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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: **Planning and Growth Management Committee
Agenda Item PG4.1 – May 10, 2011
Statutory Public Meeting – Repeal of Zoning By-law 1156-2010**

We represent Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for The Diocese of Toronto, in Canada (the "Archdiocese") in respect of approximately 123 property, parish and mission interests throughout the City of Toronto. Those interests cover 42 of the City's 44 Wards and represent some 600,000 parishioners. You will recall that our client appealed Zoning By-law 1156-2010 (Appeal No. 463).

We understand that your Committee will be considering the above-noted item at a Statutory Public Meeting on May 10, 2011 and we take this opportunity to submit our client's comments for your consideration.

We have previously provided comments to your Committee highlighting numerous problems with the manner in which the City's proposed harmonized Zoning By-law is structured, noting particularly issues of conformity with the official plan, legal non-conforming uses, missing or incorrect information, inconsistencies, uncertainties, technical errors, prescriptive regulations and transition problems. For the above reasons, our client does not support By-law 1156-2010 or the amendments that have recently been enacted.

Our client continues to support a comprehensive approach to dealing with places of worship and place of worship interests, together with other place of worship stakeholders. In that regard, **our client supports the repeal of By-law 1156-2010** to enable an appropriate opportunity to consider these issues, particularly the issues of legal non-conformity, official

plan conformity and transition. **Our client also requests that staff be directed to conduct a stakeholder working group review with place of worship stakeholders prior to a new comprehensive zoning by-law being brought back for Committee's consideration.** Our client remains available to meet with staff, together with other stakeholders, to discuss these concerns in greater detail.

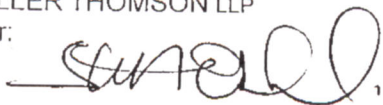
We hereby request the Clerk provide us with Notice of Committee and Council's decision on this matter and of any subsequent considerations or decisions of the related Zoning By-law.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned, or our client's planning consultant, Paul Stagl at 416-784-2952.

Yours truly,

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