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From: laureen d'alessandro [mailto:pdmadltd@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 5:44 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Subject: February 7th Council Meeting

Hi There
My name is Laureen and I wish to make a deputation to the Council.
It would be best for me if I could have the February 7, 2012 meeting.
I am not familiar with all the procedures.
So please let me know what is required on my end.
With Thanks
Laureen
[905-856-8864](tel:905-856-8864)

I just received a phone message today that you need a little more detail.

It is in regards to changing the existing by-laws in regards to the abuse and exploitation of wild and exotic animals.

To stop the Circuses from bringing Elephants, Tigers, Bears etc. from being used for profit. And not treated with any respect.

(These animals are "endangered protected species")

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Like 100's and 100's of other Municipalities, Regions and Countries have done already.

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Without the "Bullhook" a Handler has absolutely no ability to control Elephants and therefore would not be brought in for performances.

We need to have some feeling and compasion for the Animals who have No Voice.

Please let me have the oppportunity to share this information wth others who have the ability to make a great change.

Thank you once again

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Jurisdictions that have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts

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AUSTRALIA

Western Australia: prohibitions in 14 municipal jurisdictions: Armadale, Bayswater, Cambridge, Cockburn, Denmark, Fingal, Fremantle, Kalamunda, Mosman Park, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, South Perth, Swan, Victoria Park, Vincent.

South Australia: Tea Tree Gully

New South Wales: prohibitions in 13 municipal jurisdictions: Blue Mountains, Hornsby, Lake Macquarie, Liverpool, Lismore, Manly, Newcastle, Parramatta City, Pittwater, Randwick, Warringah, Wingecarribee Shire, Woollahra.

Queensland: Ipswich City Council, Gold Coast Council

Australian Capital Territory: the entire territory is subject to a prohibition.

AUSTRIA

County of Salzburg passed a decree in 1998 prohibiting the keeping of wild animals in circuses

BOLIVIA

The very First country in the World to set the "Country Wide Ban"

BRAZIL

Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses passed by States of Rio de Janeiro & Pernambuco, and cities of Port Alegre, Sao Leopoldo, Cotia, Bauru, Ubatuba, Santa Maria and Sorocaba.

CANADA

British Columbia: - is the leading Canadian province with 20 municipalities banning such acts.

Burnaby, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coquitlam (city), Cowichan, Delta (municipality), Kamloops, Kelowna, Langley (township), Maple Ridge (regional district), Nanaimo (city), Nanaimo (regional district), New Westminster (municipality), North Cowichan, North Vancouver, Parksville, Prince George, Saanich (districts), Salmon Arm, Surrey (city) Vancouver (city), Victoria.

Newfoundland: prohibitions in 2 municipal jurisdictions: City of St. John's, Mount Pearl

Nova Scotia: prohibitions in 6 municipal jurisdictions: Argyle (municipality), Bridgewater (town), Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Digby (town), Shelburne (town), Yarmouth (town)

In 1999, provincial standards for exhibiting circus animals in Nova Scotia were adopted

Ontario: prohibition in Town of Cobourg, and Windsor, while Kingston is pending

Quebec: prohibitions in 2 municipal jurisdictions: Mont Royal, St. Laurent

CHILE

Santiago

COLUMBIA

Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses passed by cities of Bogota and Dos Quebradas.

COSTA RICA

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

CROATIA

Prohibitions in 27 municipalities: Bjelovar, Cakovec, Delnice, Donji Miholjac, Dugo Selo, Gospic, Karlovac, Klanjec, Kraljevica, Krizevci, Lepoglava, Mursko Sredisce, Nin, Novi Marof, Novigrad, Ozalj, Ploce, Pozega, Prelog, Rovinj, Sisak, Split, Varazdin, Varazdinske Toplice, Velika Gorica, Vukovar, Zabok.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

DENMARK

Federal prohibition against exhibitions and performances of all wild animals in place since 1962

ESTONIA

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

FINLAND

Federal prohibition against circus or similar performances since 1971

GREECE

Prohibition on wild animals in circuses in 3 municipalities: Crete, Patras, Thessaloniki. And in 30 more Towns

HUNGARY

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

INDIA

The federal government issued a Notification in 1991 prohibiting the exhibition and training of five species of performing animals for entertainment: tigers, monkeys, bears, panthers and lions.

IRELAND

Prohibition in City of Belfast.

ISRAEL

Prohibition in City of Tel Aviv.

NORWAY

Federal prohibition against exhibiting all wild animals in public since 1974

PERU

Country wide ban

SINGAPORE

Federal Issued Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses and travelling shows.

