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Attention: Members of City of Toronto Council

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re:

Item PG8.5

Official Plan Five Year Review: Final Recommendation Report - Amendments to the Healthy Neighbourhoods, Neighbourhoods and

Apartment Neighbourhoods Policies of the Official Plan

OPA No:

Proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 320

Client:

Alterra Properties Inc.

Property:

944-958 Broadview Avenue, 72 Chester Hill Road, City of Toronto

We are the solicitors for Alterra Properties Inc. with respect to the properties municipally known as 944–958 Broadview Avenue and 72 Chester Hill Road, City of Toronto (the "**Properties**"). The Properties are designated as *Mixed Use Areas* and *Neighbourhoods* under the City of Toronto Official Plan. Our client also acquires additional interests in lands in the City from time to time.

We have reviewed proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 320, as contained in the Final Recommendation Report, dated October 15, 2015, in the context of the proposed modifications recommended by the Planning and Growth Management Committee at its meeting held on November 16, 2015 ("OPA 320"). Our client has concerns with the policy changes proposed in OPA 320. For example, our client is concerned with Policy 2.3.1.3 under OPA 320, which would impose additional criteria on developments in *Mixed Use Areas, Regeneration Areas*, and *Apartment Neighbourhoods* that are adjacent or close to *Neighbourhoods*. These additional criteria, which speak to issues of site configuration and screening, are more appropriately addressed through the site plan approval process, and are unduly prescriptive for a broad policy document like the Official Plan. As well, our client is concerned with proposed amendments to Policies 4.1.5 and 4.1.9 that will unduly restrict infill development in *Neighbourhoods*, which is contrary to the intensification objectives

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contained in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006 and the City of Toronto Official Plan.

Please note that we reserve the right to raise further issues with OPA 320 that may affect the Properties. Additionally, please provide us with notice of all upcoming meetings of Council and Committees of Council at which OPA 320 will be considered as well as notice of any Council or Committee decisions.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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CWL/jsc

cc. Robert H. Cooper, Alterra Properties Inc.