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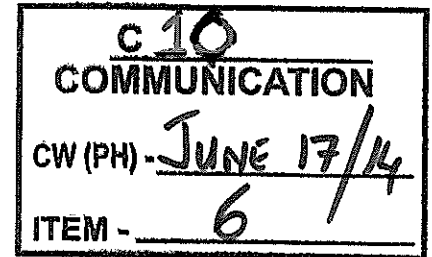


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Mr. Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

VIA EMAIL: jeffrey.abrams@vaughan.ca

**Re: Natural Heritage Network Study Comments
Glenview Memorial Gardens
7541 Regional Road 50, City of Vaughan**



Dear Sir,

We represent Arbor Memorial Inc. ("AMI", formerly Memorial Gardens Canada Limited) regarding land use planning matters which may impact their cemetery properties. AMI owns and operates cemeteries across Canada and is actively involved in the development of new cemetery properties in different provinces. In the City of Vaughan AMI owns Glenview Memorial Gardens ("Glenview"), located at 7541 Regional Road 50. Glenview is a non-denominational cemetery, providing a full range of burial options that cater to a diverse customer base. Our client has recently become aware of the City's Natural Heritage Study and potential impacts to the continued development of Glenview.

Glenview was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in a decision issued on September 14th, 2000. The following year the City of Vaughan approved the Master Site Plan for the then proposed cemetery. Construction of the first burial gardens and portions of the internal road network commenced in 2002 following the design pattern of the approved Site Plan. Construction of burial gardens continues to this day as they become needed to serve the public. All burial gardens are registered with the Ministry of Consumer Services (MCS) in accordance with their licensing of the property as a cemetery.

Whereas we understand that the City has been undertaking the Natural Heritage Study (NHS) since 2012, on the strength of the Provincial approvals for the cemetery (the OMB and MCS), and the City's with the issuance of Site Plan Approval, our client has not generally concerned themselves with the study. In general, cemeteries are considered a compatible use with natural areas and wildlife. It appears, however, that portions of the Glenview cemetery are identified to be within the Natural Heritage Network as defined by the City wherein a corridor through the property is identified respectively as "Core Feature" (Schedule 2), and "Surface Water Feature - Stream" (Schedule 2A). With respect to the latter, it is noted on the Schedule that the "Surface Water Feature" is to be confirmed through the application of policies of the plan.

We note that Section 8.0 considers modifications to the Study's Schedules. Specifically it is stated that:

The VOP 2010 Schedule 2 Natural Heritage Network (Figure 5) will be updated to reflect current conditions in the City of Vaughan. This will include the removal of some areas of the NHN based on existing or approved development, as well as the addition of some areas based on the application of criteria described in Section 7. (p.39, North-South Environmental Inc., Phase 2-4 Natural Heritage Network Study City of Vaughan, May 2014)



In light of the ongoing development of Glenview based on the approvals previously mentioned it would be appropriate to remove reference to the identified features as they relate to the cemetery property as they no longer exist due to the aforesaid construction of the cemetery road network, construction of burial gardens, and proposed construction of additional gardens in accordance with the approvals already conferred for the property. The drainage patterns for the property have been altered in accordance to the approved plans to route surface water around the burial garden areas. Furthermore, it was previously understood that with the development of the lands immediately north of the cemetery in accordance with an approved industrial Secondary Plan, the overall drainage pattern for the area was to be modified.

I trust the information contained herein is of assistance to the City. Should there be any questions respecting this matter we would be pleased to make ourselves available to your staff and/or consultants. Thank you for the opportunity to present our thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "MTL", is written over the LARKIN+ logo.

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