SPAIN

Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses in Barcelona, Blanes, Catalonia, Girona, lleida, San Fernando de Henares and Tarra gona.

SWEDEN

Federal prohibition against touring and circus exhibitions since 1988

SWITZERLAND

Federal prohibition in place.

UNITED KINGDOM

Over 220 municipal or county jurisdictions have prohibited wild animals and exotic from performing animals. These include Barnsley, Blackpool, Birmingham City, Bournemouth, Cardiff (Whales), Cambridge, Coventry, Derby, Dover, Dunbarton (Scotland), Eastbourne, Exeter, Lancaster, Liverpool, Maidenhead, Nottingham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Yeomouth, York.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA

Prohibitions in the following municipalities: Encinitas, Garona, Huntington Beach, Pasadena, and Santa Ana (California); Boulder and Estes Park (Colorado); Stamford (Connecticut); Hollywood and Lauderdale Lakes (Florida); Collinsville (Illinois); Takoma Park (Maryland); Braintree, Quincy and Revere (Massachusetts); Richmond (Missouri); Greenburgh and Southampton (New York); Orange County (South Carolina) Port Townsend, Redmond and Revere (Washington).

VENEZUELA

Prohibition in the City of Naguanagua

**DYN Exports Deputation
For Feb 7th Committee of the Whole**

DYN Exports is a for-profit wholesaler of recycled clothing. They moved their business into Vaughan from Toronto in 2011. At this point, they import most of their used clothing from the USA. They employ approximately 200 people, and could hire more if they had more product. They have diverted .5 billion lbs of clothes from landfill. They also donate to charities.

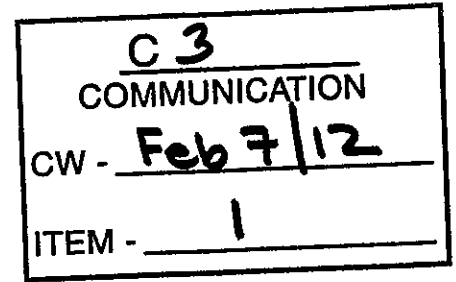
They would like to be able to keep it local, however, the City of Vaughan by-law 262-2008 was created on October 27th 2008 stating that only registered charities could put donation drop boxes on private property.

Through investigation with our City enforcement, we found that most of the Charity donation boxes are a front for for-profit companies. The charities are given a percentage.

DYN would like to see the by-law amended so that not only charities/non-profit could maintain boxes but also for-profit. They feel there should still be strict guidelines on licensing etc, but would like the opportunity for this to be a transparent industry, so its an even playing field, as in the end, the charities are still selling the clothing to the wholesalers..

The have been working diligently with York Region as well as other well known charities to partner with them to do this "the right way", not secretively as other donations boxes are. If they are not associated with a charity, they will still donate a percentage to local Vaughan charities such as the future hospital.

DATE: January 26, 2012
TO: Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council
FROM: Jeff Peyton, Director of Building and Facilities
COPY: Clayton Harris, City Manager
Jeffrey Abrams, City Clerk
Marlon Kallideen, Commissioner of Community Services
RE: **COMMUNICATION - Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 7, 2012 – TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY SITING PROTOCOL TASK FORCE**
1) REVISION TO TERMS OF REFERENCE 2) REQUEST RE: RADIO FREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS TESTING



Recommendation 2, in Committee of the Whole, February 7, 2012, TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY SITING PROTOCOL TASK FORCE report recommends that representatives from York Region Health Services and Public Health Ontario be requested to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic fields testing at the Al Palladini Community Centre in the spring. The following reflects the amended recommendation to postpone the testing until a new and relocated tower is operational.

Recommendation:

That the recommendation # 2 contained in the TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY SITING PROTOCOL TASK FORCE report of the City Clerk on behalf of the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force, dated February 7, 2012 be replaced with the following:

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2. That representatives from York Region Health Services and Public Health Ontario be requested to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic fields testing at the Al Palladini Community Centre within six months of operation of the new replacement tower at the relocated site.

The following is information with regards to the amendment of recommendation # 2:

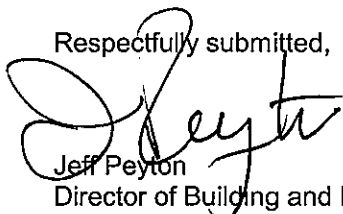
Background – Analysis:

At the Council Meeting of May 3, 2011, it was approved that the existing tower located at the south-east corner of the property be replaced with a new tower to be located on the north side of the building. It is expected that the new tower will be installed and operational by late summer.

