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Attention: Council Members

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Official Plan Amendment Application By 1529749 Ontario Inc. (the Torgan Group), 7700 Bathurst Street; City File Nos. OP.16.006; Comments by Promenade Limited Partnership

We are solicitors for Promenade Limited Partnership (“PLP”), the owner of the Promenade Shopping Centre, municipally known as 1 and 180 Promenade Circle. We are writing in respect of Torgan Group’s official plan amendment application for the lands municipally known as 7700 Bathurst Street, which has been appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and, if approved, would permit Torgan Group’s Phase 1 development consisting of a 30-storey mixed-use building and a 28-storey residential apartment building (the “**Torgan Phase 1 Development**”). Torgan’s lands are immediately adjacent to the Promenade Shopping Centre, within the block bounded by Centre Street to the north, Bathurst street to the east, Clark Avenue West to the south, and New Westminster Drive to the west, which block is subject to the City’s ongoing Promenade Centre Secondary Plan process.

As set forth in more detail, PLP has no general objection to the Torgan Phase 1 Development, but it is anticipating and requesting that any official plan amendment that would permit such development contain cost sharing policies similar to those set forth in Policy 11.7.3 of the draft Promenade Centre Secondary Plan, an excerpt of which is set out below.

PLP has been participating in the public process respecting Torgan Group’s official plan amendment application and on October 2, 2020 wrote to this Committee of the Whole with PLP’s comments for the Torgan Phase 1 Development. A copy of that letter is attached for reference. As noted in the letter, PLP has no immediate concerns with the proposed density, height and uses of the Torgan Phase 1 Development, but at that time raised concerns with the proposed servicing for the Torgan Phase 1 Development that proposed to utilize private services within the Promenade



Shopping Centre lands. Torgan's use of such private services would affect PLP's future development plans for the Promenade Shopping Centre. The Torgan Phase 1 Development proposal continues to rely on private infrastructure within the Promenade Shopping Centre to support the development and, in particular, proposes to connect to the existing private storm sewer within Promenade Circle, despite having no easement right that would permit such connection, and as an interim condition use Promenade Circle for primary vehicular access to its lands.

As part of redeveloping Torgan's lands, City staff note in their report the need for various development agreements relating to infrastructure. City staff acknowledge that Torgan Group will require an easement agreement with PLP to implement the proposed storm connection, and until such time as the pending stormwater management and other servicing concerns are resolved, City staff suggest that a Holding Symbol ('H') for the Torgan Phase 1 Development may be appropriate. PLP supports City staff's recommendation that an 'H' be implemented pending an agreement being reached between PLP and Torgan.

City staff also acknowledge in their report that there may be necessary infrastructure improvements, requiring cost sharing agreements or measures, to accommodate the redevelopment of Torgan's lands, and PLP recognizes that many of these cost sharing requirements for infrastructure improvements may equally apply to its future development plans for the Promenade Shopping Centre. These improvements are being envisioned in conjunction with the City's processing of the Promenade Centre Secondary Plan, and include infrastructure works for the Promenade Secondary Plan service area, and improvements to the transportation network, including the delivery of future roads, shared use paths, and other active transportation facilities. PLP supports City staff's recommendation that development agreements, including cost sharing agreements, be entered into among the landowners within the Promenade Centre Secondary Plan area, and the official plan amendment for the Torgan Phase 1 Development should reflect this understanding.

The City requirement for cost sharing is consistent with the City's processing of the first phase of development of the Promenade Shopping Centre, where PLP was required to provide a letter of credit as security for a financial contribution towards the ultimate servicing strategy for the Promenade Secondary Plan service area, even though it was determined that downstream sanitary sewer improvements were not required for this phase of development. It is also consistent with the draft Promenade Centre Secondary Plan, which anticipates that development agreements, front-ending agreements, cost sharing agreements and/or other measures may be required as a condition of development in the Promenade Centre for future works. In particular, Policy 11.7.3 provides:

As condition of approval of development in the Promenade Centre, the City shall require the implementation of appropriate development agreements and other measures which may include front ending agreements and/or cost sharing agreements, to ensure that the new development in Promenade Centre is coordinated and that the required commitments of funds, lands and services are secured and/or in place. These agreements and other measures shall ensure that the



reasonable costs of the municipal and community infrastructure, land and/or facilities are fairly and equitably shared without adverse impact on the City's financial capability. The agreements and measures permitted by this policy shall be only those permitted by law and otherwise agreed to by the landowner(s) and the City.

