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Planning and Housing Committee
City of Toronto
City Hall 100 Queen Street West
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ATTENTION: Nancy Martins, Committee Administrator, Planning and Housing Committee

Re: PH21.1 - Official Plan Amendments to align with Provincial Legislative and Policy changes related to Employment Areas - Decision Report

I am writing on behalf of Canada Lands Company, in support of the proposed land use designation change from General Employment to Institutional Areas for the area known as the Park Commons, within our Downsview Lands, as well as the parcel to the west of the GO Barrie rail corridor, known as 35 Carl Hall Road.

Canada Lands Company is an arms-length Federal Crown corporation with responsibility for the planning and development of its Downsview Lands at 500 acres. Along with our subsidiary, Parc Downsview Park Inc, we have a long-term commitment to the Downsview community, dating back over 20 years to when Downsview Park was first created as a federally managed urban park.

This proposed land use designation change is much more consistent with the long-standing intent for the Park Commons area and 35 Carl Hall Road to be a place that supports recreation, innovation and learning – uses that complement the activities of Downsview Park and will continue to complement and support the planned new communities that will arise from the Update Downsview Secondary Plan.

The Park Commons is currently home to Centennial College's Centre for Aerospace and Aviation, The Scotia Pond multi-pad arena; various popular recreation facilities in The Hangar and TFC's Training Facility. The original Moth Hangar is also located north of Carl Hall Road and is poised to become part of the Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research (DAIR) hub.

The General Employment designation applied to the lands since the 2011 Secondary Plan never accurately described the shared aspirations for the Park Commons, even as it included a list of "Park Employment" uses. As the Province has further narrowed the definition of Employment Areas, the current and intended uses would no longer be consistent with the PPS and the Planning Act.



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The Institutional Areas designation will allow the Park Commons and 35 Carl Hall Road to thrive as intended as a place for recreation, education and innovation as part of the broader complete Downsview communities.

We very much appreciate our ongoing collaboration with City Staff as we implement our various District Plans and partner in the delivery of much-needed infrastructure, housing and commercial activity in Downsview for years to come.

Regards,

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