Conclusion:

That the amended recommendation be approved to postpone the testing until the new and relocated tower is operational.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Peyton
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presented by: Laureen D'Alessandro - Humanitarian

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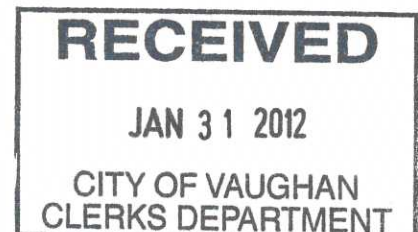
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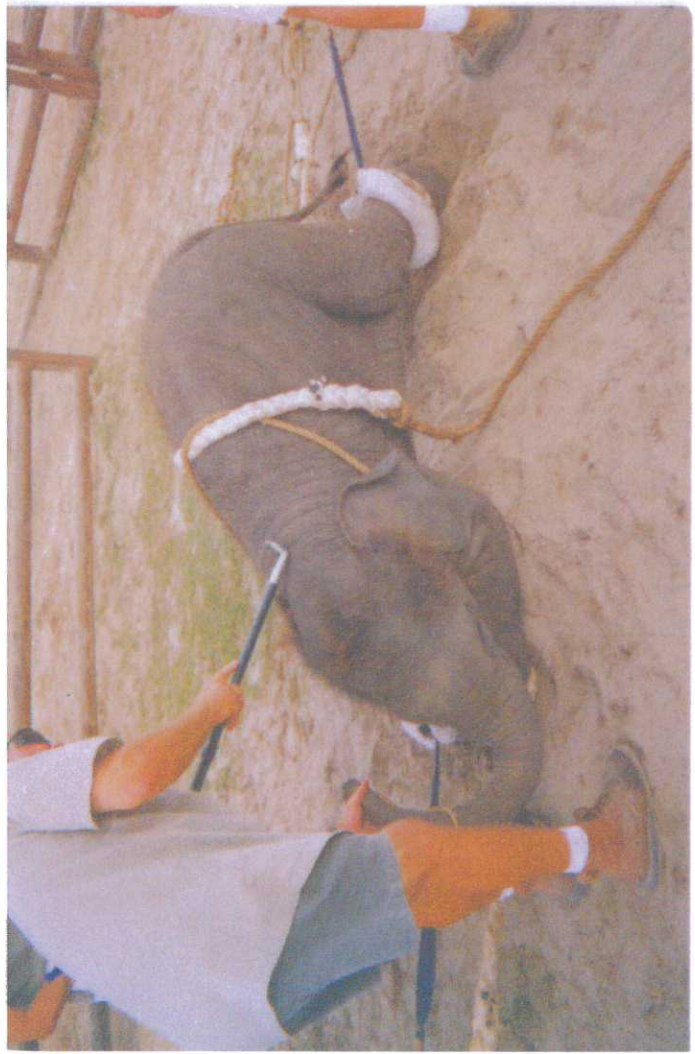
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New South Wales: prohibitions in 13 municipal jurisdictions: Blue Mountains, Hornsby, Lake Macquarie, Liverpool, Lismore, Manly, Newcastle, Parramatta City, Pittwater, Randwick, Warringah, Wingecarribee Shire, Woollahra.

Queensland: Ipswich City Council, Gold Coast Council

Australian Capital Territory: the entire territory is subject to a prohibition.

AUSTRIA

Nation wide Ban

BOLIVIA

The very First country in the World to set the "Country Wide Ban"

BRAZIL

Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses passed by States of Rio de Janeiro & Pernambuco, and cities of Port Alegre, Sao Leopoldo, Cotia, Bauru, Ubatuba, Santa Maria and Sorocaba.

CANADA

British Columbia: - is the leading Canadian province with 20 municipalities banning such acts.

Burnaby, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coquitlam (city), Cowichan, Delta (municipality), Kamloops, Kelowna, Langley (township), Maple Ridge (regional district), Nanaimo (city), Nanaimo (regional district), New Westminster (municipality), North Cowichan, North Vancouver, Parksville, Prince George, Saanich (districts), Salmon Arm, Surrey (city) Vancouver (city), Victoria.

Newfoundland: prohibitions in 2 municipal jurisdictions: City of St.John's, Mount Pearl

Nova Scotia: prohibitions in 6 municipal jurisdictions: Argyle (municipality), Bridgewater (town), Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Digby (town), Shelburne (town), Yarmouth (town)

In 1999, provincial standards for exhibiting circus animals in Nova Scotia were adopted

Ontario: prohibition in Town of Cobourg, and Windsor, while Kingston is pending

Quebec: prohibitions in 2 municipal jurisdictions: Mont Royal, St. Laurent

CHILE

Santiago

COLUMBIA

Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses passed by cities of Bogota and Dos Quebradas.

