

Appendix B

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
Mayor's Office

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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January 13, 2025

Dear Minister Calandra:

On Friday January 10, 2025 the City received your decision with respect to the outstanding request for a CIHA/MZO application submitted by Innovative Planning Solutions on behalf of Greenworld Construction Inc. to facilitate the development of 4,054 residential units, provided through high-rise buildings and townhouses as well as commercial uses and a school block at 175 and 199 Essa Road and 50 Wood Street in Barrie.

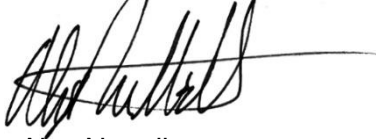
The City remains committed to getting more homes, built faster. The intention behind the CIHA / MZO request was to establish the land use planning principles and the matter of two school boards requesting school sites. The city expected the more detailed planning processes such as draft plan of subdivision and site plan would have addressed the usual technical items.

Nonetheless, we will work through the municipal planning approvals process for this site to bring more housing and community uses to the City of Barrie. The issue of which school board will develop on this site however is outside of our local control and we are seeking assistance to resolve this matter. I have spoken to Minister Dunlop and provided correspondence to her on this matter in the hope that she can assist in resolving this.

In addition to the unresolved issue of the school board site, you indicated that Ministry staff had concerns on this application from an environmental, archaeological and transportation perspective. Would it be possible for those concerns to be shared with city planning staff by January 30, 2025 to include as part of their technical review?

City staff are meeting with the applicant to discuss next steps and we are anticipating that the applicant will update the submission materials once the school board issue is resolved for consideration through the normal planning processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Nuttall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Nuttall
Mayor of Barrie

cc: Minister Jill Dunlop, Education

Michael Prowse, CAO

Michelle Banfield, Executive Director Development Services