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DELEVERED BY EMAIL

July 29, 2020

Re: Protection of the Headwaters of the Carruthers Creek

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held July 27, 2020:

WHEREAS on June 29, 2020, Pickering Council endorsed a motion requesting that Minister Steve Clark enact a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) to fast-track the urbanization of approximately 2,200 hectares of lands (community of Veraine, northeast Pickering) on the headwaters of the Carruthers Creek;

AND WHEREAS Durham Region is currently undergoing a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) which includes a Land Needs Assessment to determine future urban land requirements in the Region, which is to be completed, by July 2022;

AND WHEREAS Durham Regional Council will receive a report regarding the MZO request for consideration at its July 29th meeting.

AND WHEREAS the headwaters of the Carruthers Watershed is located in the 'White Belt', and if the requested MZO is approved, it would take away potential settlement area boundary expansions being considered through the MCR in Durham such as the Municipality of Clarington, City of Oshawa and Town of Whitby;

AND WHEREAS the headwaters are surrounded by protected Greenbelt lands, which will require the extension of municipal infrastructure (roads, waters, sewers) through the Greenbelt at a significant lifecycle cost to taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the draft Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Carruthers Watershed Plan indicates developing the headwaters will increase natural hazards and flood risk, placing people, properties, and infrastructure at risk of flooding downstream in Ajax by 77%

AND WHEREAS approval of the MZO circumvents the public planning process eliminating public consultation on this development and public consultation on the Carruthers Watershed Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Ajax does not support the City of Pickering's Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) request to re-zone the headwaters of the Carruthers (northeast Pickering) to allow for development;

AND THAT the City of Pickering be urged to withdraw its MZO letter to Minister Steve Clark requesting that the headwaters be urbanized by the developer, being Dorsay Development Corporation;

AND THAT the Town continues to support the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan process

AND THAT the Town continues to supports opportunities for comprehensive public consultation.

AND THAT this motion be sent to Minister Steve Clark, Minister Rod Phillips, Dorsay Developments, and the City of Pickering and all Durham Region municipalities.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Rachael Wraith, Acting Manager of Public & Strategic Affairs, at 905-619-2529 ext. 3325 or rachael.wraith@ajax.ca

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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