



September 17, 2020

Chris Raynor
Regional Clerk, York Region
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

RE: REDEVELOPMENT OF BUTTONVILLE AIRPORTS LANDS

Dear Mr. Raynor;

This will confirm that at a meeting held September 15, 2020, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

Whereas York Region is undertaking an Official Plan Review through a municipal comprehensive review process for a 2051 planning horizon; and,

Whereas the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 requires upper-tier municipalities, in consultation with lower-tier municipalities, to designate all employment areas in official plans and protect them for appropriate employment uses over the long term; and,

Whereas the York Region Official Plan, 2010 does not identify or map employment areas, but contemplates inclusion of some non-employment uses in the Toronto Buttonville Airport lands in policy 7.2.92 which states: “That the Toronto Buttonville Municipal Airport lands are designated for business park use, in the City of Markham Official Plan, including permission to operate an airport. When airport operations at the Buttonville Airport cease, the significant majority of the subject lands shall be retained for business park use, and the balance for a mix of urban uses. The City of Markham, in consultation with the Region, will determine the details of the future use of these lands through an implementing secondary plan process. The re-use of the Airport site is intended to generate a range of quality employment opportunities and expand upon the number of jobs planned for the site; and,

Whereas an official plan amendment (secondary plan) application for the Buttonville Municipal Airport lands was submitted by the landowner to identify specific land use designations for the lands, and appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB); and,

Whereas a settlement was reached between York Region, the City of Markham and the landowner in 2017 resulting in a draft secondary plan being presented to the OMB for approval; and,

Whereas the OMB approved the secondary plan subject to conditions, and,

Whereas the appeal was withdrawn by the landowner in 2020 prior to the conditions being satisfied and a final decision being issued, resulting in the secondary plan not coming into force; and,

Whereas a Special Meeting of Regional Council is scheduled for September 17, 2020 regarding 'Planning for Employment and Employment Conversions' that contains draft mapping that identifies the Toronto Buttonville Municipal Airport lands as an employment area to be included in the Regional Official Plan;

Therefore now be it resolved:

1. That Council supports the intent of Regional Official Plan 2010 policy 7.2.92 being maintained in the Regional Official Plan update through the current municipal comprehensive review process; and
2. That Markham staff work with Regional staff and the landowner to maintain the intent of policy 7.2.92 in the updated Regional Official Plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact Darryl Lyons 905.477.7000 ext. 2459.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk