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### VIA EMAIL

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Frances Jardine  
Senior Planner  
City of Richmond Hill

Dear Frances Jardine,

**Re: Richmond Hill Official Plan Amendments:**

- **OPA 18.5 Yonge and Carrville/16th Avenue Key Development Area**
- **OPA 18.6 Village Local Centre**
- **OPA 18.7 Newkirk Local Centre**
- **OPA 18.8 Oak Ridges Local Centre**

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Thank you for providing the York Region District School Board the opportunity to comment on the upcoming Official Plan Amendments. Below, comments are provided for the proposed Official Plan Amendments.

### **OPA 18.5 Yonge and Carrville/16th Avenue Key Development Area**

- The Board continues to **require a school site** within the Yonge and Carrville/16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Key Development Area. The Board prefers to be adjacent to parks, whenever possible, to provide for potential joint-use opportunities and/or efficiencies in the delivery of community facilities to serve this new community including a public school.
- The Board's current standard for a school site in a high density community is five acres but the Board is open to exploring potential reduction in the school site size if agreements/commitments are in place to provide appropriate alternative accommodation on the required components of a school site.
- The location of the school site as identified in Schedule C2 Map is generally acceptable but a more central location to the community can maximize walkability and reduce traffic congestion in the community.

### **OPA 18.6 Village Local Centre, OPA 18.7 Newkirk Local Centre & OPA 18.8 Oak Ridges Local Centre**

- Due to the significant development in the area and limited available pupil places in each of the local area schools, students may need to be accommodated outside of the local community.

- Should ultimate residential development exceed the envisioned targets for the area, the Board may require a new school in the area and therefore appreciates school uses are a permitted use under OPA 18.6 Section 4.3.1.1 3(e)/18.7 Section 4.3.3.1 2(g)/18.8 Section 4.3.2.1 2(g) *“Community Uses in accordance with Section 4.1 of this Plan”*.

If you have any additional questions, please

Sincerely,

Jordan Cook, Planner  
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