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Members of the Solid Waste Management Committee
Region of York
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Dear Committee Members:

RE: NEW COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE (CEC)

The comments contained herein are my own as they relate to the proposed Community Environmental Centre in Vaughan.

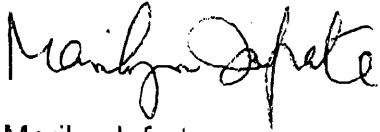
This new concept of providing residents a place to readily dispose of excess household waste due to basement renovations, spring cleaning or home landscaping is something to be applauded and welcomed with open arms. Unless you live closer to the rural area of Vaughan as I do, you cannot appreciate how important this facility is to keep our City clean and green. I am tired of seeing tires to toilets to couches, dumped on the side of the roads just 2 kilometres of where I live. The CEC means an accessible alternative to illegal dumping.

Issues of traffic and compatibility with the future of the area were raised by residents of the Concord area. These issues are valid ones but were not put into context. Example, the existing banquet hall nearby has tenfold the traffic coming into the area on a daily basis than the CEC facility ever will. As far as compatibility is concerned, the area is industrial, bordered by manufacturing and CN Rail. The design of the CEC is spectacular and looks more like a community centre. This is by far the best designed building in the entire area and without a doubt will add to the beautification of the existing industrial area. If I were a resident of the area, I would be more concerned with what is coming in at the transfer stations in the nearby industrial areas.

In Maple, we accepted the Region's Household Hazardous Waste Depot at a location much, much closer to residential homes than the proposed Concord CEC facility. Even though our community has hosted everyone's garbage for over 20 years, we understood the need to site the HHWD to service the **entire Vaughan community**.

I urge you all to move on and approve the CEC at its current intended location. It is time that **all** residents of Vaughan come to understand that we all have to do our part when it comes to waste management – our responsibility does not end at the curb or in some else's backyard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marilyn Lafrate'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Marilyn' being more prominent than the last name 'Lafrate'.

Marilyn lafrate
Resident of Vaughan and
Past President of Vaughan C.A.R.E.S.