COSTA RICA

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

CROATIA

Prohibitions in 27 municipalities: Bjelovar, Cakovec, Delnice, Donji Miholjac, Dugo Selo, Gospic, Karlovac, Klanjec, Kraljevica, Krizevci, Lepoglava, Mursko Sredisce, Nin, Novi Marof, Novigrad, Ozalj, Ploce, Pozega, Prelog, Rovinj, Sisak, Split, Varazdin, Varazdinske Toplice, Velika Gorica, Vukovar, Zabok.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

DENMARK

Federal prohibition against exhibitions and performances of all wild animals in place since 1962

ESTONIA

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

FINLAND

Federal prohibition against circus or similar performances since 1971

GREECE

Prohibition on wild animals in circuses in 3 municipalities: Crete, Patras, Thessaloniki. And in 30 more Towns

HUNGARY

Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

INDIA

The federal government issued a Notification in 1991 prohibiting the exhibition and training of five species of performing animals for entertainment: tigers, monkeys, bears, panthers and lions.

IRELAND

Prohibition in City of Belfast.

ISRAEL

Prohibition in City of Tel Aviv.

NORWAY

Federal prohibition against exhibiting all wild animals in public since 1974

PERU

Country wide ban

SINGAPORE

Federal Issued Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses and travelling shows.

SPAIN

Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses in Barcelona, Blanes, Catalonia, Girona, Ileida, San Fernando de Henares and Tarra gona.

SWEDEN

Federal prohibition against touring and circus exhibitions since 1988

SWITZERLAND

Federal prohibition in place.

UNITED KINGDOM

Over 220 municipal or county jurisdictions have prohibited wild animals and exotic from performing animals. These include Barnsley, Blackpool, Birmingham City, Bournemouth, Cardiff (Whales), Cambridge, Coventry, Derby, Dover, Dunbarton (Scotland), Eastbourne, Exeter, Lancaster, Liverpool, Maidenhead, Nottingham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Yeomouth, York.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA

Prohibitions in the following municipalities: Encinitas, Garona, Huntington Beach, Pasadena, Rohnert Park and Santa Ana (California); Boulder and Estes Park (Colorado); Stamford (Connecticut); Hollywood and Lauderdale Lakes (Florida); Collinsville (Illinois); Takoma Park (Maryland); Braintree, Quincy and Revere (Massachusetts); Richmond (Missouri); Greenburgh and Southampton (New York); Orange County (South Carolina) Port Townsend, Redmond and Revere (Washington).

VENEZUELA

Prohibition in the City of Naguanagua

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COMMUNICATION

CW - Feb. 7/12

ITEM # - Presentations & Deputations b)

Deputation to the City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole to review the current by-law to include "for-profit" businesses to be able to operate Clothing Drop Boxes throughout the City

By: Marc Nanthakumar, President, DYN Exports

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about our industry and ways in which you can assist in both legitimizing it and creating a level playing field for charities and for profit businesses that create jobs in the community. What we are looking for you to do is to consider allowing for profit businesses along with charities to be eligible to participate in this in order to create a level playing field for all.

Introduction

Since its inception in 1994, DYN Exports Inc. has been and continues to be at the forefront and leading edge in the clothing recycling and reuse industry. Starting in the family garage, the company was invented out of a desire to create jobs and value from other peoples clothing waste and improve the environment by eliminating landfill. The target market has largely been developing countries in desperate need of clothing but has also provided North American Industry with useful and needed products from the reinvention of graded (for its quality) used clothing.

The development of the company spawned many expansions from North West Toronto and is now since this past August located in Vaughan in a 500,000 square foot facility formerly the Crown Moulding Plant at 7900 Keele Street. We have also become a member of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce. Currently, approximately eighty percent of the clothes we reinvent are imported from the United States. The company employs close to 200 people who live and work in the GTA with many from the City of Vaughan. The reinvention process involves each employee completing their specific roles for sorting and creating new uses for the clothes. Another element of the completion of the process includes freight forwarding and the packaging clothes for export after being properly assessed. We have attempted to become a part of the business community as my wife and family have lived in Thornhill for some time.

