

Rebecca Baker, on events of the morning November 13, 2024

On November 13, 2024 at 10:17 a.m. after just leaving my property heading south on Grey Rd. 14, I was stopped by a south Asian man at the side of the road at the C25-24 site. He identified himself as Mr. Rushpal. Mr. Rushpal requested he speak with me at this property at 085407 Grey Rd. 14. In regards to the zoning amendment C25-24.

I arrived at Mr. Rushpal's at approximately 10:30 a.m. I was not aware that another person would be joining us until a few minutes later when Mr. Ahmad arrived.

Having been sat down in a corner in the Livingroom between the two gentleman I felt slightly uncomfortable. They discussed what the building would be and handed me the letter, attached, that has an explanation of their intent with the building that they would like to build. They explained that they both have children with disabilities and how this building would be a wonderful place for the disabled children and their families and the neighbourhood! Saying that we are all welcome.

My questions in regards to the buildings size was explained that due to wheelchairs larger rooms are needed for manoeuvring in bedrooms and bathrooms and that there would be play/exercise rooms. When I questioned again about the size, Mr. Ahmad said that there would also be an indoor pool.

When asked about where all the soil would go, Mr. Ahmad said it would be given to however would take it, people are always looking for soil. I explained due to regulation, that soil cannot be moved off site without a permit. We did not go over all the concerns of the Gildale Alliance.

It was mentioned that a bridge would be build over the river to access the west side. I explained that there is no building allowed in the provincially significant wetlands. The topic was changed.

Mr. Rushpal asked if I would give him Manny Da Silva's telephone number, I declined to do so. I do not give out anyone's number without their consent.

I was asked if I would contact the people who signed the petition to arrange a meeting so that they can explain the C25-24 site and the building to the group (Gildale Alliance). I agreed. I cannot say I was under duress, but I was certainly uncomfortable. The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m. Later the same day via text the meeting was set for Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

I received a phone call from Mr. Rushpal at 7:38 p.m., November 13, 2024, requesting to know how many people had replied to come to the meeting and that he needed to know in order to arrange the refreshments, coffee and donuts. I advised him that I had yet to send the email. At this point I feel that I am being pushed.

After reflecting on the discussion that I had with Mr. Ahmad and Mr. Rushpal, I no longer wished to assist them and regret having said I would.

November 14, 2024 at 10:54 a.m. I received a call from Mr. Ahmed. I did not answer the phone and let it go to voice mail. Mr. Ahmad asking again about the meeting, if I have contacted them and how many would be attending. I did not reply to his request.

November 14, 2024, I sent to Mr. Ahmad and Mr. Rushpal via text message at 12:10 p.m. the letter below.

To: Mr. Sagheer Ahmad

November 14, 2024

Mr. Rushpal

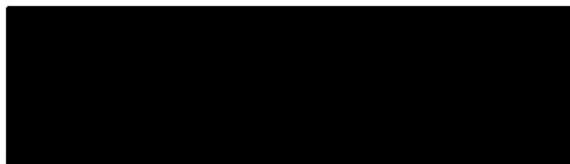
After our impromptu meeting on November 13, 2024, that I was not prepared for, nor had support, another person with me, I have reflected on our discussion and spoken with a few people and now find that I cannot, in good conscious, contact the people who signed the petition, Gildale Alliance, with your request for a meeting on November 16, 2024, 3:00 p.m. as there is already a meeting scheduled with the municipality for the same purpose on November 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom, when you will have the opportunity to put forth your cause and case then.

I sympathize, understand and recognize that there is a need for such a facility, however, our concerns are valid and should/need to be heard by the council of the Township of Southgate on November 27, 2024.

Please respect the due process and my privacy by not contacting me or attending my property.

Regards,

Rebecca Baker



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