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Subject: Written Submissions to Agenda item 6.1 Staff Report

Please add my written submission to the Agenda Package for the Emergency Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at 9:30AM. (due to the short notice, I am not sure that I can take the day off to attend this meeting and speak in person).

Good Morning, Mayor Groves and Council.

I have read the staff report and have asked specifically how it was determined to select Cllr's Russo and Maskell, in particular since there is also a use of Mayor Power to remove Cllr Sheen to be replaced by Cllr Maskell at the Regional level as an alternate.

As of yet, I have not received a response to the process or thought process that contributed to this recommendation (I have asked thru the acting Clerk). However, I wanted to ensure my submission was delivered to all Council and would be added to the updated agenda package to be posted later on today.

My concern does not have to do with the selection of Cllr. Russo or Cllr. Maskell. Although both with just under a year in Council does raise some questions as to why we would not have selected a more seasoned set of Councillors.

My main concern is that based on this selection we are denying any representation to the entire West side of Caledon (north to South from West of Bramalea Road). This would be Wards 1 and 2.

Wards 1 & 2 encompass a land mass that is 1/2 of Caledon. That is a big area to be considered and as most of you would know also very different from the rest of Caledon. The needs for Caledon as a whole can only be represented by Caledon as a whole, not just the East Side.

Perhaps these questions can be asked?

1. What parameters had been considered to select and recommend the 2 Councillors? (the Mayor as a Ex-Officio is not a concern, it would only be appropriate if the Mayor is reflected on this team).
2. From a Pool of 2 Regional Councillors and 6 Ward Councillors what consideration was given to each of them to apply to be part of this group, if any?
3. In the selection process for these recommendations was there any information that was considered that would balance the representation to encompass the entire Town? If any?
4. Why was this meeting rushed to an Emergency meeting? Why, when both Council Members and Residents had been asking for an update on what is happening with the transition. To be honest, I find the entire process of this Emergency Meeting to be disrespectful to the Taxpayer, who will not have the opportunity to review this agenda and be informed of how this recommendation will impact them directly. We had all meetings cancelled last week and then suddenly and with little notice we are pushing for an Emergency Meeting at 9:30AM on Tuesday after a long weekend. That in itself is

suspect. Is there a reasonable explanation as to why this matter could not be moved a few days or even a week? We have all known since May of this year this was happening, we have wasted valuable time.

5. I don't buy into the rumours, but people are worried that Caledon may not remain intact and you are proposing to exclude and replace Cllr. Sheen, who's community is wondering if they will be part of Brampton. Why was Cllr. Sheen not considered? or any other Councillor on the West Side of Caledon?

The staff report is very brief, we have recommendations with no back up as to how those recommendations had been made. There was no consideration to provide representation that would include all of Caledon.

By way of this submission I am asking the Mayor and Council to ask these questions, to provide clarity and transparency to the residents of Caledon. I would ask that no action be taken on Tuesday, October 10th. No action to be taken until the Staff Report clearly provides a recommendation for representation for All of Caledon.

Thank you - Joanna Valeriani

On a side note - The agenda was posted late Thursday, afternoon (after 5PM) and we only have until Noon today to ensure any written submission or request for delegation to be submitted as Monday is a Holiday and this meeting is being held at 9:30AM - that is another issue and I would ask that the breach to the Municipal Act be reviewed. Perhaps instead of working towards getting the agenda out to just meet the 24hrs we strive to be proactive and get it out to allow for maximum time for participation by residents rather than minimum time.