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York Region Chairman Wayne Emmerson and
Members of Regional Council
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via email: regional.clerk@york.ca

Attention: Chairman Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

Dear Chairman Emmerson and Members of Regional Council:

**RE: Committee of the Whole, October 10, 2019
Agenda Item E.2.3 Employment Area Conversion Process Update
Condor Properties Ltd. (c/o Countrywide Homes Ltd.)
2920 16th Avenue, Northwest Corner of 16th Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, City of
Markham**

Malone Given Parsons Ltd. is the planning consultant to Condor Properties Ltd./Countrywide Homes Ltd., who own approximately 24.18 hectares located at the northwest corner of 16th Avenue and Woodbine Avenue ("Condor Lands"), within the City of Markham.

We are writing in response to the October 10, 2019, Committee of the Whole Agenda Item E.2.3, a Staff Report titled "Employment Area Conversion Process Update" dated September 26, 2019. This report recommends that Council receive this report for information at the October 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

We are writing to clarify incorrect information listed within Attachment 2 of the Staff Report, titled "Proposed Employment Area Conversion Requests by Municipality". Page 5 of the attachment provides a status update of the employment conversion of a portion (5.9 hectares) of the Condor Lands located at 2920 16th Avenue, Markham as shown below in Figure 1.

Figure 1. York Region October 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Agenda Item E.2.3 "Employment Area Conversion Process Update", Attachment 2, Page 5

ID	Address	Nature of Request	Total Area (ha)*	Preliminary Phase One Recommendations (Landowner Letters)	Local Municipal Council Position
M10	2920 16th Avenue, Markham	A request to re-designate lands from employment uses to mixed-use.	5.9	Conversion supported through Phase One	Not Supported

Request

We would like to clarify that Markham Council has taken the position of deferring the recommendations to the Development Services Sub-Committee.

The conversion of 2920 16th Avenue was discussed at the September 23, 2019, Markham Development Services Committee meeting as part of a staff report titled “City of Markham Comments on York Region’s Draft Employment Framework – 2041 Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review”. Minutes from this meeting confirm that a sub-committee of Development Services Committee was appointed to review staff recommendations regarding employment conversions. The recommendations made by DSC are shown below in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Committee Recommendation Regarding City of Markham Comments on York Region's Draft Employment Framework

Moved by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. **That the report and presentation entitled “City of Markham Comments on York Region’s Draft Employment Framework – 2041 Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review” dated September 23, 2019, be received; and,**
2. **That the deputations of Christine Cote, Sandra Wiles, Don Given, Louis Tinker, Patrick Kerney, and Peter Smith be received; and,**
3. **That the communications submitted by Sandra Wiles and Rosemarie L. Humphries be received; and,**
4. **That Council's consideration of the requests for the conversion of the employment lands identified in the staff report be deferred; and,**
5. **That a sub-committee of Development Services Committee be appointed to review the staff recommendations and report back to Development Services Committee in a timely fashion; and further,**
6. **That the members of the sub-committee be appointed at the September 24, 2019 Council meeting.**

Carried

A Development Services Sub-Committee meeting has been set for October 18, 2019, to discuss the conversion of 2920 16th Avenue with an additional sub-committee meeting date set for November 15, 2019, if necessary. It is anticipated that the recommendations of Sub-Committee be brought to the subsequent DSC meeting.

Request for Revision of Attachment 2 of Staff Report “Employment Area Conversion Process Update” regarding 2920 16th Avenue

On behalf of Condor Properties Ltd./Countrywide Homes Ltd., we request that Regional Staff revise the “Local Municipal Council Position” column in Attachment 2 to Staff Report “Employment Area Conversion Process Update” regarding 2920 16th Avenue from “Not Supported” to “Deferred to Development Services Sub-Committee” to recognize that Markham Council has deferred its position to a sub-committee and has no position at this time regarding the employment conversion of 2920 16th Avenue.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our request in greater detail, please contact me at 905.513.0170 or DGiven@mgp.ca.

Yours very truly,
Malone Given Parsons Ltd.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Given", is positioned below the company name.

Don Given, MCIP, RPP

cc. Sam Balsamo, Countrywide Homes