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City of Oshawa  
City Clerk Services  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Rundle Tower  
City Hall  
50 Centre Street South  
Oshawa, Ontario  
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Attention: Development Services Committee

Dear Members of the Committee:

Re: **Harriet Cock House-Oshawa Windfield RioCan Draft Plan of SubdivisionS-0-2011-03**

Earlier this year Oshawa City Council approved the Program for Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy (February 22, 2016, [DS-16-23](#)) which was endorsed by Heritage Oshawa. The Windfields Farm Legacy Program recognized that the Harriet Cock house could not be preserved. It had originally been RioCan's intent to relocate the house on the property further to the north, in a location where it could have been retrofitted and integrated into a commercial block. However, an assessment of the building's condition determined that it would not withstand the move. The front porch is collapsing and the building itself has developed serious structural deficiencies that are now a potential liability risk. Unfortunately, the building cannot be retained in its present location as it conflicts with the proposed first phase layout of the Windfields Main Central Area.

The Windfields Farm Legacy Program recognized the importance of commemorating Harriet Cock with the requirement for the installation of a plaque in an appropriate location on the RioCan lands west of Simcoe Street North. RioCan is pleased to honour Harriet Cock's name and we look forward to working with Heritage Oshawa staff on the wording and location of the commemorative plaque. In further recognition of the historical significance of Harriet Cock, RioCan would like to make a donation to the City in amount of \$15,000.00 that would be used to fund heritage matters related to the former Windfields Farm area.

Sincerely,



Stuart Craig  
RioCan Management Inc.  
Vice President of Planning & Development

**c.c. Margaret Kish, Heitage Oshawa Committee**