May 31 2018

Curt Benson, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning Services and Chief Planning Official
Halton Region

Dear Mr. Benson;

Re: Vision Georgetown

Thank you for meeting with Nick McDonald, Dirk Janas and myself on May 23, 2018 to discuss the above captioned matter. At that time, we discussed the competing policies and the public agency comments received that are creating a number of challenges for the Vision Georgetown Secondary Plan, including those related to land budget. These include:

- The population and employment that was set out in the Best Planning Estimates for the Vision Georgetown lands;
- The approved housing mix as set out in ROPA 39 for designated greenfield areas in Halton Hills between 2022 and 2031;
- Growth Plan density requirements;
- The need to provide for two High Schools and 5 elementary schools. The amount of land required to be set aside for schools appears to be well in excess what the Region assumed during the Sustainable Halton process;
- The need to control for the regional storm and the increased amount of land required to accommodate stormwater management facilities;
- The large amount of land subject to flooding in the southwest portion of the concession block. This was not known during the Sustainable Halton process.
- Certain components of the NHS, such as the black locust, buffers and enhancement areas as well as agency requests for additional linkages.
We trust that the meeting and the additional information provided was of assistance to you in understanding the challenges that we have been facing. During the meeting it was agreed that further discussions would be warranted after Council adopts the Secondary Plan as part of the Region’s approval process.

Sincerely,

John Linhardt, MCIP, RRP
Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability

c. Nick McDonald
   Dirk Janas