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Mayor and Members of Council

City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

April 14, 2015

File 5873-1

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

RE: Phase 2 – 4 Natural Heritage Network Study (March 2015)
11211 Weston Road, City of Vaughan

Weston Consulting is the planning consultant for the owner of the property municipally known as 11211 Weston Road, in the City of Vaughan (the 'subject property').

The subject property is located on the east side of Weston Road, between Kirby Road and Teston Road. It is approximately 25 acres in area. The eastern portion of the subject property (approximately 19.5 acres) is located within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan. The western portion of the Subject Property (approximately 5.5 acres) is located outside of the Greenbelt Plan.

Further to our comments in January and June of 2014 regarding the subject property, we have reviewed the Final Report proceeding to Committee of the Whole on April 14th (Item 1). Based on our review of the 'Phase 2 – 4 Natural Heritage Network Study' (NHN Report), dated March 2015, it appears that the draft Schedules as presented in Figure 5-8 of the NHN Report do identify the following:

1. The designation of "Woodlands" on or near the subject property as illustrated on the proposed Schedule 2B attached to the NHN Study Report;
2. The designation of 'SWH Amphibian Breeding Habitat – Woodlands' on or near the subject property in accordance with Schedule 2C attached to the NHN Study Report; and
3. The designation of 'SWH Special Concern Woodland Breeding Birds' on or near the subject property in accordance with Schedule 2C attached to the NHN Study Report.

We wish to reiterate that we have recommended that the portion of the subject property outside of the Greenbelt Plan be removed from the designations as identified on Schedule 2B and 2C. We acknowledge that Staff has recommended in Attachment 3 to the Staff Report that the matter be addressed through the Block Plan process however, due to the recent nature of the OMB Board Order which removed the Natural Heritage Network designation on the portion of the subject property outside the Greenbelt Plan, we are of the opinion that it is appropriate to address this designation discrepancy at this stage rather than in the Block Plan Process.

Please contact me at extension 225 if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

Weston Consulting

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane McFarlane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jane" and last name "McFarlane" clearly distinguishable.

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