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**RE: ITEM F.2.1 | DRAFT REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN CONSULTATION UPDATE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING - MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) is in receipt of report *F.2.1 Draft Official Plan Consultation Update and Statutory Public Meeting* as presented on the May 19<sup>th</sup> agenda for the Special Committee of the Whole. On behalf of our York Region Chapter, BILD respectfully submits the following sentiments to Council as it relates to the Region's work on the Draft Regional Official Plan and Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR).

To begin, BILD would be remiss if we did not thank the Region for the exemplary consultation processes throughout the review the Regional Official Plan. Regional staff continues to keep BILD apprised through ongoing information sharing and constructive dialogue. We are firm believers that the built relationship between the Region and the industry has been essential to offer the greatest chance of success for consensus on this very important matter.

In addition to the comments received under separate cover from members of our Association, BILD has one outstanding recommendation of the Region as it relates to the following.

**SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES PER SECTIONS 42(6.2 & 6.3) OF THE *PLANNING ACT***

We recommend that the Region consider including the existing provisions outlined in the *Planning Act* (Section 42 (6.2 & 6.3)) which provide parkland credit for sustainability design. At a time when climate change demands attention, the Region may be missing this opportunity to respond in a concrete manner as contemplated by the *Planning Act*. Further, we support that when the Region receives local municipal official plans for approval, it does not consider moving forward unless local municipalities have made the same accommodation.

BILD encourages the Region to direct staff to bring forward recommendations to implement these sections of the *Planning Act*.

As your community building partners, we appreciate the opportunity to provide this submission.

Respectfully,



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