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Please note that copies of the letters previously sent to the Honorable Ministers B. Duguid and R. Chiarelli will be enclosed in the Fedex delivery of the hardcopy of the presently faxed letter to the Premier. You should receive this package tomorrow.

Please respond either to Dr. Paulo Correa (905-660-1040), drpcorrea@abrisci.com or to Josephine Mastrodicasa (416-697-2489), President of the Concord West Seniors Club, JMastrodicasa@arggroup.com



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Honorable Premier of Ontario Dalton McGuinty
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1

September 21, 2010

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Concord West Community, the undersigned have come to you to request a temporary halt to the ORC sale of Parcel B (lot 19 and easement of lot 20, for a total of 8.6 acres, see Attachment 1) of the Concord Floral Lands, 1890 Highway 7, City of Vaughan, Ontario, situated on the north side of Highway 7, west of Centre Street, and bordering on the west side of the Don River.

The reason for this request is documented in the two enclosed letters, and respective attachments, addressed to the Honorable Brad Duguid, then Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, and subsequently to the Honorable Robert Chiarelli, present Ontario Minister of Infrastructure. Neither of these letters have received a formal response from either Minister. In essence, the Concord West Community has petitioned both Ministers to transfer, to the TRCA, an ORC greenland property that lies immediately to the east of the community in order to restore the residents' right of access to the greenspaces of the Bartley Smith Greenway and protect the ecological niche in said land. For reasons of access to the greenspace and safety, the community also requested construction of a tunnel under the existing railway line that borders our community to the east. The petition was signed by virtually all households in the Concord West Community, and by many households in the adjacent Glen Shields Community. Per attached, the TRCA also confirmed that the ORC land under petition falls under their "master plan of acquisition for the Don River watershed" (B. Denney, letter of July 7).

However, as the community came to find out, only in June of this year, there is an Ontario Ministry of Transportation plan (Design Concept stage) to place a GO and Metrolinx traffic hub on the land in question and surrounding lands on the *south* of Highway 7. The Concord West community is unanimously opposed to the proposed location of this transit hub. In a constructive spirit, the Concord West community developed an alternative plan that locates the said traffic hub on the industrial and commercial complex, on the *north* side of Highway 7, freeing therefore the ORC greenland on the *south* side of the same highway, so that our request for its transfer to the TRCA may be accommodated. This alternative plan was unanimously approved by a General Meeting of the Concord West Community (on August 24). The community also approved a call for a meeting with officials from all the Provincial and Metro entities involved.

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We met with representatives of the OMT, the York Region Rapid Transit and the TRCA on September 14th, 2010, and presented our alternative plan, which makes use of the aforementioned Parcel B on the north side of Hwy 7, the subject of our present request to you. We also voiced our concerns at the time, which are indeed many, as the planned occupation of the petitioned greenland comprises a GO station, Metrolinx station, an elevator, the Metrolinx route, 1080 car parking lot and construction of a new and wide road servicing the hub right through the middle of the existing greenland.

Since (1) the OMT team reassured the community at the September 14 meeting that our alternative proposal for the location of the traffic hub would be considered by the OMT for its technical merit and feasibility; and (2) given that – following a phone call (September 15) between Mr. Bruce Singbush (Director of Real Estate Policy at the OMI) and Dr. Paulo Correa (one of the undersigned) - the OMI position and response to our request for the transfer to the TRCA of the said ORC greenland is dependent on the recommendations of the OMT, the community *has now come to you to ask for a temporary suspension of sale of the ORC-owned Parcel B of the Concord Floral property north of Highway 7*, so that sufficient opportunity and time will be allowed for the OMT to properly assess and analyze the alternative plan submitted by the Concord West Community, and for the ongoing negotiation between the community and the OMT to come to fruition.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Respectfully submitted,

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Concord West Residents Ad Hoc Committee

cc. Honorable Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, R. Chiarelli

ATTACHMENT 1

