City Council
c/o Clerks Department
City of Toronto
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Attention: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Secretariat

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Item TE 16.4
Matter: Final Report - Lower Yonge Precinct - City Initiated Official Plan Amendment and Precinct Plan
Council Mtg.: June 6 and 7, 2016

We are solicitors for Redpath Sugar Ltd. ("Redpath"), the owner and operator of the heavy industrial sugar refinery located at 95 Queens Quay East, that is located immediately south of the Lower Yonge Precinct area, separated by Queens Quay East.

The City’s external consultant’s Noise, Odour and Air Quality Study identifies that the development assumed in the draft Official Plan Amendment for the Lower Yonge Precinct (with the proposed non-sensitive land use buffer) will result in Redpath being out of compliance with respect to Provincial noise guidelines, odour guidelines and air quality regulations.

The approval of the draft Official Plan Amendment for Lower Yonge Precinct is being pursued without an associated implementing zoning by-law, without knowing the nature and details of the proposed development which would allow Redpath to assess impacts and identify mitigation required to keep Redpath a viable waterfront employment use, and without a clear mechanism that would allow Redpath to secure mitigation and its maintenance.
In addition, the draft Official Plan Amendment for the Lower Yonge Precinct is missing critical policy direction. One suggested clause to be added to the draft Official Plan Amendment is:

Prior to enacting a zoning by-law or development permit by-law for the development of lands within the Lower Yonge Precinct, arrangements will be made whereby benefitting landowners will be required to pay a fair and equitable share of the costs of the design, engineering, specification, manufacture, purchase and installation of a carbonation ventilation mitigation process at the Redpath industrial facility located at 95 Queens Quay East that is designed to reduce odour emissions from the Redpath facility.

On the basis that the draft Official Plan Amendment for Lower Yonge Precinct is missing critical policy direction and that it is being advanced ahead of an implementing zoning by-law, an assessment of the feasibility and effectiveness of recommended mitigation and the means for securing the mitigation and its maintenance, our client is of the view that the draft Official Plan Amendment for Lower Yonge Precinct is premature.

Redpath is encouraged by the City’s initiative in undertaking the Lower Yonge Precinct Official Plan Amendment. Through meaningful consultation with landowners, the public and other stakeholders, Redpath is hopeful that this planning exercise will eventually result in a policy document that will achieve compatible development in Lower Yonge Precinct while ensuring Redpath’s continued viability.

Please provide us with a copy of Council’s decision on this matter. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me to discuss. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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