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Dear Members of Committee of the Whole:

**Re: February 2, 2016 Committee of the Whole
Item #15, Report #6
Proposed Modifications to Schedule 2 Natural Heritage Network
Comments on Behalf of the Block 41 Landowners Group**

We are the planners and project manager for the Block 41 Landowners Group in the City of Vaughan. We have received your email sent on January 28, 2016 which outlines the modifications to Schedule 2-Natural Heritage Network.

The revised Schedule 2 was modified to add a new layer which now identifies lands that are subject to Ontario Municipal Board appeals, which includes the Block 41 Lands, among others. Lands which are subject to appeals are identified on Schedule 2 through the use of a red outline and a hatch pattern.

For the portion of the Block 41 Lands which are within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, the legend also uses a hatch pattern. The combined graphical overlay of the hatching for lands subject to Ontario Municipal Board appeals and the hatching for lands within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System creates the potential interpretation that the lands are Natural Linkage Area (shown on the legend as cross hatching), which they are not.

To resolve this mapping issue, we would suggest that the legend for the lands subject to Ontario Municipal Board appeals be modified to only outline those effected properties in red and delete the associated hatching.

Secondly, we are supportive of the inclusion of text which reiterates that the text of Chapter 3 prevails over the mapping shown on Schedule 2 and clarifies how the boundaries of the natural heritage features may be refined through the Secondary Plan process, supported by the appropriate technical studies.

We do believe however that the text relating to watercourses and waterbodies outside of well-defined valleys and the vegetative protection zones goes too far in that it requires that the TRCA be satisfied in areas where they may not have jurisdiction. Therefore we would suggest deleting "and to the

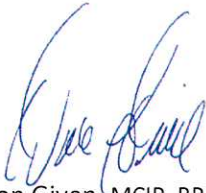
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satisfaction of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority".

We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Natural Heritage Network. We continue to request that we be informed of any further proposed mapping or policy modifications to the Natural Heritage Network and any future stakeholder meetings.

Yours truly,

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