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Minister Paul Calandra
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Subject: Request to Revoke O. Reg. 102/72

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Dear Minister Calandra,

As you are aware, last year the Government of Ontario expanded Strong Mayor Powers to the mayors of large and fast-growing municipalities that have committed to a municipal housing pledge in order to achieve their respective housing targets as set out by your Ministry. In a letter dated June 16, 2023, I had advised former-Minister Steve Clark that I would be utilizing Strong Mayor Powers and Duties relating to amendments to the *Municipal Act* and Regulations 530/22 and 580/22. As a Strong Mayor, I am fully committed to advancing the Provincial Priorities of building 1.5 million new homes in Ontario and constructing the necessary infrastructure needed to support this housing.

In this context, I am respectfully requesting that the Government of Ontario revoke O. Reg. 102/72, a Provincial MZO. Through Envision Durham, the comprehensive review of the Durham Regional Official Plan, I wish to emphasize that the Federal Pickering Airport Lands have been considered throughout this multi-year process. Restrictions regarding a potential airport are outlined in the Regional Official Plan, which makes it clear that constructing an airport and developing Northeast Pickering are separate and independent matters. The Regional Official Plan does not limit an airport nor depend on one. In fact, planning and developing Northeast Pickering will help inform the Federal Government's decision making on whether or not to site an airport in Pickering.

Additionally, Minister Calandra, I am respectfully requesting that Northeast Pickering remains inside the Urban Area Boundary as set out in the Durham Regional Official Plan. Envision Durham was a comprehensive Official Plan Review process, which consulted with the public and numerous stakeholders over a five-year span. The Land Needs Assessment and Growth Allocations

included Northeast Pickering, which will accommodate over 40,000 residents and 10,000 jobs. The Northeast Pickering lands are required to meet the forecasted growth needs in Pickering and Durham Region, and removal of these lands will require significant revisions to the Regional Official Plan, and will ultimately undermine the Province's stated goal of building more homes for Ontarians.

It should be noted that Pickering Council has passed a resolution in support of the future development of Northeast Pickering, and subsequently Durham Regional Council adopted its new Regional Official Plan, which included Northeast Pickering within the Urban Area Boundary.

I thank you again for your time and consideration. We look forward to working in collaboration with the Government of Ontario to build tens of thousands of new homes for our citizens. United in vision and purpose, we can meaningfully address this housing crisis together. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at kashe@pickering.ca or 905.420.4600.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Ashe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin Ashe
Mayor, City of Pickering

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