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Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
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Dear Ms. Greenberg:

Re: ERO019-8273 (Get It Done Act, 2024 - Amending the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Schedule 3 of the proposed Bill 162, **Get It Done Act, 2024**. The City is pleased to see that the amendments to the **Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023** largely reflects the City's feedback submitted in its letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated December 5, 2023. The City acknowledges the following differences between the City's written feedback dated December 5, 2023 and the proposed Bill 162:

1. Bill 162 reaffirms the intention to repeal modification number 56 pertaining to the transition policy for applications deemed complete prior to the new Official Plan coming into effect. The removal of the transition policy affects one application for 81 units located within the Rural Transitional Area designation (i.e., excess lands) which was deemed completed prior to the new Official Plan coming into effect. We need to utilize every opportunity to reach our goal of 4,700 new units by 2031, the City of Peterborough's allocation as part of the province's overall target of 1.5 million homes.

2. The City requests that modification number 56 be reconsidered with 162 alternative language identified by additions in **bold underline** and deletions in **~~bold strikethrough~~** as follows:

7.22 Existing Applications

- a. **Where an application was Applications** deemed complete **by the City of Peterborough,** prior to the approval of this Plan by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, **an Amendment to this Plan may be considered based on** ~~may continue towards final approval under~~ the



policy framework in place at the time the Notice of Complete Application was issued. ~~This would include any subsequent implementing approvals.~~

2. For Policy 4.6.2.b (modification number 15) of the Official Plan and Section 6.iii of Schedule 3, wording “evaluation may be required and policies for the appropriate Level applied accordingly” is proposed to remain in the Official Plan; however, the mention of unevaluated wetlands has been removed from this policy. While this change does not fully capture the City’s feedback, the City has no concerns with the proposed wording in Section 6.iii of Schedule 3 as the intent of the policies is to require an Environmental Impact Study to identify natural heritage features and apply the appropriate Level framework. Further, the City intends to complete a city-wide wetland evaluation per Policy 4.6.2.w of the Official Plan.

3. Bill 162 remains silent with respect to conformity deadlines. Further to the City’s letter dated December 5, 2023, the City appreciates any clarification that the Minister can provide regarding the requirement under the Planning Act to amend of the Zoning By-law within three years of the Official Plan coming into effect and any extensions from the original April 11, 2023 in-effect date.

4. Lastly, there is a typo in the Table to Section 1 of Schedule 3, which as currently drafted states an incorrect By-law number of “21-105” in Column 1 instead of the correct By-law number “21-105”.

The City looks forward to continued opportunities to collaborate with the Ministry and will appreciate additional details regarding the Ministry’s intention to assist with the costs incurred by affected municipalities resulting from Bills 150 and 162.

Yours sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Leal".

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