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Via email: wayne.emmerson@york.ca & regional.clerk@york.ca

Attention: Chairman Wayne Emmerson & Members of Regional Council

**RE: 9222 Keele Street, City of Vaughan
Amville Developments Inc.
Proposed Modification to Rutherford GO Major Transit Station Area (“MTSA”) Boundaries
Major Transit Station Areas Endorsement Report (H.2.1)
Regional Council – September 24, 2020**

Malone Given Parsons (“MGP”) is the planning consultant for Amville Developments Inc. (“Amville”), the owner of 9222 Keele Street (“subject site”) located at the southwest corner of Rutherford Road and Keele Street in the City Vaughan. On behalf of Amville, we submitted the attached letter dated September 10th, 2020 with respect to the Rutherford GO MTSA boundary (see attachment 1). Subsequently, we realized that the Major Transit Station Areas Endorsement Report (H.2.1) has been adopted by Committee of the Whole on the same date, which we unfortunately were not aware of. Given the concerns outlined in our submission letter, the proposed Rutherford GO MTSA boundary presents challenges to achieve the minimum density target (i.e. 150 people & jobs) by including lands that are not able to develop and most importantly, the proposed MTSA boundary did not contemplate the full extent of the 500m – 800m walking radius as defined in the Growth Plan.

Based on the above and the letter submitted on September 10th, 2020, we respectfully request that the endorsement of the Rutherford GO MTSA boundary be deferred to allow us to have additional consultation with the City of Vaughan and York Region staff in order to review and delineate a logical boundary for the Rutherford GO MTSA. We look forward to continuing the discussion with York Region and the City of Vaughan further on this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours very truly,

MALONE GIVEN PARSONS LTD.



Matthew Cory, MCIP, RPP, PLE, PMP
Principal

- cc. Bruce Macgregor, CAO, York Region
Dino Basso, Commissioner of Community Services, York Region
Paul Freeman, Chief Planner, York Region
Gabriel DiMartino/Julian Baldassarra, Amville Developments Inc.



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Attention: Paul Freeman, Chief Planner

**RE: 9222 Keele Street, City of Vaughan
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Proposed Modification to Rutherford GO Major Transit Station Area (“MTSA”) Boundaries**

Malone Given Parsons (“MGP”) is the planning consultant for Amville Developments Inc. (“Amville”), the owner of 9222 Keele Street (“subject site”) located at the southwest of Rutherford Road and Keele Street in the City Vaughan. MGP has been engaged to provide planning assistance to Amville in reviewing the proposed Rutherford GO MTSA by York Region dated March 12, 2020. We believe there is the opportunity to adjust the boundary of the proposed MTSA to ensure it maximizes the size of the area to accommodate lands that can redevelop in order to achieve the maximal amount of potential transit users within walking distance of the station.

This would require modification to the Rutherford GO MTSA boundaries to include more of the Rutherford Road corridor that would include the subject site and additional lands along the south side of Rutherford Road in order to meet and/or exceed the minimum density target of 150 people & jobs. In summation, we believe the proposed modification to the Rutherford GO MTSA boundaries could achieve the following:

- Based on our preliminary review, the proposed Rutherford GO MTSA by the Region imposes challenge to achieve the minimum density (i.e. 150 people & jobs) given the existing land use constraints by including lands that will not be redevelop;
- By taking a corridor approach, the modified MTSA boundaries (see Appendix A) delineates an MTSA area in a transit-supportive manner that maximizes the size of the area and the number of potential transit users (including the subject site) that are within walking distance of the station, and achieve the minimum density target of 150 people & jobs. A corridor approach is preferable vs. a node approach, where the node includes lands that will not redevelop in the foreseeable future (stormwater management pond and existing neighborhoods). This is consistent with Section 2.2.4.2 of the Growth Plan; and
- The modified MTSA boundaries, including the subject site, include other lands that have significant redevelopment opportunity that will form part of the larger intensification strategy in the Region, as required by the Growth Plan. Rutherford Road is also designated as a Primary Intensification Corridor in the Vaughan Official Plan that links together various centres on transit supportive corridors and will accommodate intensification.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and we will continue to monitor the process and kindly request to be notified of any future correspondence regarding the MTSA update. We look forward to continuing the discussion with the Region of York and the City of Vaughan further on this matter.

