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Date: Monday January 20, 2020
To: Planning and Housing Committee Members
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: PH12.4 Christie's Planning Study - Status Update and 2150 and 2194 Lake Shore Boulevard West and 23 Park Lawn Road - Official Plan Amendment Application - Preliminary Report

Dear Planning and Housing Committee Members,

I am writing to ask for your support on the staff recommendations in PH12.4 Christie's Planning Study – Status Update and 2150 and 2194 Lake Shore Boulevard West and 23 Park Lawn Road – Official Plan Amendment Application – Preliminary Report.

The site and location of this property makes it important for both my community, and the City. The site presents an opportunity to address a wide range of my community's immediate and long term needs, while achieving some of the City's significant objectives. These include getting our residents moving while reducing congestion on our roads, creating more affordable housing units, and fostering a healthy economic environment by providing space for local jobs.

The study's themes and key directions look at Mobility, Built Form & Land Use, Parks & Open Spaces, Community Services and Facilities, and Infrastructure, Energy and Environment. I believe that these themes and directions will address a number of this community's needs, and City Staff held community consultations last year to solicit feedback from residents and stakeholders on the themes and directions.

I would like to highlight a key part of the OPA appeal settlement with the property owner that was approved by City Council in July 2019, which stated that no residential uses will be permitted until a new Park Lawn GO station is approved provincially, and funded. Additionally, a requirement for an affordable housing element was secured as part of the July 2019 settlement, and I look forward to working on this important component as the study advances.

Over the last few years I have sought input from my community on this site, including convening a Working Group in 2019 of residents associations and local stakeholders to help advise me through the settlement process. Community input and participation in developing this Secondary Plan will be crucial for the success of this plan. A final report by the end of 2020 is ambitious and I commit to holding additional community consultation above and beyond what is required, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Grimes".

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