

Letter to Jim Baird – Commissioner of Development Services, City of Markham
11/05/2015. Copies also sent to Mayor and all Council members.

Jim,

On Nov2, 2015 I made a deputation at the Development Services Committee regarding the rezoning application for Ruland Properties Inc.

I submitted my deputation document as a record and requested a formal reply. The minutes did not mirror the facts as you only make comments on one question - the legality of the sales activity prior to the zoning approval. This simply echoes what we already knew and stated as such in my deputation.

To assist you to focus on our questions, I have now extracted and modified them based on the minutes (attached) and present them again below:

1) Under the Executive Summary on the Staff Report dated Nov 2, 2015, the figure of 545 condominium units was stated. There is no mention of the additional 5 or 6 live-work units which can be deduced from the paragraph dealing with the Parking requirements. **Is that an omission on the Staff Report regarding the Live-work units? Are we correct on this assumption?**

2) The connection of Clegg Road East of Warden Ave is paramount if we are to alleviate the traffic congestion now and into the future. There is no entrance into Markham Downtown area between Highway#7 and Enterprise Blvd at present. The City should take an initiative to get this short extension done up and not wait for developments 5 years or more down the road. **Will there be an acceleration to build this extension by the City? If so, what is the schedule?**

3) Per the minutes:

(a) The Committee discussed employment use and intensification in Markham Centre, and suggested that the developer provide a brochure for the public to clarify development that will occur in area.

(b) The Committee suggested the parking standards for Markham Centre be reviewed and that the parking analysis for this development be examined.

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What actions will come out of these 3 items above and who is responsible to follow up on it?

(d) With respect to sustainability, staff advised that there is a comprehensive checklist in the Markham Centre performance measures.

What is the review frequency of the checklists and who will perform such reviews to ensure continued compliance and what kind of documents are generated for action if necessary?

Please provide answers to the above to us so that we may inform our members of the status and results of their concerns.

We are looking forward to hearing from you in the near future. Your early attention to this matter will be much appreciated.

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