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File. 102653

VIA EMAIL

Chair and Members – Planning
and Economic Development Committee
Regional Municipality of York
York Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street,
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Re: Draft York Region Official Plan Statutory Meeting

We act on behalf of the North Markham Landowners Group, a group of developers and interested landowners that own or control approximately 902 hectares in North Markham in an area bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive to the south, the Markham municipal boundary to the north, Woodbine Avenue on the west and Ninth Line on the east. Their holdings represent approximately 22% of the gross total area of the Markham Whitebelt.

Our client group, through the planning firm of Malone Given Parsons, has monitored and participated in the development of the draft Official Plan for the Region of York.

In particular, a letter dated September 9, 2009 from Malone Given Parsons, together with a letter from Aird & Berlis LLP dated September 10, 2009, sets out our client's concerns with respect to the June 17, 2009 draft of the York Region Official Plan. That correspondence also summarizes requests for amendment or redrafting.

Rather than take the time of the Committee to hear a verbal deputation, we would ask simply that you take this letter, and the attached correspondence of September 9th and September 10th, 2009, into consideration and into the public record.

In addition, we would request that we be provided with notice of any further reports, meetings or consideration of the proposed York Region Official Plan, and that we be provided with a copy of the Notice of Decision.

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We look forward to working with the Region and its staff to a satisfactory resolution of the concerns expressed.

Yours very truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

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cc: Malone Given Parsons Ltd.
North Markham Landowners Group

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September 10, 2009

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Mr. Bryan Tuckey, MCIP, RPP
Regional Municipality of York
York Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street,
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Sir:

**North Markham Landowners Group
Comments on Region of York, Official Plan – Draft June 2009**

Aird & Berlis LLP is counsel to the North Markham Landowners Group with respect to the potential designations for lands owned by members of that group in an area bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive to the south, the Markham municipal boundary to the north, Woodbine Avenue on the west and Ninth Line on the east.

Malone Given Parsons Ltd. is the planning firm retained by the North Markham Landowners Group, and has prepared detailed comments with respect to the draft of the York Region Official Plan, issued June 17, 2009.

I am forwarding these comments to you, together with the advice that we have been retained, and the request that Malone Given Parsons Ltd. and this office be given notice of all future meetings with respect to the Draft Official Plan, as well as a copy of the Decision and final form of Official Plan once enacted. We would additionally ask that we be placed on a list of those to be notified by the Province of its Decision on this Official Plan.

We look forward to working, together with our clients and consultants, to addressing the concerns in the attached correspondence.

Yours very truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP



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c.c. Malone Given Parsons Ltd.

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