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**COMMUNICATION – C9
ITEM 5
Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting)
March 2, 2021**

**Chair of the Committee of the Whole
Vaughan City Hall
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario**

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Re: 72 Steeles Avenue West and 7040 and 7054 Yonge Street

**Re: City of Vaughan Applications OP.20.014, Z.20.038 and Draft Plan of Subdivision
File 19T-20V007**

Re: Public Meeting Committee of the Whole March 2, 2021

Please be advised we are the solicitors for 1972380 Ontario Limited and 1219414 Ontario Limited (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Awin West") the owners of 434 and 480 Steeles Avenue West in the City of Vaughan all of which properties are located in the Yonge Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan (YSCSP) Amendment Area.

Awin West has owned and operated car dealerships on 434-480 Steeles for many years, including presently Jaguar Land Rover Thornhill at 434 Steeles and BMW Autohaus at 480 Steeles.

Awin West has retained a consultancy team to prepare applications for 434-480 Steeles Avenue West to advance a redevelopment of its properties and has provided comments on the YSCSP and other development applications located within the Amendment Area.

Our client has the following preliminary observations and comments concerning these applications:

1. The densities proposed in the development applications are in excess of those advanced in the YSCSP. As a result it is Awin West's view that it is of the utmost importance that the ultimate road network established for the YSCSP can accommodate the densities and growth proposed in the YSCSP.
2. Awin West supports the road network developed by City Staff in the YSCSP.
3. Awin West is of the opinion that the applicant should be required to provide a minimum 5% of its site as public parkland and/or equivalent public park facilities required by the ultimate development of the YSCSP as a condition of subdivision approval and as a requirement of any official plan amendment approving development. The proposal to substantially increase densities fails to provide sufficient public parkland on the site which has the potential to impose an unfair burden on other landowners in the YSCSP to make up for a parkland shortfall.

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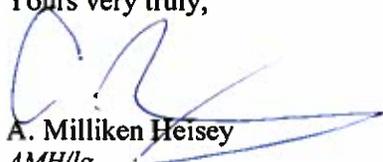
4. Awin West is of the view it is premature to approve a development in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor area in advance of final approval of the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan.
5. If capacity for matters related to transportation and municipal servicing becomes a determinant of distribution of development density in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan and if the distribution of capacity has not been determined, it is premature to approve a development in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan area.
6. The applications are premature until such time as the distribution of public parkland and associated recreational facilities in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan area has been established by a finally approved Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan with policies in the Plan for cost sharing of parkland and associated recreational facilities between all landowners in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan area.

Awin West reserves the right to comment further on these development applications.

Please provide the author with notice of any future meetings concerning these applications and provide notice of adoption of any official plan amendment, notice of passing of any zoning bylaw and/or notice of draft plan of subdivision approval passed by Council.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission in writing.

Yours very truly,



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