Bronte GO MTSA – Comment & Response Matrix

The comment and response matrix below provides an overview of the comments received, town response, and actions taken. Actions taken are reflected in the recommended Official Plan Amendment, as applicable. Comments or organized chronologically. Full comments are attached below the response table.

No.	Commenter	Comment Summary	Town Response	Town Action
1	Date Received: 2020-12-11	Seeking expansion of the MTSA boundary to include property.	ROPA 48, adopted by Regional Council on July 7, 2021, finalized	No action required.
	Name: James Sciarra		the delineation of the boundary for the MTSA, which did not include	
	Affiliation: 515476 Ontario Inc. (property owner)		the 2300 Speers Road or 2284 Speers Road.	
	Property: 2300 Speers Road and on behalf of 2284 Speers Road		The town's OPA is required to conform to Regional Official Plan.	
2	Date Received: 2020-03-04	Agree in principle with the Business	Town to maintain Business	No action required.
	Name: D. Walker	Employment designation applied to site.	Employment designation.	
	Affiliation: MHBC on behalf of CRH Canada	Ensure consistency with the PPS, including policy 2.5.2.4 which considers an asphalt facility as a	The town has considered consistency with the PPS 2020.	Update policies to reflect emerging provincial land use
	Property: 731 Third Line	mineral aggregate operation given the definition in the PPS.		compatibility guidelines, while also considering
	(Note: Letter 1 of 2)			existing D6 guidance.

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No.	Commenter	Support maintaining the subject lands and surrounding area as an employment area.	731 Third Line and surrounding lands up to 300 metres are maintained as employment area, reflective of the minimum distance separation distance required from an asphalt facility, as per the existing Provincial D6 guidelines (Class III facility) and proposed Provincial land use compatibility guidelines (specific to an asphalt facility use).	Town Action Update policies to reflect emerging provincial land use compatibility guidelines, while also considering existing D6 guidance.
		Consider ROPA 48, including new policies 83.2(7), and 79.3(12) (Note: letter submitted prior to adoption of ROPA 48)	ROPA 48, adopted by Halton Regional Council July 7, 2021. The town has considered the adopted ROPA 48 in its recommended policy framework. In regard to policy 83.2(7), the Bronte GO MTSA plan and policies: - recognize the importance of protecting existing employment uses,	Update land use compatibility policies to conform to ROPA 48.

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			including major facilities,	
			and provides opportunity	
			for appropriate	
			employment growth and	
			intensification;	
			 provides an appropriate 	
			interface between the	
			employment areas and	
			adjacent non-employment	
			uses through the use of	
			linear green space, buffers,	
			and separation distances;	
			 Require a land use 	
			compatibility assessment	
			to be completed to ensure	
			new sensitive land uses are	
			introduced in a manner	
			which protects existing	
			employment uses.	
			In regard to policy 79.3(12), the	
			Bronte GO MTSA plan contains	
			land use compatibility policies.	
			Updated policies can be provided	
			to better align with the adopted	
			ROPA 48.	

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		Consider land use compatibility, including permitted sensitive land used within the 1000m area of influence from the facility.	The Bronte GO MTSA plan requires a compatibility assessment be completed for all development applications proposing a sensitive land use. The policies also provide that any expense associated with required mitigation measures shall be borne by the applicant and agreed upon by all effected parties.	No action required.
		Concern regarding future zoning considerations to ensure compatibility is maintained to ensure ECA compliance for major facilities.	A comprehensive approach to zoning is to be considered at a future date.	Update the policies to specify that as part of a comprehensive review of the zoning by-law to implement this plan, a holding symbol "H" shall be applied to require a compatibility assessment.
3	Date Received: 2021-03-05 Name: E. West	Seeking increase building height and density to permit tall building up to 20 storeys, given its close proximity to the GO station.	Staff have reviewed the location of 2172 Wyecroft Road in relation to the GO station, and are of the opinion that it's proximity, within less than 5 minute walk of the station and located south of	Incorporate the site into the Station District, and increase building height permissions on 2172 Wyecroft Road

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	Affiliation: Bousfields on behalf of Northbridge Investment Management Inc. Property: 2172 Wyecroft Road (Note: some comments received as part of this		Wyecroft Road, warrants consideration for greater building height and density permissions, commensurate with the "Station District". Proposed changes are also considered in coordination with comments received on 2189 Speers	commensurate with the Station District.
	submission were addressed in the Statutory Public Meeting Report, under "Public Comments" received by PDC on May 10, 2021)	Integration of public service facilities, where required, would be more appropriately located in the podium of a tall building.	Road, south of the rail corridor, to expand that Station District westward. Tall building permissions are to be considered as per above, and may assist to enable the integration of public service facilities as they are	See above.
		There are two proposed east-west roads on the property. The policy should provide that the <i>need</i> for all local roads would also be determined through future study.	identified. The intent is that the need for local roads is to be determined through future study (development application). The policies state that "changes to the requirements, location or alignment of new transit services, roads and active	No action required.

