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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** Regional Clerk <[ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca](mailto:ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca)>  
**Subject:** ROPA7

Clerk,

Please attach this email as my communication to tomorrow Council meeting.

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Once again I am expressing my complete and utter disappointment in York Region Council and the 15 Council members who chose to support Regional Council Jackson's motion in support of ROPA 7.

I remind Council of the following.

- This is a MZO in disguise on the Greenbelt. The applicant is seeking your support/endorsement prior to submitting the request to Minister Clark. Block 41 requested parks in their initial MZO request this was endorsed by Vaughan Council but not approved by Minister Clark. One of the landowners for Block 41 took the province to court over the Greenbelt and lost. You are enabling and supporting the intent of this developer to build on the Greenbelt.
- Supporting ROPA 7 will weaken Greenbelt protection for natural heritage, protection of endangered species and habitat as well as source water protection. It would be foolish and naive for Council members to endorse this when land uses are so poorly defined. There is a huge difference between a nature trail versus a soccer field. The developers in question have been advocating to develop in this land for decades and are never satisfied. Already these lands came into the urban boundary through ROPA2 and ROPA 3, this is still not enough for them and they are going after the Greenbelt portions intended to be protected for natural heritage, connectivity, source and storm water protection. Supportive Council members choose to ignore these facts.
- The developers private paid consultant has misled Council and supportive Council members have let him.
- Supporting the private ROPA7 request, which clearly is only in the interest of the developer, in the presence of such unified, well researched and informed recommendations from staff undermines the public institutions and governance you were elected to represent and uphold. \
- Supporting the ROPA7 request undermines York Region, Vaughan and Markham Council's ability to make progress on climate action, increasing the natural vegetative cover.

Thank you,  
Irene Ford