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To Mayor and Council,

I am writing this letter in reference to the proposed Temporary Use Permit TU000086 to allow a Community Care Facility Major in the Haldi Road Community. I am asking the City Council to deny this application based on the following reasons.

The proposed site and surrounding areas are zoned rural residential. The growth management and future land use is also zoned rural residential. This rural lifestyle is why we live here, choose to stay, and raise our families in a safe environment and eventually retire here, even without the supportive city services of water, sewer, and paved roads. This proposed permit does not comply with our zoning requirements and the OCP.

The lack of transparency between the city and community is front and centre. Only a handful of Grouse Road residents were notified earlier this month. Mr. Middleton expressed that he was mistaken in the interpretation of the bylaw. This is exactly what happened to the Haldi Road Community in 2011. Applicants for proposed projects buy first and then request the city to rezone without any consideration of the impact it has on the community. If the rezoning is not successful, then they look to alter the OCP. Bylaws should not be open for interpretation by applicants for permits and rezoning after properties are purchased without prior thought to the present and future use.

The staff report states they do not anticipate any negative impact to the surrounding neighbourhood, to the local traffic and on the natural environment. Who is held responsible if their anticipation is wrong? The drought we have all experienced this past summer has put a strain on the community's aquifer. Has the applicant obtained the Works Construction Permit and Water Operator Permit from Northern Health that is required for the operation of a Community Care Facility Major as stated in the staff's report?

This type of facility comes with many questions that a community has the right to have answered prior to any proposal that requires changes to the zoning and OCP. The rules and regulations, operational requirements, safety, and security measures required of such a facility only touch on a few questions. While the neighbourhood wants to support positive community growth and supportive programs, we also expect community consultation, transparency, and due process to be forefront.

Once again, the Haldi Road Community finds themselves in a very dire situation because of the limited communication and limited information provided to the community prior to this being put to vote. A Youth Mental Health Care facility is needed, but the concerns of any neighbourhood should not be ignored or neglected. I would hope the City Council takes the time to reflect on previous proposals and considers the impact that a Community Care Facility Major will have on a rural Haldi Road neighbourhood now and in the future.

Thank you.

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