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Members of Regional Council
c/o Regional Clerk
Regional Corporate Services Department
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RE: Committee of the Whole, Planning and Economic Development, meeting of March 12, 2020
Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner
Report H.2.3 Planning for Employment and Employment Conversions

We are or represent the owners of certain employment lands on Hoover Park Drive in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, which lands are referenced in Attachment 5 to the captioned report as Request #WS2 – Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. We understand the captioned report is not intended for the Committee to approve any recommendations with regard to property-specific conversion requests, but simply to direct staff to hold a public information centre and to forward the report to the Minister and the local municipalities. Notwithstanding, we wish to register our position that we do not agree with the recommendation on page 71 of Attachment 5 to the report.

Our application of April 30, 2019 outlined in detail the rationale for our request and how it aligns with the conversion criteria contained in the various applicable policies and regulatory framework of the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 and the Official Plans of both the Region of York and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Municipal Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville unanimously approved the request as submitted at its meeting of May 7, 2019.

We believe the Summary of Assessment on page 71 is inconsistent with the facts and we believe the decision to exclude a portion of the lands submitted for conversion is arbitrary. Therefore, we intend to revisit that recommendation with staff and maintain our position, supported by the Town's Municipal Council, that the conversion be approved as submitted.

Sincerely,

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Per: Mauro Pambianchi
Chief Development Officer

Cc Mayor Iain Lovatt