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Subject: Be informed on items on the Agenda and 1 request to be put on Agenda as comments to 9..2.

EXTERNAL

Hello,

Can my comments be put on the Agenda on item 9.2 Changes in By-law, please?
9.2 Request for Report to Change Procedural By-law Regarding Delegations (Mayor Foster)

To point 1. Not all people have time to write their delegation, especially elderly, working people, etc. Many residents find out about the area/issue at the last minutes/timing of the meeting.

To point 2. Let staff decide if the subject requested by the person/s be put on Agenda. Good point, but I myself was trying to put very important issues that Council was aware about, to be put on Agenda. For example: Provincial Climate change study. Council received this very alarming info obtained by Freedom of Information, but I don't even think that Council read it. In spite of tough provincial requirements, By-laws, etc., I am sure that you could obtain, if our knowledgeable staff or CLOCA is asked to advise Council, bare minimum how to act/do in reality, what could be done to avoid very unpleasant impacts on Agriculture and nature. There are very few farms left and I am sure that they could need help. Did the Council read this study?

To point 5. a. ...detrimental comments to speak of staff, Council...
Usually people, including myself, are trying to comment on studies done by developers during their delegation and what effects will these studies/developers' suggestions have on their properties, their lives and safety. That is what the Public meeting is designed to be for, from my 40 years experience.

What would you do, if a developer would do something to your own land/esp. a very sensitive one like Courtice north is? Many people cry, or are expressing themselves by not addressing their issues, with no mitigation that should be required by Council from developer who doesn't even know what watershed he is working at - literally. Fences that would protect private properties should be erected, but they are not, etc. All is in EIS studies.

You have to be more considered. Councillor Woo at the meeting on Bowmanville Creek highrises showed that compassion towards one older lady. This explain point 5 b. That is why we have:

The Canadian Charter or Rights and Freedoms is the equivalent to our Bill of Rights. Both guarantee the right to freedom of speech
Section 2(b) – Freedom of expression

Provision

2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

- b. freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication.
- Freedom of expression includes more than the right to express beliefs and opinions. It protects both speakers and listeners.

THIS IS JUST COPIED SUMMARY.

Point 6. Change the time limit for delegations from ten minutes to five minutes, with a single extension of two minutes (as the exception only) by majority vote. This is completely unfair. Studies people are commenting contain 100 or more pages. How can you comment on such documents in 5 minutes? That is why the Region doesn't have too many public delegations. I was hoping that our Council learned from this situation.

In general, the public is the last one to learn of their own property impacts. This would not be a democratic process.

Thank you,

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