OAKVILLE

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Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for today's announcement recognizing the growth accomplishments of Oakville.

As you know the Town's proposed OPA 70 is awaiting your approval. This OPA is the result of a comprehensive review of how we can optimize the 65 hectares of developable land in Midtown.

It is rooted in respected professional planning principles, embraces Midtown's potential while recognizing the constraints of these arterial corridors abutting the QEW. We have done the hard work, and the community has embraced the need to grow responsibly by the Go station.

We are not being nimby. The OPA achieves the goals in the Provincial Planning statement while anticipating the needs of the future home buyer who need homes with space to grow their family and shop and play. We want them to choose Oakville, not another community or another Province. The buyer will ask; why buy in Midtown? Our plan supports building a new urban neighbourhood respecting the needs of the future residents. It is bold but responsible and your support is needed.

The OPA is the upper limit of what the severely constrained area of Midtown can handle. It is the result of considerable thoughtful evaluation by planners, markets analysts, economists. lawyers, engineers and the public. It is balanced, defensible and with a collaborative approach by all has potential to be vibrant livable neighbourhood.

Further, the OPA enables us to implement the Community Permit Planning process which will dramatically reduce development approval times. The developer's ability to get greater height is fully transparent to them and the benefits are directly related to the success of the neighbourhood they want to build homes in. As you will know, that directly enhances their market potential. CPPS will make a tremendous difference by enabling developers to build homes faster, while supporting transit, and a healthy livable community where individuals can thrive.

We request you approve the Council approved OPA 70 and do all you can to change the Transit Oriented Community Plan to align with our vision for Midtown.

Kind regards,

Councillor Janet Haslett-Theall
Councillor Dave Gittings