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Attention: Ms. Merle MacDonald
City Clerk's Department

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 the Toronto Catholic District School Board (the "TCDSB") in respect of approximately 226 school and related property interests throughout the City of Toronto. You will recall that our client appealed Zoning By-law 1156-2010 (Appeal No. 461).

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 schools and school interests, together with other school stakeholders. Since September 2010, we have had an opportunity to meet with City Planning staff, together with representatives of the Toronto District School Board ("TDSB"), in respect of your Committee's direction to staff pertaining to further consultation with the TDSB, TCDSB and other stakeholders. Planning Staff have

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conducted four meetings with the TDSB and the TCDSB over the past several months and while those discussions have been fruitful, numerous topics still remain outstanding.

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 supports the continuation of the current school stakeholder working group review, with final recommendations to be reflected in any new comprehensive zoning by-law that is to be 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.

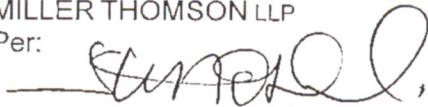
We hereby request the Clerk provide us with Notice of Committee and Council's decision on this matter and of any subsequent considerations or decisions of the related Zoning By-law.

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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