September 6, 2012

Toronto City Clerk  
Scarborough Community Council  
Scarborough Civic Centre  
150 Borough Drive  
Toronto, ON M1P 4N7

Attn: Yvonne Davies  
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Re: 5 Abbotsfield Gate  
Proposed Rezoning to permit an office for Midwifery  
File #11 329151 ESC 40 OZ

To whom it may concern:

The Association of Ontario Midwives supports Diversity Midwives with their request for rezoning to permit a new midwifery practice at 5 Abbotsfield Gate.

Midwives provide community-based care to women throughout pregnancy, birth and six weeks after birth. Many midwifery practice groups across Ontario provide health care services to women in home-like settings. It reflects the philosophy and the evidence behind the practice of midwifery, which emphasizes pregnancy and birth as a normal, healthy occurrence. Providing primary health care to women in a non-institutional setting, such as a house, supports the midwifery practice of client-centred care.

The Association of Ontario Midwives supports Diversity Midwives as an important community-based health provider in Scarborough. Services such as Diversity Midwives are important in Scarborough, and should have locations that are comfortable, accessible and within the area of the community that they serve. This proposal satisfies all these criteria.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Jennifer Bernstein  
Director of Policy and Communications