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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6C8CwZ_Rs4

RE: PH27.2 Zoning Conformity for Official Plan Employment Areas Phase 1 Final Report and Phase 2 Update

Dear Planning and Housing Committee members,

As Councillor for Ward 6 North-York Centre, I am writing in support of the many businesses and landowners I represent, which have found the Zoning Conformity for Official Plan Employment Areas process to be threatening to the vitality of our employment areas.

The DUKE Heights BIA is one of the largest and vital employment districts in the GTA employing thousands of workers and providing many types of goods and services. The BIA has then identified 550 businesses and landowners who will lose their as-of-right existing land uses under the proposed changes part of the zoning conformity exercise being undertaken by City staff. The latest findings and proposals associated with the exercise come at a time where businesses already been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic struggle to recover.

In light of the concern in the business community, the potential negative impact of and the uncertainty of the final outcome, I ask committee members that this item be referred back to staff for a more detailed review and consideration of submissions and suggestions made by the business community, and a better aligning of Phase I and Phase II so that the business community can better understand the long term consequences of the Zoning Conformity for Official Plan Employment Areas staff recommendations.

Sincerely,

Councillor James Pasternak
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Chair, North York Community Council

