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Dear Mr. Waller:

Re: Confirmation of Durham Region Population Forecasts

Further to our discussions on April 27, 2005, this is to confirm that the forecast presented in our Official Plan Review Discussion Paper entitled, Population, Employment and Urban Land (2003), is the most current available for Durham. The forecast was also used as the basis for Durham's 2004 Development Charges Study.

As discussed, the forecast assumed a residential unit growth rate of 400 to 500 units per year for the Seaton community in Pickering. However, based on recent development trends in other Durham communities, Seaton could grow at a much higher rate. We will have to carefully monitor the actual growth.

Since the Seaton community is now expected to come on stream in the 2007 to 2008 timeframe, the forecast for Pickering may be conservative (low) to 2011.

Based on the foregoing, it is imperative for Durham to treat the forecast growth for Pickering as a minimum, when considering the serviceable population of the Duffin Creek WPCP to the year 2011.

We trust this accurately reflects our discussions of April 27, 2005. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

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cc. Mr. John Presta, Director of Environmental Services