Collaboration within the Community

We want to become a greater part of the community and have invited officials from all levels of Government to visit and learn about what we do. The meetings have been cordial, and we look forward to substantive progress and clarity to take place with respect to some of our key issues. We have conducted exhaustive research on the industry throughout the GTA. Throughout our research we have discovered that the rules across the GTA range from an outright ban for for profit businesses to complete deregulation of the work that we do. This makes it a challenge to operate in the domestic market but it's one that we relish because it allows us to tell our great business success story and encourage opportunities with us. We seek transparency accountability and openness and we would like to ensure that we create a level playing field for everyone and a better awareness of the

opportunities and challenges and ensure we improve our economy and environment and society through this awareness to make this truly sustainability based reality.

In general we have found the following. There are three types of operators in this industry, the legitimate business, the legitimate charity and the illegitimate business masking itself as a charity. For businesses in Vaughan, the current rules are very specific and prescriptive. We are not welcome. The charities are and pay modest fees. But we are not sure how effective enforcement is even for those that claim to be charities. We don't know how many charities have registered and how many boxes they have. We welcome the opportunity to work with and compete with legitimate charities. But it's important to recognize that even legitimate charities are running a business. They do exactly the same thing we do which is collecting the clothing and monetize them for some other purpose. In our case, it's the creation of jobs and the payment of taxes. In the case of the Charities it's to provide a revenue stream for their cause through something other than direct fundraising for the cause. In our opinion this detracts their focus from the advocacy around their cause. Still many other charities are working with for profit companies to get the cash always and not to keep the clothes

Charities that take clothing and monetize it and are distracted from their core direct programming needs for their cause initiatives. In fact, Charities acting like private businesses rather than focusing on their true fundraising agenda and the mandate of that charity to do good for others. We believe it distracts them from their charitable purpose to improve the conditions associated with that charities direct mandate. If they are running a side business to raise funds then they aren't focusing on their core business. And it's not fair that we are not allowed to compete fairly and openly with them. It undermines the potential for everyone and in fact because of limited enforcement allows the proliferation of illegal clothing drop boxes that mask themselves as charities and are really for profit businesses.

We believe that the best social program is a job that helps to empower people not to need Government programs to achieve positive change in their lives. That said, there are many charitable purposes that outside of the scope of Government. It's also important to appreciate that the best opportunities for the many needed programs are created through employment and a tax base that can sustain those programs. Therefore charities should collaborate with business and much good can be achieved through collaboration that provides win/win opportunities for all. As such we welcome the opportunity to compete. Keeping us out of the business is unfair to honest transparent entrepreneurs who pay their taxes.

We also believe that the current bylaw situation provides opportunities for legitimate charities to be exploited by illegitimate charities that are actually unscrupulous businesses masking themselves as charities and not playing by the rules. We have provided examples that we have observed to the Economic Development team and they have followed up with the enforcement people around this process. Illegitimate Charities take the chance and put up a box until and unless we are caught but haphazard enforcement.

The current rules effectively shut out legitimate businesses such as ours from being a part of this industry. Vaughan is our home and we recently moved our business to Vaughan. So as a taxpayer I find this very disappointing. In essence, you are giving both legitimate and illegitimate charities the edge with licensing requirements even though we are doing everything a business needs to do, and giving legitimate businesses a distinct disadvantage for not being able to be a part of the process.

Over the past 18 years we have diverted from landfill close to 300 million pounds of used clothing. This is a very green approach in our dealings. 95% of what we collect gets reused in some form or another. In many ways, we have been the pioneers in this industry. We have \$10M in sales and \$4M in payroll and \$1M in source tax and government insurance deductions. We want to open and transparent and play by the rules. The rules have to allow us to do so.

We want to take the over \$3M a year we use to purchase clothes in the United States and invest that money in increasing the used clothing supply here in Vaughan. The importing of clothes that then are then re-exported back to the US and developing countries is not our goal. We would rather to keep the money here for the benefit of local charitable needs in Vaughan which makes us equally profitable financially yet much more socially profitable overall. By doing things right and heightening awareness it doesn't have to be a zero sum game that some legitimate charities may fear but rather an opportunity to expand the pool and eliminate more landfill and get unused clothing and put it to proper reuse by making it more culturally acceptable to give clothes and achieve a benefit. There are lots of used clothes to go around for every need if we collaborate to create opportunities together

In fact, I am pleased to announce that we had recently entered into an agreement with the SickKids Foundation to provide 41% of the proceeds from clothing box locations, special events and we will work with them on donations as a result of door to door canvassing of donations they initiate that we will purchase given our desire to support them and make people aware of where the benefit of the clothing goes. We are hoping to launch a similar outcome following the current rules in the City of Vaughan with the Vaughan Healthcare Foundation to help ensure funding for a Hospital in Vaughan. Under the rules current rules it would be led by the Foundation who would hire us to run the clothing drop box initiative. We have no difficulty doing this but we think you are better served by allowing us to run the boxes directly with a charitable benefit that all can be a part of. It is more transparent and will help to destigmatize a business that has a bad reputation because the policies created to govern them are ineffective in regulation and enforcement. By eliminating the stigma more will be willing to participate, monetizing their used clothes to whatever source they see fit and more clothes would "come out of the closet" or storage so to speak. We don't believe heightened awareness and options will do anything but allow for more opportunities not less for all. In our opinion it is not a zero sum game. As such, we would be able to follow that model or any other model that empowered legitimate business to participate.

