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Item: SC16.3 – Golden Mile Secondary Plan Study – Final Report (Ward 16, 20, 21)
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Chair: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

To: Scarborough Community Council

RE: Golden Mile Secondary Plan – Final Proposal

Dear Council Members:

The Golden Mile Impact Network Steering Committee, comprised of 7 non-profit agencies serving residents of the Golden Mile and surrounding areas, are pleased to make a third submission to this Council. We look forward to an approved Golden Mile Secondary Plan that amplifies the positive contributions of revitalization for the prosperity of residents in surrounding Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs).

Over the past two months, we consulted with our network of 25 non-profits and over 30 residents using a variety of interviews, surveys, and virtual meetings. In reviewing the *Golden Mile Secondary Plan – Supplementary Report* we feel it's important to note the following in addition to our prior remarks to the Scarborough Community Council:

-) **Community Space:**
 - ` Local residents (new and existing) will need timely delivery of new and revitalized community space and service assets. We look forward to participating in future public consultations, and contributing to creative solutions that locate social services where the need is highest.
 - ` Publicly owned privately operated (PoPs) public space are written into the Secondary Plan as flexible with an emphasis on being openly accessible to all members of the community. We agree that PoPs should be designed as welcoming and flexible spaces. Members of the network are keen to collaborate on permanent and interim uses that would increase vibrancy and encourage connections between ALL residents.
-) **Local Economic Opportunities:** Local residents want good jobs in the neighbourhood. Higher than average unemployment exists in the surrounding NIAs. This underscores the potential

economic uplift that can result from new development and resulting increases in economic activity. This is especially crucial as we recover from the shock of COVID19. We would like to see coordination and alignment between economic development activities.

- **Affordable housing** is undoubtedly a challenge. It continues to be the most frequently emphasized issue in all of our resident and stakeholder engagements. As the Golden Mile becomes Mixed Use, opportunities exist to apply a wide spectrum of housing solutions. We would support a range of approaches including the city's Inclusionary Zoning policy, rent-to-own, portable subsidies and innovative ownership programs such as co-living.

Overall, the Golden Mile Impact Network looks forward to providing additional input as the vision and intent of the Golden Mile Secondary Plan is realized.

Sincerely,



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