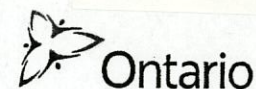


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May 15, 2008

Ms Jane Underhill
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Dear Ms Underhill:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding your concerns with a proposed development within the southeast quadrant of King City as it relates to natural heritage work that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) conducted back in the mid-1990s.

In particular, your letter makes reference to three documents that MNR had prepared. The 1995 "Natural Heritage System for King City" report was prepared at the request of King Township for land use planning purposes. The 1996, "Biological Inventory for the Southeast portion of King City" report, and the 1997 "Inventory of the King-Vaughan Wetlands Complex and Associated Uplands" report are summaries of the biological fieldwork conducted by MNR for the southeast portion of King City related to wetlands and associated woodlands.

In 2002, the Province released the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP). A key component of this Plan is the identification of a major, inter-regional natural heritage system consisting of a series of "cores" and "linkages". As an inter-regional system, core areas can be hundreds and even thousands of hectares in size and linkages can be up to two kilometres in width.

A portion of an OMCP Natural Core Area exists within the southeast corner of King City and extends southward. Abutting the Natural Core Area is an ORMCP Natural Linkage Area, approximately two kilometres in width, to the south and east.

Since about 1996, provincial involvement in the municipal land use planning process has been governed by the one-window approach, with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing serving in a coordinating role. It is unusual today, for the Province to provide comments on a land use application such as a draft plan of subdivision, where the Province is not the approval authority.

The use today of any data or reports prepared by the Ministry in the 1990s should occur in the context of current circumstances and any new or updated information (eg. data and reports). Within the southeast King City area, such consideration should include the natural heritage system established through the 2002 Oak Ridges Moraine provincial plan.

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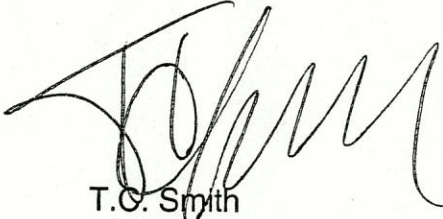
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Should you have any questions on the foregoing please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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