In fact we are confident that the current 200 jobs in our 500,000 square foot facility is just the beginning and with a fair open and transparent process we could create 1000 jobs over 2 shifts in this facility. This formed the basis of why we moved to Vaughan in the first place.

York Region and Vaughan

Now that we live and work in York Region we have delved more deeply in the situation here and thanks to the excellent efforts of Economic Development officials, in Vaughan and York Region we have found many areas of improvement for our business to be most comfortable in our new home.

Firstly with respect to the reuse centre we understand that there is an operational agreement with York Region to collect donations from Reuse centre with GoodWill and Habitat for Humanity. We don't know when the next public process will take place but we want to be included in that process. The process should be open to organizations like ours in particular because of our charitable commitments..Competition is good for charity and good for business.

With respect to residential door-to-door collection, on residential door to door, will begin shortly in Vaughan as there are no rules that prohibit private businesses from doing this. We are focusing on Toronto and Vaughan now but will then want to tackle all the GTA municipalities who have different rules for local and regional governments.

We look forward to your review of the situation and providing for clothing drop boxes to be permitted by for profit organizations so that we can create a level playing field and opportunities for jobs and charitable success by raising awareness and providing support that produce results for all.

The Mayor in his recent speech to the Business Community said that we need to "start it with a desire for change — a spirit of change that is the embodiment of our belief that we can do better. We agree with that spirit. We also agree with the Mayors comments that "We need to work together to fulfill the promise of our city," and "We need to channel our energies toward our ultimate goal, which is to build the best city we possibly can. Let us be partners in this great mission. " We are willing partners. It's up to the City to meet the test of its challenge to businesses as well.

Thank you.

DYN Exports / Recycling

A commitment to business results and social responsibility
Presentation before Committee of the Whole, City of Vaughan



Agenda

- ▶ Mandate and History
- ▶ Highlights: A small business success story
- ▶ Corporate Social Responsibility
- ▶ Current City of Vaughan /York Region Policies
- ▶ Setting the Future Context
- ▶ Proposed Next Steps
- ▶ Thank you!



Mandate and History

- ▶ Founded in 1994 in the family garage
- ▶ Grew out of a desire to create jobs and value from other peoples waste
- ▶ Improve the environment by eliminating landfill
- ▶ Help Developing Countries in desperate need of clothing
- ▶ Help North American industry with efficient products and services using graded used clothing
- ▶ From 10,000 square foot space and now approximately 500,000 square feet of space in Vaughan to create products recycling old clothes



Highlights: A small business success story

- ▶ Since inception close to 300 million pounds of clothes diverted from landfill
- ▶ Currently 200 jobs, close to \$10M in sales, \$4M in payroll, \$1M in EI, CPP WSIB and Employer Health and other Tax contributions
- ▶ 1000 jobs possible with the right policy framework
- ▶ A commitment to quality service which keeps clients coming back



Highlights: A small business success story

- ▶ Company continues to grow with a desire to continue to focus on used clothing reinvention and recycling along with freight forwarding
- ▶ Capacity to deliver high end products
- ▶ Access to sources of products diminishing as a result of cost and economic downturn as well as lack of controls from fly by night operations limiting legitimate business and charitable objectives
- ▶ Need support to regulate industry and stimulate growth



Corporate Social Responsibility

- ▶ Behind the vision for economic success is a desire to give back and to make a difference in the community to help the needy
- ▶ Donations to charities in excess of \$1 00,000 in value, since the companies creation to various local and regional charities including the Red Cross, the Hospital for Sick Children, York Finch General
- ▶ Opportunities to continue the tradition with a Vaughan focus...this is our home from employees to owners



