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## Good morning,

Infrastructure Ontario ("IO") is a crown agency responsible for the strategic management of the provincial realty portfolio on behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure ("MOI"). Part of IO's mandate is to protect and optimize the value of the portfolio, while ensuring that real estate decisions reflect public policy objectives.

Please consider this email as a Communication for Item 6.3. (VMC Parks and Wayfinding Master Plan – Final Report) of the VMC Sub-Committee Meeting being held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

IO manages several parcels of land that abut the boundary of the VMC Secondary Plan (VMC SP) on behalf of MOI, including a large parcel of land located immediately south of Highway 407, east of Highway 400, west of Jane Street, and north of the rail corridor. These Provincial lands located south of Highway 407 and east of Highway 400 were identified in a previous version of the VMC Parks and Wayfinding Master Plan (VMC PWMP) for an Urban & Neighbourhood Park. IO was concerned with the identification of these Provincial lands for park space, as these lands have EA-Approved plans for an MTO 407 Transitway, an operations maintenance facility, and parking related uses. These lands are intended to support numerous Provincial priorities and IO was worried that their identification as a park within the VMC PWMP would prevent the Province from being able to develop the land as intended.

IO previously provided comments to the City and met with the VMC Parks team to voice our concerns. We are pleased to see that the final VMC PWMP has addressed our concerns. Specifically the final VMC PWMP provides details about the EA approved plans on these lands, and notes that they will only be considered for alternative uses if the lands are deemed surplus by the Province or the existing and/or proposed uses are reevaluated. IO is supportive of these proposed changes.

Thank you again for considering and addressing our concerns. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Amy Emm.



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