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Item 1

November 23, 2023

Mr. Haiqing Xu
Deputy City Manager
Planning and Growth Management
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Haiqing Xu:

RE: Bill 150, the Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023- 'An Act to enact the Official Plan Adjustments, 2023 and to amend the Planning Act with respect to remedies'

Liberty Development Corporation ("Liberty") acts as a development manager for a number of landowners in the City of Vaughan. We are submitting this letter to the City seeking the City's continued support of the Ministry modifications made to the York Region Official Plan.

Background:

On October 23rd, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced his intent to introduce legislation which would reverse the Province's changes made in November 2022 and April 2023 to the Official Plan ("OP") of various Cities and Regions, such as York Region. If passed the proposed legislation would bring into effect the Ops and/or amendments, as adopted by municipal Council, without Provincial modifications.

The Provincial government also tabled *Bill 150, the Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 – 'An Act to enact the Official Plan Adjustments, 2023 and to amend the Planning Act with respect to remedies'*. The proposed legislation:

- provides that the Provincial decisions on the OPs and amendments are deemed never to have been made, reverting into effect those made by the respective Councils
- lists the effective dates of the various OPs in a table, and also outlines specific modifications and schedules relative to each OP
- notes that any Ontario Land Tribunal decision, any By-law, or any public work undertaken by a municipality, on or after the date on which the approval of an OP or an amendment is deemed to have been given, must conform with that OP

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- indicates that the Act does not have the effect of invalidating or revoking a building permit
- allows for any construction already underway in any of the affected areas to continue.

In its letter to municipalities on November 2nd, 2023, the Minister reiterated the Province would be providing 45 days for municipalities to submit information about the modifications to the OPs that were originally submitted to the Ministry. In addition, the Minister also requested feedback, specifically from heads of Council of single and lower-tier municipalities, by December 7, 2023. Given this request from the Minister, we anticipate the City will be seeking direction from City Council in order to provide feedback as it relates to the modifications made to the Region's OP, and more specifically a response related to PMTSA 56- Creditstone BRT.

Our Request:

Liberty is requesting the following:

- City staff support of the modifications made by the previous Minister as they relate to PMTSA 56- Creditstone BRT. The Minister at the time of approving the Region's OP extended the boundary of the above noted PMTSA, which reflected one of the proposed expansion areas being considered as part of the update to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan being undertaken by the City,
- should the City decide not to provide feedback to the Minister, we respectfully request that City staff advise our office as soon as possible, and
- this letter be provided to members of Committee and/or Council as a communication for their respective consideration, should City staff report to Committee and/or Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider our input into the City's feedback to the Minister.

Yours truly,



Marco Filice
Liberty Development Corporation

cc. Todd Coles, City Clerk