

June 15, 2022

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Chairman Wayne Emmerson and Members of Regional Council
Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Chairman and Members of Regional Council::

**RE: York Region Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 16, 2022
Item H.2.1 - 2022 York Region Official Plan Adoption
On behalf of Midnight Blue Developments Limited, Light Blue Developments
Limited and Dark Blue Developments Limited
10062 Highway 48, 10131 Highway 48 and 10015 Highway 48, City of Markham**

Malone Given Parsons Ltd. (“MGP”) is the planning consultant for Midnight Blue Developments Limited, Light Blue Developments Limited and Dark Blue Developments Limited, owners of three properties totalling approximately 58.2 hectares located at Major Mackenzie Drive and Highway 48 in the City of Markham. Municipally referred to as 10062 Highway 48, 10131 Highway 48 and 10015 Highway 48 (“Subject Lands”), the properties are identified in Figure 1 on the following page.

We respectfully request that Regional Council direct staff to correct Map 1A Land Use Designations to correctly designate all Greenbelt Fingers as Rural Area on lands adjacent to Community Areas.

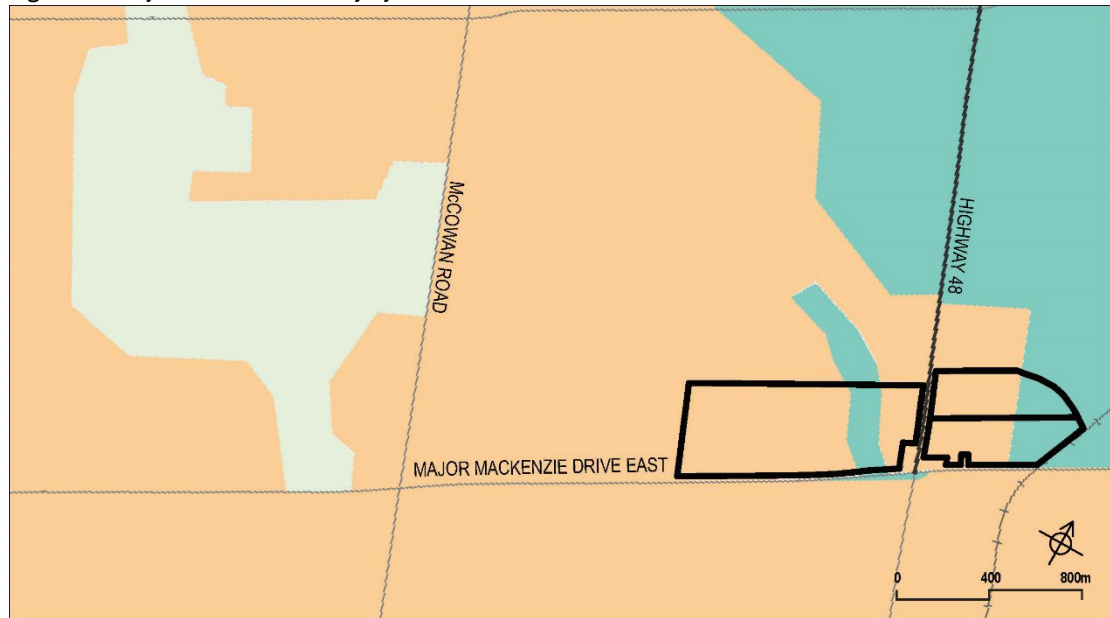
In response to Item H.2.1 – 2022 York Region Official Plan on behalf of the Subject Lands, we have reviewed the June 2022 York Region Draft Official Plan and mapping (“Draft YROP”) and have the following comment.

“Map 1A – Land Use Designations” identifies the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside Areas as Rural Area on lands adjacent to the Designated Greenfield Areas of the Cities of Vaughan and Markham. This Rural Area designation is intended to allow portions of the Greenbelt fingers that are outside of natural heritage features and their buffers to be used for parkland, trails, and other recreational uses, to assist in supporting the creation of complete communities in accordance with Greenbelt Plan policies. These lands are also subject to the Regional Greenlands System overlay and the Draft YROP includes policies that provide further direction.

We note that a Greenbelt finger located on the Subject lands was overlooked and inadvertently designated as Agricultural Area on Map 1A (see Figure 1 below). We have

discussed this with staff who are aware of this oversight. We are requesting Map 1A be corrected prior to Regional Council adoption and a corrected version of Map 1A – Land Use Designations be included in the Draft YROP version that is forwarded to the Province for approval.

Figure 1: Subject Lands in the City of Markham



NEW COMMUNITY AREA LANDS
10062, 10131 and 10015 Highway 48, City of Markham

Urban System
Community Area

Agricultural System
Agricultural Area
Rural Area



We wish to thank your staff for the opportunity to continue to provide comments during the MCR process. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at any time.

Yours very truly,

Malone Given Parsons Ltd.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Don Given', is positioned above the name 'Don Given, MCIP, RPP'.

Don Given, MCIP, RPP

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