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Your Worship  
Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
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**Re: Proposed Update to the Unionville Special Policy Area – Council Endorsed  
Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment**

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

Thank you for forwarding the City of Markham's update to the Unionville Special Policy Area to the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources and Forestry for approval in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. I appreciate the time you have taken to write.

I would like to commend the City's efforts and commitment in its review of the City's Special Policy Area, which included considerable consultation with provincial staff and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The proposed changes to the Unionville Special Policy Area are primarily mapping related and were undertaken to reflect updated floodplain mapping prepared by the Toronto Region Conservation Area in 2019.

I am pleased to advise that the proposed changes have been reviewed by provincial staff and have been determined to meet provincial requirements outlined in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

It is my understanding that City Council endorsed the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments on May 30, 2022 and will proceed to formally adopt these amendments under the *Planning Act*, upon receiving approval from the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and myself.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that both the Ministers of Natural Resources and Forestry and Municipal Affairs and Housing approve the proposed changes to the City of Markham's Special Policy Area.

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Once again, thank you and your staff for continuing to work closely with the Province on this important update to Markham's Unionville Special Policy Area. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

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