Current City of Vaughan / York Region Policies

- ▶ Do not allow for profit business to collect used clothing directly from drop boxes
- ▶ More can be done with a conscious raising with the importance of waste reduction in particular used clothing
- ▶ Not fair to eliminate competition with the private sector – Charities are businesses too and Illegitimate businesses pretend to be charities and undermine the intent – policies are not working
- ▶ Community Environmental Centre's limit to charities – Fairness of Goodwill and Habitat for Humanity being chosen – RFP opportunity for all including clothes recycling
- ▶ Revenue generator potential for the Region and City to lower tax burden and create a greater revenue stream for both charities and the private sector with heightened awareness and enforcement
- ▶ Legitimacy facilitated by a solid policy framework



Setting the Future Context

- ▶ Give back by reinventing and create an opportunity to give and feel good about it because its good for charity, puts money back in your pocket and creates jobs/prosperity
- ▶ Don't make it an afterthought– understand the consequences of actions and incent results
- ▶ Points of intersection between moral compass and self interest
- ▶ DYN vision Regular door to door collections and drop boxes plan across the GTA for charity, community and jobs!
- ▶ Established a relationship with SickKids for the City of Toronto where 41% of donation proceeds go to SickKids– Keeps \$2–3M we currently export to the US in Canada to create jobs and benefit local needs
- ▶ Want to do something similar with Vaughan Health Care Foundation to create a Hospital in Vaughan
- ▶ Best social program is a job!



Setting the Future Context

- ▶ Fairness and Equity with Public and Private Sector – access to all groups
- ▶ A culture of sustainability – culture of reuse – everything has value – clothes recycling is critical
- ▶ Clothing reuse – vintage – everything old is new – trend in Europe
- ▶ Giving is good – anti-waste culture – all has a use – makes you money – cool to give and cool to reuse
- ▶ Discipline – regular collection to create a revenue stream for the City and Region – recover is the key to divert from land fill



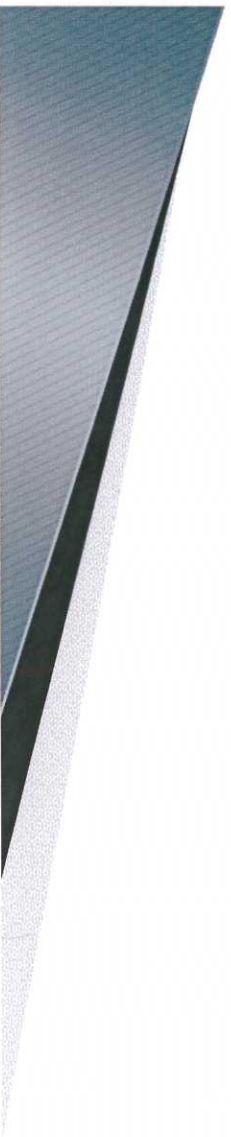
Proposed Next Steps

- ▶ Better regulation and enforcement that allows for profit businesses and charities to operate on a level playing field – eliminate black market and no tax culture – cash money syndrome – clean up the business
- ▶ Fine the property owner and the box owner and the charity in order to enforce regulations
- ▶ Ability to enforce bylaw on private property for owners or City to remove or fine if no compliance
- ▶ Allow on public property
- ▶ Visible licence plate on every box
- ▶ Collection Strategy in support of worthy Vaughan causes (i.e. Vaughan Food Bank, Vaughan Health Care Foundation)
- ▶ Other ideas that levels the playing field for both charities that do business and business that does charity.



THANK YOU !!

- ▶ TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR EVERYONE!
- ▶ WE LOOK FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE AND CONTINUE TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITES FOR GENUINE WEALTH AND JOBS FOR VAUGHAN AND YORK REGION!!



C 6 COMMUNICATION CW - <u>Feb. 7/12</u> ITEM - <u>11</u>

From: antony.niro@timeforchangevaughan.ca
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 3:09 PM
To: lafrate, Marilyn; Bevilacqua, Maurizio; DeFrancesca, Rosanna; Di Biase, Michael; Shefman, Alan; Racco, Sandra; Carella, Tony; Rosati, Gino; Schulte, Deb; Clerks@vaughan.ca
Cc: Caroline Grech; Weekly Newspaper
Subject: More Gravel Pits in Vaughan? Our residents need your help! Item 11, Committee of the Whole Feb 7

Dear Members of Council,

I have just become aware of a NEW Gravel Pit in Vaughan (other than the Rizmi Pit) and am equally as shocked to learn that Vaughan staff seem to think it is ok to have these things in our City.

Item 11 on tomorrow's committee meeting is of great concern to me and the few residents that are aware of it at this point. It is impossible for us to organize everyone to attend tomorrow's meeting on such short notice, however, I will be in attendance requesting a DEFERRAL of this item for 2 months or so to allow my community to firstly become aware of this item and secondly to address it appropriately and understand it.

