanding.

- 5) The nearest freeway to the subject lands is Hwy 400, which requires passing through a very busy 2.5 km stretch of Rutherford Road. Vaughan Mills Mall, Wonderland, Retail, high rise condos just to name a few needs to be by-passed. Large Trucks will continue to use Rutherford Road until Langstaff is connected over the CN Railyard. Every multi pad private arena in York and Peel Region are within one km of a major expressways.
- 6) Expansion of purely commercial use should not be considered. Modest mixed use of residential and professional office space and small-scale retail could be an option in the future to meet provincial growth and intensification targets while meeting the community needs of the area defined by South Maple and Villa Giardino.
- 7) And finally, in Toronto and Mississauga competitive youth hockey teams are not guaranteed more than one hour per week of practice ice and must pay a higher rate than community rates similar or identical to resident rates but lower than non-resident or commercial rates. In addition, they are only permitted more than one hour after all local community and city program needs are satisfied. However, the sixteen (16) Vaughan Rangers competitive teams that play in the GTHL 'A' and 'AA' division each use three hours of practice ice per week all at fully subsidized CSO rates and the over thirty Vaughan Rangers semi-competitive (NYHL tiered) teams use on average two hours of CSO practice ice per team. This does not even include a total game ice to GTHL and NYHL. So there is plenty of ice based on current inventory if this group would do the right thing and share their taxpayer subsidized ice. And certainly there is no need for the fifth pad proposed by the applicant. A community single indoor ice similar to Maple CC (or outdoor ice pad similar to Father Ermanno Bulfon) should be the priority for upper Vaughan such as Kleinberg, Carrville or Vellore Woods.

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