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### VIA EMAIL: <u>clerk@toronto.ca</u> AND REGULAR MAIL

Mayor and Members of the Toronto City Council Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

c/o Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk City Clerk's Office Toronto City Hall, 13th Floor 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

#### Attention: Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

#### RE: Item PG18.5 – Technical Amendments to By-law 569-2013

We are counsel to Beaux Properties International Inc. the owner either directly or indirectly of various lands in the City of Toronto as follows:

135 Fenelon Drive, Toronto66 Broadway Avenue, Toronto2217 The Queensway, Toronto725 Wilson Avenue, Toronto33 Laird Drive, Toronto

We are writing to address our client's concerns with respect to the Planning and Growth Management Committee's (the "**Committee**") recommendations to amend Section 200.15 of Zoning By-law 569-2013 (the "**Recommendations**"), which propose changes to the accessible parking regulations by making them consistent with the *Provincial Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (Ontario).

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The Recommendations were recently adopted by the Committee and will be considered by the Toronto council (the "**Council**") on March 28, 2017.

We had an opportunity to review the Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division on Technical Amendments to By-law 569-2013, dated January 23, 2017, and draft by-law amendments, which, among other, things, increase accessible parking space dimensions and change stall ratios.

Our client is concerned that the new Section 200.15 does not contain a transitional clause, which would exempt pre-existing development applications from the new requirements. An absence of such clause will have significant implications for the development of the properties. Council should amend the by-law to establish a transitional provision that would recognize that applications submitted to the City prior to the amendment coming into force, or those that already have been subject to site specific by-laws, as exempt from the requirements of the new Section 200.15.

We respectfully request that the Council either (i) add a transitional clause to exempt applications currently filed with the City or already approved through site specific by-laws; or (ii) defer deliberations of the Recommendations and refer them back to the Committee for further consideration in order to allow for the new Section 200.15 to be implemented in a fair and reasonable manner.

Please provide us with notice of any Council, committee and/or public meetings considering the proposed amendments. We also request to be notified of any decisions in respect to this matter.

Yours truly,

**BENNETT JONES LLP** 

Andrew L. Jeanrie

cc. Jason Birnboim, Beaux Properties International Inc.