

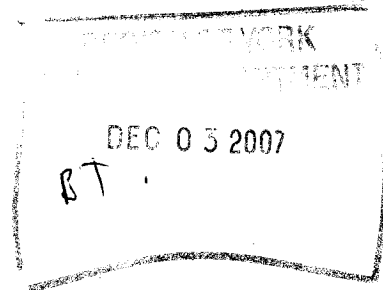
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Dear Mr. Tuckey:

Thank you for your letter dated July 19, 2007 requesting the inclusion inside the Built Boundary of Cornell Centre in the Town of Markham.

The *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006* aims to create complete communities that offer more options for living, working, shopping and playing in close proximity; provide greater choice in housing types to meet the needs of people at all stages of life; curb sprawl and protect farmland and green spaces; and reduce traffic gridlock by improving access to a greater range of transportation choices. It is a pleasure to work closely with York Region and your member municipalities on the implementation of the Growth Plan in planning communities that embody these objectives and create liveable, vibrant neighbourhoods for residents.

Ontario Growth Secretariat staff have worked closely with regional and lower-tier municipal staff in the definition of the built boundary in York Region. As you are aware, the purpose of the built boundary is to identify which urban lands were built upon as of June 2006 in order to monitor infill and redevelopment within existing built-up areas and track the achievement of the growth plan's intensification target. I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Public Infrastructure released the Proposed Final Built Boundary technical paper last week and I have sent you copies under separate cover.

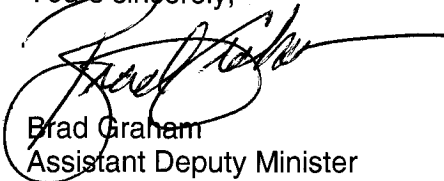
As you will see in the technical paper, the lands within Cornell Centre, which you referred to in your letter of July 2007, do not meet the criteria for inclusion within the built boundary as these were unbuilt, and there was no fully or partially built development on them as of June 2006.

I would like to emphasize, however, that the planning documents which the Town of Markham have shared to date with the Ontario Growth Secretariat for Cornell Centre do fulfill the intent and policy objectives of the Growth Plan in many ways including the achievement of a compact, mixed-use and transit-supportive greenfield development of high quality and character. Cornell Centre is a good example of a transit-oriented new community that offers a mix of housing choice, is walkable and creates an urban form that supports and fulfills the key components of the Growth Plan. In addition, this plan appears to significantly contribute toward the Greenfield Density Target which is an important indicator for achievement of the growth plan.

I commend the efforts of York Region and Markham in developing a show case example to implement the growth plan. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Graham", written over a circular stamp or seal.

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cc. John Livey, CAO, Markham
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