Yours very truly,

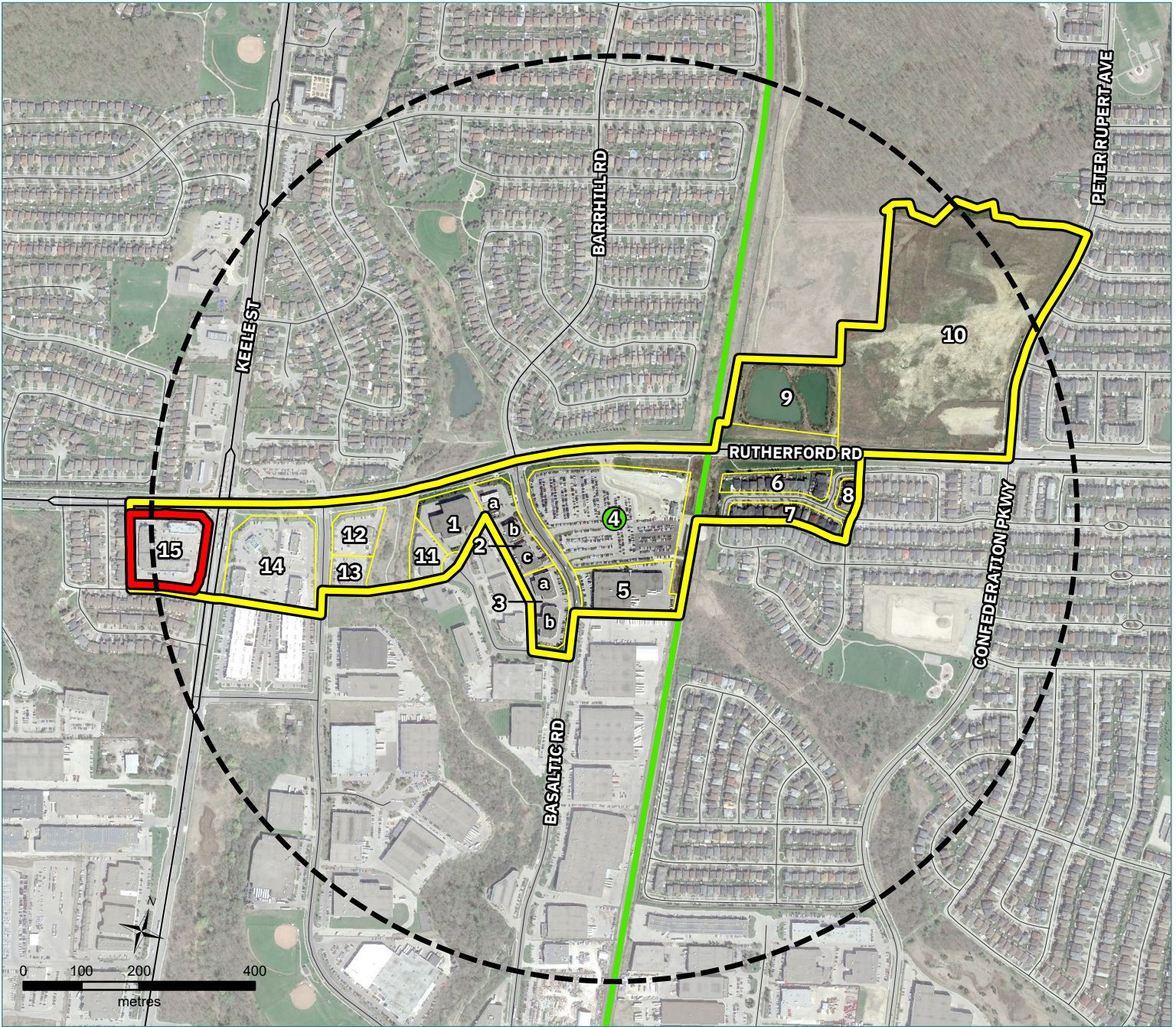
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Cory', enclosed within a blue oval shape.

Matthew Cory, MCIP, RPP, PLE, PMP
Principal

cc. G. DiMartino/J. Baldassarra, Amville Developments Inc.

RUTHERFORD GO MAJOR TRANSIT STATION AREA VAUGHAN



-  Subject Lands
-  Draft MTSA Boundary
-  Rutherford GO Station
-  800m Distance Band
-  Priority Transit Corridor - GO Rail

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Sources: York Region - Planning for Intensification Background Report - Attachment 2 - Draft Major Transit Station Areas and Additional Strategic Growth Areas, 2019.
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