

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

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C1. Michael S. Manett, Vaughan Chamber of Commerce, dated February 22, 2011.

(Item 1)

Please note there may be further Communications.



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Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council
City of Vaughan
2141 Major MacKenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

**SPECIAL C W
COMMUNICATION**

Date: Feb 22/11 ITEM NO. 1

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council:

Re: Modification of City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010
Vaughan Mills Mall Re-designation from High Rise Mixed Use to General Commercial

It has come to our attention at the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce, as a result of concerns raised by some of our members, that the City of Vaughan has scheduled a Public Meeting for tonight to consider a significant change to the recently approved Official Plan that may have the effect of providing for a strategic change in policy that will impact on the business community. The matter being considered is a change to the designation of the Vaughan Mills Shopping Centre Area from High Rise Mixed Use to General Commercial.

The current designation in the recently adopted Official Plan resulted from a lengthy Official Plan process which determined that a High Rise Mixed Use designation was an appropriate land use designation to encourage a high density mixed use community for this area in the future. Prior to any decision by Council to change this designation we would expect a thorough re-visiting of the planning analysis that lead to the designation being adopted in the Official Plan and that no decision be made by Council until a proper public process is following, including inviting input from the business community and all affected stakeholders.

Given the short notice for the meeting scheduled for today, and the fact that we have just been made aware of this proposed significant change to the City's recently adopted policy, we request that Council defer any consideration of this matter until such time as an appropriate process is established to properly study the matter and provide for the necessary input from all affected stakeholders, including the business community. Unfortunately, given the short notice of the meeting, we will not be able to be in attendance and request that we be advised of any decision made by Council and that we be formally notified of any future action to be taken on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours truly,

Michael S. Manett

Chairman of the Board
Vaughan Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Ivanhoe Cambridge
Cc: History Hill Group
Cc: Greenpark Group

Subject: FW: IMPORTANT: Letter from Vaughan Chamber of Commerce Attached
Importance: High
Attachments: VCC Letter.pdf

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Cc: DeBuono, Michelle; 'Michael Manett'; joe@greenparkgroup.ca; angelo@historyhillgroup.com
Subject: IMPORTANT: Letter from Vaughan Chamber of Commerce Attached
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Hello,

Michael Manett, Chair of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, has asked me to forward this attached letter to the Mayor's Office as soon as possible.

The letter is in regards to the modification of the City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010, and the Vaughan Mills Mall re-designation. Michael is requesting that Council defer any consideration of this matter until a later time. Please see attached letter for further details.

Kind Regards,

Lori Suffern

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