

Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session)

January 17, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Deputations regarding Bill 66

Deputant 1	This resident spoke against bill 66 and cannabis.
Deputant 2	This resident spoke about the negative affects of new infrastructure to the environment and how jobs in the low-carbon marketplace are already threatened. Asked that we say no to Bill 66 section 10 to keep our environment protected while still being open for business.
Deputant 3	This resident stressed the importance of protecting the environment/greenbelt and controlling urban sprawl. Niagara Escarpment and the Oakridge Moraine are important ecological systems and create tourism. Urged the City to reject the bill. This bill irreversible as the greenbelt cannot be restored once it is developed.
Deputant 4	This resident wants Vaughan to reject opening up the greenbelt for development. This goes against Doug Ford's campaign promise not to touch the greenbelt. It is disguised as a bill to create employment but unemployment numbers in Ontario have never been higher.
Deputant 5	This resident was concerned about how the Bill would affect City planning. Thinks that Vaughan is doing the right thing by creating a new downtown. Sprawl will give people less reason to develop in the newly create Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.
Deputant 6	This resident proposes that we show leadership in environmental stewardship. Can't undo the wrongs of the past but we must be responsible and look at long term effects. We need to protect valuable farmland and greenspace.
Deputant 7	This resident spoke about how public consultation is a cornerstone of our democracy and was concerned about the current acts of the provincial government. This resident believes Vaughan has always been open for business – sometimes at the expense of the greenbelt, but we can now lead the charge by standing up for the greenbelt.
Deputant 8	This resident spoke about the need to make amendments to greenbelt zoning and supports a review of greenbelt protected properties that are surrounded by commercial properties.
Deputant 9	This resident was concerned about City planning and the need for more public consultation concerning property development and re-development.
Deputant 10	This resident stated that Bill 66 is the complete antithesis of the promises made by Council when signing the Vaughan Accord - specifically regarding protecting the environment, transparency and public consultation. Old infrastructure is failing at the same time we are building new infrastructure. This is not sustainable and cannot be funded through the tax base.

Deputant 11	This resident felt that the Provincial government will push down the responsibility for breaking up the greenbelt and moraine to the municipal government. Wants Vaughan to make the greenbelt or moraine untouchable.
Deputant 12	This resident spoke about the fact that Vaughan has a comprehensive Official Plan that residents paid millions of dollars for and that public consultation must not be compromised.
Deputant 13	This resident was opposed to the bill and spoke about the affects it would have on planning matters, safe drinking water and the official plan.
Deputant 14	This resident spoke to planning matters and the official plan and the negative affects the Bill would have on the City.
Deputant 15	This resident spoke about the negative affects this Bill would have on the Clean Water Act, specifically with regards to creating toxins that could compromise water sources.
Deputant 16	This resident felt that Bill 66, schedule 10 is irresponsible. It is not the will of the people.
Deputant 17	This resident spoke to the need for public consultation and that the Bill was not in the best interest of Vaughan or the environment.
Deputant 18	This resident wants the greenbelt protected.
Deputant 19	This resident was concerned about land and water pollution that would be caused by industrial development in the greenbelt.
Deputant 20	This resident felt cutting red tape will affect our health and environment. Bill 66 weakens the democratic planning process
Deputant 21	This young man spoke regarding future employment and opportunities for owning a home for his generation. He does not want those things at the expense of the environment or public consultation. He felt that there is no guarantee that those jobs created by this bill would not be automated in the future.
Deputant 22	This resident spoke about the municipality not being given enough time to review and process this bill. The official plan has identified enough undeveloped employment lands to last the next 20 years. He spoke to concerns this Bill would have on the Places to Grow Act, the Clean Water Act, the Greenbelt Act, and the Moraine Act - as well as increasing traffic issues in Vaughan and York Region.
Deputant 23	This resident was concerned about water quality and protecting the greenbelt.
Deputant 24	This resident spoke about this Bill being created to cut red tape but felt it wasn't streamlining the process.