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Public Sector Specialist

September 19, 2024 ("emailed")

Mr. Robert Auger, Director Legislative Services/Clerk Town of Tecumseh, 917 Lesperance Road Tecumseh Ontario, N8N 1W9

Dear Mr. Auger,

Re: Tecumseh Hamlet Draft Secondary Plan, September 24th Public Meeting, 1000044993 Ontario Inc. Dr. Bhan Garg, 45 Acre Parcel, Northeast Corner Banwell Road & Shields Street.

I am providing comments on behalf of Dr. Bhan Garg, whose numbered company, 1000044993 Ontario Inc. owns the 45 acre parcel on the northeast corner of Banwell Road and Shields Street. (see attached)

Dr. Garg and I have been active participants in the subject Secondary Plan process having attended the December 7, 2022 Open House, the April 2023 PIC and the November 2023 PIC. We have also had separate meetings and discussions with Town Planning and Engineering staff, including an October 2022 meeting regarding the Secondary Plan process and Master Plan Functional Servicing. Dr Garg is also participating in the area wide Stage 2 Archaeological Study and his lands are expected to be field examined this fall.

We recently received notification from Mr. Enrico De Cecco, Town Senior Planner, that the Town is seeking stakeholder comments on the proposed Official Plan amendment required to incorporate the Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan Amendment ("THSPA") into the Tecumseh Official Plan. We would like our comments, as contained in this letter, to be incorporated as part of the public record of the September 24, 2024 public meeting.

While Dr. Garg is very much supportive of the proposed Secondary Plan, he does have some concerns as they relate to specific sections of the THSPA which impact future development of his 45 acre parcel. Those concerns are outlined below.

LAND USE:

As part of the proposed draft Secondary Plan, Dr. Garg's lands have 3 residential designations and a Neighbourhood Commercial designation. There is also a broader area stormwater pond, a

Gateway feature and a portion of the Major Infrastructure Corridor scheduled for Dr. Garg's parcel. (See Schedules "H-2" & "H-11" attached)

The Neighbourhood Commercial designated lands are located at the Southwest corner of his parcel at the intersection of Banwell Road and Shields Street. The High Density designated lands which run northerly along Banwell Road, abut the Commercial designated lands to the north. The High Density designation allows for **building heights of up to 6 storeys**. The Medium Density designated lands abut the Commercial designated lands to the east and then run easterly along Shield Street. The Medium Density designation allows for **building heights of up the 4 storeys**.

Per Section 5.3.3 of the draft Secondary Plan..."The Neighbourhood Commercial designation applies to the commercial node on the north side of the Banwell Road and Shield Street intersection.....It also plays an important role as a key commercial node and gateway for the southerly portion of the THSPA."

The designation will allow for mix of local commercial uses on the ground floor while uses permitted above the ground floor may include residential, office and personal service. Unfortunately **the building height is being restricted to 2 storeys.**

Given this important Commercial and Gateway node will likely be abutting 6 storey residential development to the north and 4 storey residential development to the east, it is felt restricting the commercial development to 2 storeys will look out of proportion. To be more in keeping with the proposed surrounding development, and subject to sufficient wastewater capacity availability, Dr. Garg would like to have consideration given to increasing the maximum height of the commercial node building(s) to 3 or preferably 4 storeys. We would welcome further dialogue with Town Planning staff to see if this height adjustment to 3 or 4 storeys could be incorporated into the adopted Secondary Plan.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PONDS 5.6:

There are 5 Stormwater Management Ponds (SWMP) designated in locations across the THSPA, as identified in Schedule "H-11" One of those ponds (Desjardin Pond) is being proposed for Dr. Garg's lands.

In previous discussions with Town staff on the proposed SWMP and other servicing matters, any of the plans or concept plans we were presented showed single sided development on the roads which were directly north and south of the SWMP. Single sided development along a road is considerably more expensive per lot and does not allow for residential unit maximization allowed within the proposed densities. While this discussion on the residential lot pattern will likely take place as part of a Plan of Subdivision approval process, we just want to be on the record that we wish to see double sided development occur on the roads directly north and south of the SWMP.

DEVELOPMENT PHASING (8.3)

As part of the Development Phasing Section of the THSPA, Section vi states; "All new urban development in the THSPA shall be connected to the municipal water, wastewater and stormwater systems. Further, applications for development in the THSPA shall only be approved by Council, and development shall only proceed when:

- a. Council is satisfied that the landowners within each of the stormwater catchment areas....have entered into any agreement(s), as the Town may be permitted to require, for the provision of funds or the provision of service or both, and that as part of any agreement, provisions have been made to the satisfaction of Council for any funds or services which may be required of any future landowners in the future in order for the development of the THSP to proceed as planned. Such agreements shall be registered on the title of the lands affected. The Town may facilitate cost recovery from other benefitting developments through various means available by way of legislation.
- b. Landowners within the THSP, have where necessary, entered into private cost sharing agreements amongst themselves to address distribution of costs of development for the provision of matters such as infrastructure facilities"

Due to competing interests, or the lack of willingness to participate, it is often very difficult for the individual landowners to reach a satisfactory cost sharing agreement amongst themselves. As articulated by Dr. Garg previously, he is fully prepared to work with the Town and the other landowners to ensure that development within the THSP occurs in an orderly and equitable manner.

We are of the opinion this is better achieved when the Town coordinates the process, and it is not left up to the various landowners to enter into private cost sharing agreements amongst themselves. In order for the orderly collection of proportionate cost sharing for the provision of services, we believe the Town **shall**, and not **may**, facilitate cost recovery from other benefitting developments through various means available by way of legislation.

Dr. Garg is appreciative of the opportunity being given to provide comments on the THSPA. He looks forward to continuing to work with the Town on the finalization of the process. He has a vested interest in assisting the Town in assuring the development within the THSP occurs in an orderly, efficient and equitable manner.

Best Regards,

Michael Stanp, Pro

c.c. Brian Hillman, Director of Development Services

Enrico De Cecco, Senior Planner

Dr. Bhan Garg

Attachments...Highlighted 12-R Plan "H-2" & "H-11" Schedules





