August 8, 2014

Memo to: Etobicoke York Community Council (EYCC)

From: Ian Ihnatowycz, President
Humber Valley Village Residents’ Association (HVVRA)

Re: Humbertown Secondary Plan Study, Phase 1 Recommendations (to be discussed on August 12, 2014)

Dear Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council,

The Board of the HVVRA has been extensively involved in Phase 1 of the above named study and has carefully reviewed the Phase 1 Status Report – City Initiated Secondary Plan Study including the Phase 1 Final Report prepared by IBI Group and City Planning Status Report dated July 24, 2014.

The Board unanimously supports Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby’s request that EYCC Members vote in favour of Recommendation B including IBI’s report and recommendation that a Phase 2 Study be undertaken to develop a Site and Area Specific Policy (SASP) for the study area. Further, the HVVRA Board fully supports the recommendation direction for the Phase 2 Study to examine issues such as height and density, urban design, traffic and transportation infrastructure, community services, and rental housing as stated in the IBI Final Report, Section 5.1 and 5.2, on page 29.

The HVVRA Board commends IBI Group for its efforts to ‘hear’ residents’ concerns, build bridges with the community, and present a fact-based, balanced report. IBI Group conducted itself in a highly professional manner, have acquired a substantial amount of knowledge of the study area, have gained the trust of the community and would be ideally suited to conduct Phase 2 of this study.

On behalf of the HVVRA, the Board thanks the Members of EYCC for your tireless efforts to retain the ‘Village in the City’ character of Humber Valley Village and its ‘apartment neighbourhood’.

Our kindest regards,

Humber Valley Village Residents Association
Ian O. Ihnatowycz, President

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