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Subject: FW: Thornhill Revitalization

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Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 10:03 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: Thornhill Revitalization

Dear Clerk Kitteringham

For your information: this has been sent to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, all Regional Councillors and all Councillors.

I understand that there is a committee set up to discuss the Thornhill Revitalization. As far as I understand the work is currently under way & discussions are continuing. I have to date not received any final resolution on what the committee has concluded. It has recently come to my attention that Howard Shore's intentions are to bring a motion before council for staff to bring final recommendations of this revitalization study. I would appreciate your support to oppose the motion by Councillor Shore for staff to bring final recommendations regarding the Thornhill Revitalization Study. It seems to me, that any resolution at this point which he is proposing does not have unanimous support of the working committee. In my opinion, it would be premature at this stage to try & crystallize a resolution.

Regards,

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Mayor F. Scarpitti and Members of Council
City of Markham
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Members of Council:

RE: Thornhill Revitalization Area
City Initiated Area and Site Specific Official Plan Policies and Zoning By-law Amendment

We represent Raywal Limited Partnership, the owner of a substantial manufacturing facility located at 68 Green Lane. We previously appeared on their behalf before you at the Council meeting held on July 9 (and ultimately 10) 2013.

The resolution out of that Council meeting was that the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law be referred to a revised Thornhill Area Revitalization Working Group for a report back to the Development Services Committee by October 2013. Our client's President, Mr. Brian Magee, was appointed as a member of that Committee and has been actively involved in the deliberations and meetings of that Committee.

The issues before the Working Group are serious, material and not susceptible of simple resolution.

The purpose behind remitting the matter over to the Working Group was to allow for full discussion and debate about the relevant land use issues with a view to achieving a consensus between the business community and the surrounding residential community. The Working Group has not yet arrived at that consensus and has therefore not yet reported to Development Services Committee.

It has come to our attention that Councillor Shore filed a Notice of Motion at the last Council meeting for consideration at this Council meeting with respect to effectively abrogating the work of the Working Group and simply forcing this matter to Council in haste and without the consensus which motivated the July, 2013 Council Resolution.

Furthermore, the Notice of Motion indicates an intent to hold the statutory public meeting at Development Services Committee at its meeting of June 17, 2014 and to also have at that meeting final recommendations from the Planning Department concerning the proposed Zoning Amendment By-law and Official Plan amendment. As a purpose of a statutory public meeting, especially here where the matter is not coming before Committee with a consensus report from the Working Group, is to hear comments from the affected

public before making a decision, it is effectively inviting Planning Department staff to formulate a final recommendation strictly on the disparate views which have been expressed by the affected communities without hearing again how any of those opinions may have evolved during the period since the July, 2013 Council meeting, as they may be articulated at a properly timed statutory public meeting.

To adopt the proposed motion will violate the spirit of the July 2013 Council Resolution that this matter be carefully explored through the stakeholders in the community with a view to arriving at some consensus resolution. Adopting the motion will undoubtedly also trigger the crystallization of opposition and the consequent filing of appeals against any amendments adopted by Council which do not carry the consent of the regulated landowners.

We would urge Council to not act on this motion and to allow the Working Group to continue as the proposed amendments will have a substantial impact on a broad swath of landowners and it is far preferable that the issues be resolved by informed discussion and consent.

Yours very truly,

Gerald S. Swinkin

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22 May 2014

Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Council
City of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Members of Council:

Re: Notice of Motion from Councillor Shore Regarding Thornhill Revitalization Area Study

On July 9, 2013 Council directed the Thornhill Area Revitalization Working Group to be reformed and that the new group would report back to the Development Services Committee.

The intent was to have all proposed stakeholders making recommendations regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments.

Chemline Plastics Ltd. (which has been a property owner & run business operation in the area for over 30 years) have been following the process closely, attending the meetings of the working group. These issues are critical to the viability of all of the business in the affected area and the solutions are neither obvious nor simple. In our opinion the working group has made significant progress in the last 5 months considering that 11 of the 15 members of the committee are new and had to get up to speed on a considerable amount of work that was done prior to their involvement. The working group is steadily making progress and should be allowed to continue to find a resolution. This work is far from complete.

This Notice of Motion from Councillor Shore is premature and indicates a lack of respect to the committee members who have spent many hours of their valuable time trying hard to find solutions to a complicated problem.

We respectfully ask council to vote against this Motion as it ignores the intent of the July 2013 Council Resolution.

Regards

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Attention: Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Council

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

**Re: Council Meeting Scheduled for May 27, 2014
Thornhill Revitalization Area
67 Green Lane, Markham**

We are the solicitors acting on behalf of Granite Real Estate Investment Trust ("Granite") with respect to the above referenced matter. We are writing herein with respect to a motion we understand will be considered at the May 27, 2014 Council Meeting.

Granite is the owner of land located on the south side of Green Lane to the east of Bayview Avenue, municipally known as 67 Green Lane, Markham (the "Site"). The Site is approximately 5 acres in size and represents one of the largest properties within the Thornhill Revitalization Area.

Council at its Special Meeting of July 9, 2013 adopted a resolution directing that the Working Group for the Thornhill Revitalization Area be expanded to include five business representatives and five community representatives from the area. Lorne Kumer, an Executive Vice President of Granite did apply, and was accepted, as one of the business representatives forming part of the Revised Working Group. Since being included in the Revised Working Group, Mr. Kumer has actively participated in the process in an effort to seek a consensual resolution of the issues as between the business owners and the residents of the Thornhill Revitalization Area.

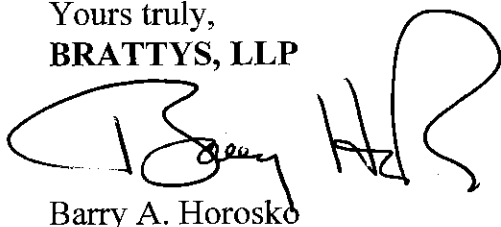
We are writing herein to express significant concern with respect to a Motion regarding a Final Recommendations Report regarding the Thornhill Revitalization Area, which we understand was initially advanced before Council on March 15, 2014 by Councillor Howard Shore without notice to the business representatives in the Revised Working Group. Firstly, the fact that the Motion

was initially advanced before Council without notice is very disappointing. Secondly, the Motion is premature and proposes a resolution that does not have the unanimous support of the Revised Working Group and threatens the efforts of the Revised Working Group to achieve a consensual resolution.

We remind Council that the purpose of assembling the Revised Working Group was an attempt to achieve consensus among the business community and the surrounding residential community. Consensus among these two groups is still being strived for and will be frustrated by Council if it votes to require Staff to provide a final recommendations report for the Development Services Committee Meeting on June 17, 2014. More specifically, to proceed at this stage to a public meeting, without further resolution of the issues, will in our opinion, merely precipitate a repeat of the issues that were brought forward to Council at its Special Meeting of July 9, 2013.

It is our respectful submission that this matter should not be scheduled for a Public Meeting at this time and that the Revised Working Group should be requested to continue their work towards achieving a consensual resolution, and be required to report back to the Council as appropriate.

Yours truly,
BRATTYS, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Horosko", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'B'.

Barry A. Horosko

cc: Lorne Kumer, Granite Real Estate Investment Trust
Stephen Inberg, Mercedes-Benz Canada