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Attention: Members of Community Council

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Final Report for 70 and 80 Wicksteed, 202, 204 and 206 Parkhurst Blvd. and
99 Vanderhoof Avenue
Reference Nos. 11 264854 NNY 26 OZ and 12 280184 NNY SB**

We are the solicitors for the applicant in the above matter, Wicksteed Developments Ltd. Our client supports the recommendations of the Final Report, which concludes that the rezoning is appropriate as the tests in the official plan have been met.

We are writing in connection with the request made by Leaside Unite ("LU") and the Leaside Property Owners' Association ("LPOA") for a deferral of the public meeting scheduled for February 26th until the April 9th Community Council meeting. The stated purpose of the request is to afford these groups more time to prepare for the public meeting. My client is strenuously opposed to a deferral on the basis that it is unnecessary and that it would be very unfair.

A deferral is unnecessary because LU and the LPOA have had ample time to review the details of the application including the supporting studies. A complete set of the materials submitted in conjunction with the application was made available by our clients in March 2012. It is our understanding that there have been numerous meetings between representatives of the LU, the LPOA and City staff since that time to discuss a number of aspects of the application.

The questions raised by the representatives of LU and the LPOA demonstrated a highly sophisticated understanding of the technical matters reviewed by City staff. In fact some of these questions led staff to request the applicant's consultants to undertake additional analyses (which were provided to the satisfaction of City staff).

Moreover, these groups have acknowledged that they have retained counsel and consultants to advise them. We find it quite astounding for the representatives of LU and the LPOA to suggest that they are mere volunteers and therefore not prepared for the February 26th public meeting when they have taken such an active role in the planning process over the last eleven months and have the benefit of expert representation.

It is also very disappointing that LU and the LPOA have refused all of our clients' offers to meet with them and their full consulting team to walk through the entire application and to address any questions or concerns. The first of these offers was made on January 6, 2012 and was followed up in March, April, and June 2012 and again earlier this month. In March 2012, a representative of the LPOA advised that he didn't see any benefit to a meeting, noting that the LPOA had "a good understanding of the scope of the application" and that they had read the preliminary staff report and had made copies of the site plan, floor plans and elevations. In June 2012, another representative of the LPOA advised that she would be happy to meet later in the process and would be in contact at that time but there has been no further contact from her apart from an email on February 5, 2013 advising she had noted the applicant's contact information and looked forward to a meeting "in due course".

This rezoning application was submitted over 18 months ago and has been the subject of particularly rigorous scrutiny by City staff and the City's outside consultants. In our respectful submission, it would be most unfair to delay the public meeting when the process has been so thorough and when such extensive efforts have been made by City staff and our clients to afford the community opportunities to provide input. Although it seems clear that LU and the LPOA are determined to oppose this application at the OMB, our clients remain prepared to meet with any and all interested members of the community both before and after the public meeting, but they will not agree to a delay in the process.

Yours very truly,

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cc . Paula Bustard, Sandra Kaiser