It would be appropriate for the official plan amendment permitting the Torgan Phase 1 Development to include the same language to that of Policy 11.7.3 of the draft Promenade Centre Secondary Plan. This would better ensure that while the official plan amendment for the Torgan Phase 1 Development is advancing prior to the approval of the Promenade Centre Secondary Plan, it will do so with an official plan amendment that reflects City staff's recommendations in their report and the anticipated policy framework for the Promenade Centre Secondary Plan.

A draft copy of the proposed official plan amendment for the Torgan Phase 1 Development is not publicly available. If the proposed official plan amendment does not already carry forward the same language of Policy 11.7.3 of the draft Promenade Centre Secondary Plan, we request that the official plan amendment for the Torgan Phase 1 Development include such language as a condition of the Committee's endorsement.

Yours very truly,

Goodmans LLP

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**COMMUNICATION – C21
ITEM 4
Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting)
October 6, 2020**

Attention: Council Members

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning Applications By 1529749 Ontario Inc. (the Torgan Group), 7700 Bathurst Street; City File Nos. OP.16.006 and Z.20.019; Preliminary Comments by Promenade Limited Partnership

We are solicitors for Promenade Limited Partnership (“PLP”), the owner of the Promenade Shopping Centre site, municipally known as 1 and 180 Promenade Circle. PLP is hereby providing comments on the above-noted applications by The Torgan Group (the “Applicant”).

Background re: Promenade Phase 1 Development

On June 12, 2019, City of Vaughan Council adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 46 and enacted By-Law No. 105-2019 to permit the Phase 1 redevelopment of the Promenade Shopping Centre site, with 30 and 35-storey residential apartment buildings connected by a 7-storey podium with at-grade retail and a 26-storey mixed-use building comprised of office, hotel and retail uses (the “Promenade Phase 1 Development”).

On September 29, 2020, Vaughan Council enacted By-Law No. 125-2020, to remove the Holding Symbol (“H”) for the Promenade Phase 1 Development lands. As part of this H removal process, it was determined that downstream sanitary sewer improvements are not required for the Promenade Phase 1 Development. PLP was nonetheless required to provide a letter of credit in the amount of \$455,000 as security for a financial contribution towards the ultimate servicing strategy for the Promenade Secondary Plan service area, which may include the Applicant’s lands.

Comments on The Torgan Applications for 7700 Bathurst Street

Official plan amendment and rezoning applications have been submitted by 1529749 Ontario Inc. (The Torgan Group) for 7700 Bathurst Street, at the southwest corner of Centre Street and Bathurst



Street, and adjacent to and abutting the Promenade Shopping Centre site. The applications seek permission for a Phase 1 development consisting of a 30-storey mixed-use building and a 28-storey residential apartment building connected by a 1-storey lobby and a 2-storey medical office and commercial building (the “Torgan Phase 1 Development”).

At this time, PLP has no immediate concerns with the proposed density, height and uses of the Torgan Phase 1 Development. However, PLP does have concerns with the proposed servicing for the Torgan Phase 1 Development. The Applicant’s lands currently have limited sanitary capacity and the proposal to utilize private services within PLP’s lands would dramatically affect PLP’s future development plans.

The Functional Servicing Report (FSR) for the development indicates that sanitary servicing is proposed to be accommodated by the existing 250mm sanitary pipe on Promenade Circle. The report also notes that there are “known sanitary sewer capacity issues in the downstream sanitary sewer network”.

The existing 250mm sanitary sewer within Promenade Circle is a private sewer owned by PLP. There is no registered easement or cost-sharing arrangement in place that entitles The Torgan Group to utilize this existing sewer for its Phase 1 development, or for its current use for that matter.

Before approving the Torgan Phase 1 applications, the City should ensure that there is a servicing approach for the development that does not rely on private services owned by PLP, or alternatively confirm that The Torgan Group has secured the necessary easements and cost-sharing arrangements from PLP that could potentially enable it to utilize the private services and other infrastructure within Promenade Circle. The City should also secure an appropriate financial contribution from The Torgan Group towards the ultimate servicing strategy for the Promenade Secondary Plan service area.

Please provide us with copies of any future notices or decisions with respect to the Torgan Phase 1 applications.

Yours very truly,

Goodmans LLP

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