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Attention: Lynn Poole, Senior Planner

Dear Allen Appleby:

**RE: 1001-1019 Sheppard Avenue East
Official Plan, Rezoning, Subdivision and Site Plan Approval
Applications
Request for Direction Report NY17.47 (May 28, 2012)**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has had an interest in securing a site for an elementary school in the former Canadian Tire lands since discussion about redevelopment of these lands began. So it is entirely unexpected, after having reviewed the staff report "1001-1019 Sheppard Avenue East – Official Plan, Rezoning, Subdivision and Site Plan Approval Applications – Request for Direction Report" dated May 28, 2012, to learn that lands have not been set aside for acquisition by the TCDSB for purposes of an elementary school.

Since discussions regarding the redevelopment of the former Canadian Tire lands began around 2000, two elementary schools were contemplated to serve this new community, a Catholic elementary school and a public elementary school. The TCDSB has been involved in, and has actively participated in good faith in stakeholder discussions and in the feasibility study initiated by the City in 2004. Among other public uses, the stakeholder feasibility study considered and provided for an elementary school for each of the TCDSB and Toronto District School Board (TDSB). TCDSB has consistently conveyed the need for an elementary school site to City staff, and at no time has the Board informed the City that it was no longer interested in securing a school site as part of the redevelopment of these lands. Repeated attempts to contact and engage City Planning, and Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff for status updates on the development application by Concord Adex, stakeholder discussions and the status of the school site have been unsuccessful.

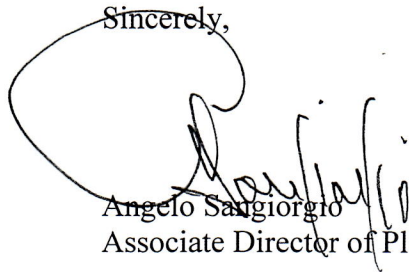
The need for, and acquisition of an elementary school site in the former Canadian Tire lands is identified in the Board's Education Development Charges By-law #163. The Board is eligible to acquire 0.56 acres. There is no reason that the Board would not proceed with the acquisition of a school site when funds for acquisition are available to the Board. This letter reaffirms the Board's continued interest in securing an elementary school site in the redevelopment of the former Canadian Tire lands.

We therefore request that this letter be placed before City Council at the time of its consideration of the Report. We further request that Council not adopt the recommendations set out in the Report without :

- amending recommendation 1(a) by adding the words, "and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB)" immediately after the words "Toronto District School Board ("TDSB")" and amending the word "school" in the third line of that paragraph to "schools";
- deleting the reference in recommendation 1(a) to school construction funding being in place, as we understand has already been requested by the TDSB; and
- making any consequential amendments to the proposed implementing documents (including Attachment 8 - Draft OPA, Attachment 9 - Draft Zoning By-law, and Attachment 11 - Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval) to reflect two elementary school sites rather than one.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I would appreciate it if you could confirm in writing that this letter will be placed before City Council. If you have any questions regarding the Board's position, please contact Joe Ruscitti at (416) 222-8282 (x2281).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelo Saugiorgio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A".

Angelo Saugiorgio
Associate Director of Planning and Facilities

c.c Trustee J. Del Grande
Ward 7