

SAVE OUR PARK

FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS... “STOP THE SALE & DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PARK”

Dear Neighbour,

As residents of this neighbourhood we want to inform you of the plans to develop one of the few remaining parking in our area. The City of Vaughan received a proposal from a private developer, Mentana Group, in which they plan to remove the park adjacent to the Vaughan Sports Village.

Parks are given to the City of Vaughan as Sacred Trust for our benefit and for the entire community to use, therefore; should **NEVER** be developed.

This proposal includes the following, but not limited to:

● **Eliminating the Park** - The Mentana Group is proposing a private for profit elite sports school. The project will entail a 3-storey private school for 760 students including a residence, an arena/event centre which can seat 6,000 people, a multi-purpose sports field with tennis courts, a track, basketball & volleyball courts, baseball diamond, soccer field, and an amphitheatre seating 3,000 people.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE AMENITIES ARE STRICTLY FOR THE USE OF THE PRIVATE FOR PROFIT SPORTS STUDENTS. NOT FOR FREE COMMUNITY USE.

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU:

- NO MORE PARK
- no more 24-7 access to the park
- more traffic congestion
- our community will become a parking lot
- increased noise level evenings and weekends due to sporting and amphitheatre events
- SAFETY: thousands of people coming into our neighbourhood
- tax dollars being used to subsidize this project
- an eye sore for the residents and community
- more facility lights surrounding the perimeter of the facility (Hollybush and Melville)

Maple is an already very well developed area. In the past 15 years, our area has become more developed and congested with all of the amenities to date: Vaughan Mills, Canada's Wonderland, strip plaza's, condominiums, and the new MacKenzie Health Hospital project.

This project is for only a select few to utilize, this will not be a community-wide resource. The size of this facility will encompass the entire 33 acre park.

THIS WILL BE A PRIVATE FACILITY OWNED BY MENTANA GROUP

THE PROPOSED SALE OF THIS PARKLAND CAN SET A MAJOR PRECEDENT FOR OTHER PARKS IN OUR AREA TO BE SOLD & DEVELOPED BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS

For More Information please email SouthMapleRatePayers@gmail.com

Visit our link to the Toronto Star

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/07/30/vaughan-residents-say-parkland-sell-off-proposal-would-set-awful-precedent.html>

Sincerely, The South Maple Rate Payers Association (SMRPA)