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**Subject:** **Turning Restrictions on Rutherford Rd and Velmar Dr., Woodbridge, Regional Council Meeting, June 11, 2015**

Dear Chairman and Members of Regional Council,

I understand that the issue of turning restrictions for the Weston Downs community is on the agenda for the upcoming York Region Committee Of The Whole meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

I am writing to urge you to vote in favour of the turning restrictions being proposed for Rutherford Rd at Velmar Dr. and Baback Blvd in Vaughan.

The proposal is the result of consultations involving residents, the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association, the Local Vaughan Councillor, Regional Councillor and engineering staff from York Region and the City of Vaughan and is intended to reduce the traffic infiltration problem that plagues our community.

Each evening, from about 4:00 pm to past 6:00 pm, traffic cuts through our subdivision to bypass the Weston Road and Rutherford Road intersection. These two images, taken on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 around 5:30 pm in front of my house at 161 Velmar Drive, show the conditions that we face every weekday. The first image is taken towards the north and the second towards the south.





At times it is impossible to get out our driveway. Conditions in the morning are not as severe as shown above, but are still troublesome.

We can't enjoy our property for several hours each day. Every night and every morning we are putting up with the traffic, the noise, the pollution and the potential of accidents. My vehicle has already been hit once while trying to get out of my driveway. Can you image a child dashing out under these conditions. This has been going on for years and is getting worse.

I have written several times to our Local Councilor and Regional Councilors on these issues. Also, I have met at my home with some of them and Vaughan Engineering staff, where we have discussed the issues, the causes and possible solutions. The causes are numerous and both the regional and city technical staff are well aware of them and there is no simple solution that resolves the problem without impacting anyone.

The turning restriction proposal developed; with the input of the Weston Downs Association, and discussed at various, well advertised community meetings, and door to door flyers sent out by the Association is the first tangible attempt at alleviating the problems.

Yes, the proposal will not be popular with everyone in our community. Some individuals who do not live on the streets affected feel that their trips during the restricted period will be longer. But, the plan proposed provides for access to the community from other roads. Going out the way for two or three block is not a great burden when compared with the conditions that the residents of Velmar, Santa Barbara, Village Green and other streets have to endure every day.

Again, I respectfully request your full support for this initiative.

Your Truly,

Gaetano Cautillo, P. Eng.