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**Cc:** Regional Clerk  
**Subject:** Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt Reviews - York Region Planning Committee Meeting April 3rd

Dear Regional Council Members,

<http://www.york.ca/wps/wcm/connect/yorkpublic/b11bddb7-a41d-4c42-a7cb-949aaca1c95e/apr+3+upcoming.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

I have reviewed the above referenced item and have the following comments.

### Stakeholder Consultation

First and foremost, the item reflects a substandard cross section of affected stakeholder consultations. Attachment 2 indicates potentially only 1 stakeholder from the development community was consulted (BILD), which Association by itself does not reflect the development industry as a whole, but more importantly, it doesn't necessarily reflect the development industry as specifically affected by these particular pieces of legislation. Rizmi Holdings Limited for example, is not a member of BILD. Contrast that with the 12-15 "environmental groups" who were consulted. Why did Regional Staff choose to invite only one land development community representative, which representative may not even maintain membership of the most affected? How did staff determine the list in Attachment 2? Why did staff choose not to invite a whole slew of developers (including us) who are clearly known to them to have concerns over the Legislation or at least within 1 concession block of the urban boundaries ("Urban Boundary Developers")? Rizmi Holdings Limited alone has had several site specific items before Regional Council over the years on this very issue, taking up many hours of Regional Council's time affecting hundreds of acres of land, yet, Regional Staff have chosen not to even invite us to the consultation process?

There are Urban Boundary Developers I am sure (including us), who have expressed to staff a great deal of concern over the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine legislation over the last 13 years. The vociferous nature of concerns expressed by us likely mirror the passion of concerns expressed by some of the 12-15 "environmental groups" mentioned in Attachment 2, yet, we were not given the same opportunity to sit down and see the "slide deck" of Regional staff and help inform Regional Council of some high level comments to the Legislative Review. To put it plainly, "the deck" seems to be stacked to favor the "environmental groups" while completely ignoring many of the actual landowners close to the urban boundaries.

It would be a tragedy if this Regional Council allowed such a poorly conducted special interest group consultation process to form the basis of its endorsements to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in a review that only happens *once a decade*. I don't believe these are the standards accepted by this Regional Council.

## Conclusion

Without getting into the details of what may or may not be of concern to this Regional Council in this report (and there are many), I believe it fair and appropriate that the report be referred back to staff for a more comprehensive consultation process that includes not only Rizmi Holdings Limited but also the other Urban Boundary Developers. A small level of diligence can be put in from Regional Staff to determine who this group may include. This will give Regional Council the opportunity to at least hear from the stakeholders who actually own the most heavily affected land, so as to make properly informed decisions before endorsing comments to the Ministry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Truly,  
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