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**TO:** MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FILE: D09-ELCP

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**RE:** EMPLOYMENT LANDS CONVERSION REPORT

**DATE:** MARCH 30, 2015

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Pursuant to Council direction that staff provide a memo on the implications of the proposed amendments to the criteria for consideration of conversion of employment lands, please find the attached information.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 General Committee considered staff report PLN008-15 recommending the scheduling of a public meeting to amend the Official Plan by incorporating the evaluation criteria outlined in the Municipal Comprehensive Review prepared by CN Watson and Associates dated November 2011 for the conversion of Employment lands. The staff recommendation was amended by General Committee by the deletion of the following two criteria:

- The site is surrounded by non-employment uses on at least three sides;
- The conversion doesn't contravene any City policy planning objectives.


And the addition of the following two criteria:

- The site has been vacant for an extended period of time and is a brownfield (previously used, now vacant) industrial site; and
- The site is an opportunity for intensification, in an area designated for intensification.

Staff have had an opportunity to review this matter with the City's Growth Management Co-ordinator, Mr. Eric Hodgins, who advises that more time is required for a detailed analysis of this matter. Given that this action may impact an ongoing litigation matter, staff will also review this matter with the external counsel retained by the City on the litigation.

Staff will continue to review and analyze this matter and report back to Council prior to the Public Meeting.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Merwan Kalyaniwalla, Manager of Policy Planning at ext. 4314.

  
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