

# DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

**Subject:** Alternate 2051 Forecast & Land Needs Assessment Scenarios

**Spokesperson:** Chris Pereira

**Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):**  
Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association

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**Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:**

On behalf of the Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association (LSLA)



September 15, 2021

York Region Chairman Wayne Emmerson and Members of Regional Council  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON  
L3Y6Z1

Dear Chairman and Members of Regional Council

**Re: Regional Special Council Meeting – September 15, 2021  
Item F.1 - Alternate 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Scenarios in Response to Consultation**

M. Behar Planning and Design Limited (MBPD) is submitting this letter on behalf of the Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association (LSLA). This submission is made further to previous submission made by MPLan Inc. also on behalf of the LSLA as it pertains to lands in and around the Gormley GO Station and as shown on attachment 1 to this letter.

As previously noted, these lands have historically been part of the farming community. However, through a combination of factors, including, expansion of transit infrastructure, urban development, parcel fragmentation and logistical challenges (moving around farming equipment across an urbanized Leslie Street), farming in this area is no longer a viable livelihood.

MBPD has reviewed Item F.1 Alternate 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Scenarios in Response to Consultation and Attachments, dated September 16, 2021. With specific reference to page 11 of that report, and the section entitled '**Provincial policy prohibits Urban Expansion into the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine Plan Areas**', we request that York Region Council not support this staff conclusion and direct staff to consider the area that we represent as part of a future growth scenario for the reasons outlined in our previous submissions.

The LSLA is a significant stakeholder in the area and is part of the York Region Municipal Comprehensive Review process. As part of responsible long-range planning, we continue to respectfully request that Council direct staff at a minimum, study the Countryside designation in this area to determine the viability of agricultural uses, consistent with the submission made by Richmond Hill and Stouffville Council's.

Should you have any question or wish to discuss our comments, please let us know.

Regards,

Chris Pereira, MCIP, RPP  
Principal  
M. Behar Planning & Design Limited

cc. Paul Freeman, MCIP, RPP, Chief Planner, York Region

# ATTACHMENT 1

## LESLIE STOUFFVILLE LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION OWNERSHIP MAP

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