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Mr. Klingenberg,

Please include this correspondence to the Agenda Package for the Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 24th as part of the Addendum Agenda.

As many on Council are aware, I have been fighting illegal Land Use in particular Illegal Truck yards since 2017.

Over the course of your Tenure I have corresponded and delegated at council on this matter, we are all well aware and well versed on what is happening in Caledon.

Councillor Sheen brought forward the issue to bring this matter to the Agenda in the Fall of 2023 so that we could come to Town Hall and delegate on this matter. On November 14, 2023, I came before you and asked for your help. You sat there and listened, shortly thereafter the matter came to Council again, unfortunately, without notice to the public delegation happened in the afternoon meeting. I was unable to attend, but watched remotely. The delegation, from the representative of the illegal truck yard stood before you, explaining how they are hard working and noble and did vacate the yard and had been working on the other court order matters. I was hopeful. However, as you are all aware almost 21 months after a court order, almost a year after a failure to comply with the court order it is business as usual there. (this issue was precedent setting when the Town was awarded the Court order - it set the path forward).

This Town is being complacent as the Mayor would say we have some "bad actors" but the Town allows it to continue. You have a court order that was a great press release, that particular yard continues to operate today. Residents from our neighbours in Brampton have been in constant contact providing photos and video and again silence from the Town.

The same can be said about the other illegal land uses, Truck Yards in particular are a growing issue, but another animal amongst us illegal event Centres and Party houses are fully operational in Caledon.

Trucks are a problem in this town, trucks from illegal truck yards are a triple threat to our community, they drive on our roads, they impact our daily lives and as noted by the Mayor in her delegation to the Province, some bring a criminal element.

Not all truck yards are bad, not all run illegal operations, but you need to ask yourself what is going on here, why would they not request proper zoning to run their business. Some people just don't know any better and they have cleaned up their act, but then they get back to it when they think no one is looking. Why are we not looking?

We have re-created the Task Force who for the most part will not be operational until Early 2025 with Cllrs. Rosa & Maskell leading the Community Working Group.

Councillor Rosa, spoke to Council at Vaughan on February 13th of this year, he stood before them armed with a presentation, a petition and the main focus was the gateway to Bolton. It is an ugly drive up Hwy. 50 towards Bolton. However, it is a much uglier drive along Mayfield from Hwy 50 to well past Airport Road on the North side, how can we ask another municipality to clean up their act, when our backyard is worse. I don't know what Vaughan has decided, but I do understand as our neighbour we need to continue these conversations, we also need to have them with Brampton.

Only in recent months have we had a sprinkle of hope this administration would do something. However, actions speak louder than words. Lots of talk and little else.

Earlier this year, February 6th, the Mayor wrote to the Honorable Doug Downey, Attorney General, the letter was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra asking for help as we could not succeed in eradicating these illegal truck yards. Minister Calandra provided a response that was loud and clear - YOU HAVE THE POWER - and invited the Mayor to raise these concerns to a Parliamentary Committee on August 13th- the transcripts are public record, the only tangible and coherent information on what our issues are in Caledon had been provided by Commissioner McLean's presentation/delegation, the comments from the Mayor sounded very familiar - it was almost like hearing myself speak in front of you last fall - I will repeat one of the main issues "ask yourself what is in those containers?" We know we have a criminal element in Caledon, there have been several police raids and arrests. Commissioner McLean connected those dots in her presentation to the Parliamentary Committee. This is spreading like a Cancer in Caledon.

Now again, the Mayor is writing to the Province, the fines are not working, for these enterprises, as it is the cost of doing business. However, what I am not understanding is how when you have a court order in your hands, options on next steps had been provided by the Solicitor who took this matter to court (August 2023). Why have we not worked towards one of these options? I appreciate that legal matters must remain confidential, when asking for an update over the last year we get the same response, "no comment/legal matter" Really? You excluded everyone from the public who brought this case forward, the witnesses who provided affidavits who had been instrumental in getting these court orders. Residents of Highlands Of Castlemore from Brampton who continue to experience the negative impact of these illegal truck yards are being ignored.

I continue to implore you to do something now. This council has been sitting here for almost 2 years - In January of 2023 your press release on the conviction of the Illegal Truck Yard that set precedent on this matter sounded promising, you gave yourselves a pat on the back, but what progress has been made to date? Illegal truck yards are continuing to expand into Caledon because they know they can come here and do what they want. They are suffocating our town, you just need to look at the map provided on the presentation about Illegal Land use from the Staff Report in June, to see where they are located. We are now reaching the 2 year mark for the precedent setting case, almost a year from non-compliance and by all appearance the Town of Caledon is no further ahead from when I commenced my advocacy in 2017 when these issues of illegal land use had first come to the Town of Caledon's attention. We have other matters in front of the court, how will those be handled?

We also have a budget (2025) before us, will this matter get lost in the shuffle? Maybe take a better look at that survey you asked people to complete, because it has failed to identify budgets for our by-law department to eradicate these "bad actors" . What is the point of beautifying our community when it is littered with trucks and containers on zoned prime farmland? When illegal event centres throw

their garbage in our ditches/culverts or drive up laneways and dump it on personal property or take over our streets for parking and cause road safety issues.

I have been waiting on you for 2 years. I will continue to press forward on this matter, I am not going anywhere. In 2 years time some of you will be back asking for our vote, the people of this town are intelligent, they know when you are campaigning and they know when you are actually pushing an issue forward with passion and conviction. Actions are louder than words.

Thank you - Joanna Valeriani