My community has spent 10 years fighting the creation and expansion of the Rizmi Gravel Pit, and here I am reading a report that SUPPORTS creating more Gravel Pit like places in Vaughan, in strict contrast promises made to my community to stop these Gravel Pits.

Some key components of concern right off the bat in the report that I can see are as follows:

1. What is this suggestion that this zoning application conforms to the Official Plan because of some "settlement" at the OMB recently in November of 2011? Was the City part of that settlement and did council ok this use as part of that settlement? Was this wording part of the original OPA 637? How can staff interpret this section of OPA 637 as it reads in the report to suggest the use is compatible with the surrounding farming uses or rural homes? If such a liberal interpretation is given to allow a Prohibited Use, there is no limit to the word "compatible"?
2. Is it smart to allow a specifically prohibited use of "Mixing Plant", when Vaughan has specifically prohibited it as part of their by-law? What sense does that make?
3. Temporary is the start of permanent, so I personally do not accept temporary as it unnecessarily opens the door.

I look forward to all of your support tomorrow for a deferral. Please call me if you have any questions.

-Antony.

Antony Niro P.Eng (416) 846-6476
 Founder, Time for Change Vaughan

<p>C 7 COMMUNICATION CW - Feb 7/12 ITEM - 11</p>
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From: alexandra ney [alexan.ney@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 11:06 PM
To: lafrate, Marilyn; MacKenzie, John; Uyeyama, Grant; Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: Response to Feb 7 meeting

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to Notice

Applicant: 2109179 Ontario Inc
Location: 3501 King-Vaughan Road, Part of Lot 34, Concession 5, City of Vaughan
File #: Z.10.002 & DA.11.086

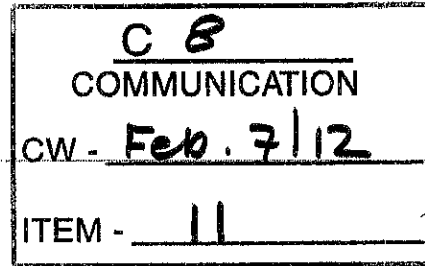
Meeting on February 7th, 2012 at 1:00pm

Following the request as we are unable to attend. Please address the issue of extreme heavy truck traffic which passes in and out of the above property Monday through to Saturday early am to late pm.

We would request reasonable hours of operation for this rural and residential area to be maintained, for the heavy industrial vehicles (including their suppliers and company vehicles) passing by Weston and King Vaughan Road. We also respectfully request refraining from any potential idling in front of the King Vaughan Rd/Weston Rd residence or using air brakes, and gearing up and down within 500 metres of the property.

Reasonable hours would include hours of 8 am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1pm on Saturdays, preferably the company would maintain what their representatives had suggested in the May 11th, 2010 meeting. Here it was stated that their vehicles and I believe suppliers would travel in and out off of Jane street as the Company on the East side of the bridge does.

Without prejudice,
The Neys



From: Uyeyama, Grant
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:28 AM
To: Fernandes, Sybil; Bellisario, Adelina
Subject: FW: Fw: Response to Feb 7 meeting
Importance: High

Item 11 - Feb 7, 2012 CW (a response from Humphries Planning to the email below from The Neys)

From: Rosemarie Humphries [mailto:rhumphries@humphriesplanning.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 8:22 AM
To: Uyeyama, Grant
Cc: MacKenzie, John; Johnson, Mark; Iafrate, Marilyn; 'Mark McConville [Humphries Planning Group Inc.]'; Joe Nuosci
Subject: RE: *****SPAM***** Fw: Response to Feb 7 meeting
Importance: High

Grant, and John et al

Thank you for forwarding the comments below: I wish to confirm the following for you all:

- the applicant has not had a delivery to the site in the last year
- within the last year, the applicant has not operated a business on the site which included trucks entering and exiting the site numerous times during the daytime hours
- the applicant has only maintained truck movements directed to Jane Street - never to Weston Road.

The comments made below are clearly related to another operation in the area – not the application that is being considered by Committee of the Whole.

Regards,

Rosemarie L. Humphries BA, MCIP, RPP
 President

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From: Uyeyama, Grant [mailto:Grant.Uyeyama@vaughan.ca]
Sent: February-07-12 6:32 AM
To: 'rhumphries@humphriesplanning.com'
Cc: MacKenzie, John; Johnson, Mark
Subject: *****SPAM***** Fw: Response to Feb 7 meeting

Rosie:

Fyi - you may want to respond to this.

2/7/2012

GRANT UYEVAMA
Director of Development Planning
City of Vaughan

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