

April 24, 2019

Chairman Emmerson and Members of Regional Council  
The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, Ontario  
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Dear Chairman Emmerson and Members of Regional Council,

Subject:       Regional Council Meeting  
                  April 25, 2019  
                  Presentation Items C.1 and C.2  
                  Roads Capital Acceleration

We are writing on behalf of a number of the major landowners / developers in the North Markham Future Urban Area. The North Markham Future Urban Area (FUA) is generally bounded by the Hydro corridor and Woodbine Avenue to the west, the City boundary and Elgin Mills Road to the north, Robinson Creek (west of McCowan Road) to the east and Major MacKenzie Drive and existing development to the south. The major landowners / developers referenced include:

- DG Group
- Fieldgate Developments
- Mattamy Homes
- Angus Glen
- TACC Developments
- Kennedy McCowan Landowners Group
- First Elgin Mills Developments inc.

While we are yet to see the content of the presentations associated with Agenda Items C.1 and C.2, we are writing to offer our support for Council's initiatives to accelerate the construction of key transportation infrastructure necessary to address Regional and local priorities, including particularly, from staff's February 21, 2019 presentation to York Region Committee of the Whole:

- Projects that support travel from new development areas including pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists

Projects of greatest interest to our clients and thus those which we wish to see accelerated, from the same staff report, are:

- Intersection Improvements
- Warden Avenue - Major Mackenzie Drive to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (*or North of Elgin Mills Road*)
- Kennedy Road - Major Mackenzie Drive to North of Elgin Mills Road
- Mid Block Crossing - Highway 404 North of Major Mackenzie Drive

Please note that we have added the text in italics to the list from the staff report.

The acceleration of these projects will greatly assist in the realization of the Region of York and City of Markham's Official Plans, which anticipates the full development of the FUA, to provide approximately 19,000 jobs and homes for 38,000 people by 2031. It will also generate in excess of \$500 million in Regional Development Charges and utilize the Region's past investment in sewers and watermaines which are already in place, to serve the development of the FUA lands.

We wish to also advise that the FUA landowners intend to do their part to create a complete community by accelerating the development of an internal collector road network to supplement the Regional road network and add active transportation and transit links. As well, there is a willingness to further accelerate the referenced Regional Road projects. To this end, discussions with Regional and City Staff are ongoing.

We look forward to Council including the above projects in its Roads Capital Acceleration Program. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments or concerns. Representatives of the FUA landowners will be in attendance at tomorrow's Council Meeting and will be available to speak to this matter if you wish.

Yours truly,

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