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## **DELIVERED BY EMAIL**

Town of Richmond Hill 225 East Beaver Creek Road Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

Attention: Christine Lee

**Planning Researcher** 

Dear Ms. Lee,

Re:

SRPRS.19.054

Proposed Repeal of By-law 23-17 Adopting Amendment No. 6 to the Richmond Hill Official Plan (the Downtown Local Centre Secondary Plan)

We are counsel to Laurier Homes (Richmond Hill) Inc. ("Laurier Homes") and have an interest in the Town of Richmond Hill's proposal to repeal the Downtown Local Center Secondary Plan (the "DLCSP").

Laurier Homes is the owner of the properties municipally known as 44, 48, 54, and 60 Arnold Crescent in the Town of Richmond Hill (the "Subject Properties"). The Subject Properties are located at the northeast quadrant of Yonge Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West. The Subject Properties are almost entirely located within the designated Village District in the DLCSP, an area where intensification and redevelopment is encouraged subject to a range of land use and urban design criteria.

On July 12, 2018, Laurier Homes obtained approvals in principle from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (the "Tribunal") to redevelop the Subject Properties with three single detached houses fronting Arnold Crescent and 88 townhouses fronting a new extension of Elizabeth Street South. Prior to the Order, Laurier Homes had engaged in extensive consultation with the Town to revise its original redevelopment application. We are pleased that our combined efforts resulted in Town Council supporting the redevelopment proposal that was before the Tribunal. Laurier Homes is now working diligently with Town staff through the site plan process to implement the development plan in accordance with the provisions of the Order.

We are aware that Council is considering a repeal of the DLCSP to allow the Town to undertake a new planning process for the Downtown, and that a report on the Town's proposal will be brought to a Council Public Meeting on April 3, 2019.



Given our interest in the matter, we kindly request to be kept informed of the Town's decision on the DLCSP, including but not limited to receiving public notices and staff reports relating to this matter, and request to be added to the list of interested parties.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

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cc:

Stephen M.A. Huycke, Town Clerk

Client