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Thursday, July 13th, 2023

Chair Brad Bradford and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario,
M5H 2N2

Re: Proposed Conversion at 340-364 Evans Avenue and 12-16 Arnold Street (July 5/23 PHC)

Dear Chair Bradford and Members of Planning and Housing Committee:

Cana-Datum Moulds Ltd engineers and manufactures high pressure die casting tooling and moulds for global OEM automotive customers, specializing in the largest of complex moulds that produce lightweight structural components for electric vehicles.

Located at 55 Goldthorne Avenue, Etobicoke since 1991, Cana-Datum employs 110 full-time skilled personnel and operates 3 shifts 7 days a week, with most employees living within a 20-kilometer radius. Transport trucks require access to our premises during all three work shifts to provide material and supplies, and to ship just-in-time delivery of the large tooling that we produce to our automotive customers located mainly in Ontario, Michigan, Wisconsin, California, Texas, and Mexico.

Cana-Datum takes its responsibility to the surrounding community seriously by supporting local suppliers and businesses, and donates annually to the Hospital for Sick Children. We also hold an annual food drive with food donations that have exceeded 500 pounds going directly to the local Daily Bread Foodbank.

While we understand the urgent need for additional affordable housing in the City of Toronto, it is important to maintain the existing industrial employment lands already designated as such, in order to provide jobs for the city's growing population in areas that do not conflict with the objectives of new residential settlements.

We suggest there may be other options available, some that have already been identified but not yet been executed such as Woodbine, Downsview, large existing commercial malls in obsolescence that could be expanded vertically, or even perhaps the now empty office space in the downtown core, or the conversion of an existing golf course already located in a residential area.

Manufacturing in employment lands must be protected and encouraged to grow so that our economy makes at least some of the products we rely on every day, so that in emergencies like the pandemic we do not have to rely entirely on off-shore producers.

Respectfully therefore, we ask the committee to reject the proposed conversion development at 340-364 Evans Avenue.

Yours truly,

Colleen Musalem

Colleen Musalem, CFO