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**Subject: Amendment to Ontario Regulation 826 to Add the Pleasant View Survey Lands Within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area in the City of Hamilton to the Area of Development Control (ERO number- 019-3898)**

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This letter serves to provide comment on the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #19-3898 related to adding the Pleasantview Survey Lands in the City of Hamilton to the area of Development Control of the Niagara Escarpment Commission ("NEC"). This initiative is proposed to be accomplished through an amendment to Ontario Regulation 826.

The City of Hamilton supports the inclusion of the Pleasantview lands in the area of NEC Development Control.

This letter provides a summary of City of Hamilton Council's resolutions and motions related to the Pleasantview Lands and NEC Development Control over the past several years. These motions, recommendations and actions reiterates Council's support for the inclusion of the Pleasantview lands in the area of NEC Development Control.

On Sept. 11, 2019, Hamilton City Council passed a resolution containing the following:

*"(d) That staff be directed to work with the Niagara Escarpment Commission staff to petition the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to put the Pleasant View Survey Lands under Development Control as soon as possible."*

On September 19, 2019, the Niagara Escarpment Commission approved an NEC Staff recommendation that *"the Niagara Escarpment Commission support staff in pursuing the application of Development Control within the Pleasant View Survey Area."*

On September 10, 2020 Council passed By-law 20-186, an Interim Control By-law (ICBL) for the Pleasantview Lands. The purpose of the ICBL was to undertake a land use study for these lands to ensure alignment between the City's planning instruments (Official Plan and Zoning By-law) and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. In adopting the ICBL, City Council

reiterated their support for the Province to place the Pleasant View Survey Lands under Development Control.

In January of 2021 City of Hamilton initiated the Pleasantview Area Land Use Study (the Study). The purpose of the Study was to review and analyze the Provincial and local policy and regulatory framework, including the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and make recommendations to bring the local policy and regulatory framework into conformity with the applicable Provincial Plans. Drafts of the Study and the implementing Rural Hamilton Official Plan and Zoning by-law Amendments have been prepared and are currently undergoing consultation with the public and agencies.

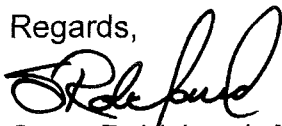
On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council passed By-law 21-142, approving a one-year extension to the Pleasantview Interim Control By-law 20-186 to allow time for completion of the Land Use Study. Council also approved the following recommendation on August 13, 2021:

*“(c ) That to provide additional opportunities for public consultation and feedback on the necessary draft Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law for the Pleasant View lands, and to ensure alignment with the proposed extension of Development Control on the area under the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP), the statutory public meeting [for the implementing Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments] be scheduled no earlier than November 16, 2021.”*

It should also be noted that in other areas of the City, lands similarly designated within the Niagara Escarpment Plan fall under Niagara Escarpment Commission Development Control. Bringing the Pleasantview Area Lands into the Area of Development Control will enhance the regulatory consistency for development across the City and provide clarity and certainty for landowners seeking to make alterations or improvements to their property.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at [steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca).

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