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			transportation facilities, as shown on Schedules C, D, S4 and S5, will not require an amendment to this Plan provided that the general intent and purpose of this Plan is maintained and intensification opportunities and overall connectivity is not precluded." (emphasis added)	
4	Name: Ryan Courville Affiliation: Bell Canada Property: study area	Ensure landowners are aware and familiar with Bell Canada conditions as they pertain to future development applications.	Applicable at time of future development application stage. General policies in Section 9 of the Livable Oakville Plan provide for physical services, including easements of private property.	No action required.
5	Name: S. and K. Higginson Affiliation: Resident Property: Saxon Road	Concern about strategic growth and change in land use policy for the area.	Bronte GO is a MTSA identified in the Provincial Growth Plan and Regional Official Plan. Town planning is required to conform to the Growth Plan, and Regional Official Plan and consider this area for strategic growth. This is	No action required.

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			confirmed in the town's approved Urban Structure (OPA 15).	
6	Name: Jim Levac Affiliation: GSAI on behalf of Speers Landowners Group Property: 2180 – 2300 Speers Road (south side)	Seeking expansion of MTSA boundary.	ROPA 48, adopted by Regional Council on July 7, 2021, finalized the delineation of the boundary for the MTSA, which did not include 2300 Speers Road or 2284 Speers Road. The town's OPA is required to conform to Regional Official Plan.	No action required.
		Seeking additional building height and density nearest Speers Road.	Upon review of the submission, additional building height, as contemplated in earlier versions of the Bronte GO MTSA plan, are appropriate along Speers Road, which enable greater redevelopment, employment and housing opportunities. Proposed changes must be accompanied by additional urban design policies, as contemplated for in the submission, for the appropriate transition of building height and	Increase building heights adjacent to Speers Road, and include additional design policy for appropriately transitioning to the residential area to the south.

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			development to the adjacent residential area to the south.	
			Transportation impact studies will be required as part of future development applications to confirm impacts and required improvements, as necessary.	
			Densities provided on the Schedule S3 are expressed as minimum densities to ensure the minimum density target for the overall plan can be achieved. Minimum densities can be exceeded.	
		Seeking relocation of future eastwest road proposed south of Speers Road, to be moved further south.	Moving the future road alignment south, to contribute to a larger separation distance and transition to the established residential community, is a design option which is appropriate. Providing additional clarity in the	Update transportation policies to provide clarity that the future road alignments shall be determined through detailed transportation studies and the planning approval process.
			policies to ensure that future road alignments shall be determined	,

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		•	through detailed transportation study and the planning approval process, is appropriate. Providing an option to consider the future road alignment as a mechanism to provide a greater buffer and separation distance between the existing residential area and future development, is appropriate.	Update urban design policies to consider the use of the future eastwest road as a means to provide spatial separation distance between future development and the established residential area.
		Seeking design measures to provide enhanced buffer and transition to established residential area.	Commensurate with increased building height potential, urban design policies to ensure a suitable transition to the established residential area, are appropriate.	Provide new urban design policies regarding transition to existing residential area to the south.
7	Date Received: 2021-05-05	Seeking site specific policy to permit residential uses, subject to	ROPA 48, adopted by Regional Council on July 7, 2021, places this	No action required.
	Name: M. Bissett Affiliation: Bousfields Inc. on behalf of Apple Storage	capability studies and holding provisions (long-term).	property within the Regional Employment Area. The town's Official Plan is required to conform to the Regional Official Plan, and as such, must apply an employment	

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	Property: 700 Third Line		land designation to the property	
			which prohibits residential uses.	
			Further, these lands are located	
			within the minimum separation	
			distance (300 metres) from the	
			existing major facility located at	
			731 Third Line, where sensitive	
			land use are to be avoided in	
			accordance with provincial policy	
			and guidance. The use located at	
			731 Third Line is expected to stay	
			in its current location.	
		Seeking to revise policy 27.8.1 g) to	The proposed policies permit	No action required.
		permit infill development on	building additions and/or	No action required.
		existing low-rise employment sites	alterations to existing low rise	
		as an interim measure, prior to full	employment and commercial uses	
		redevelopment, and that infill	without needing to comply with	
		development not be subject to	minimum building heights and	
		minimum heights and minimum	densities. Permitting infill	
		densities.	development has the potential to	
		densities.	introduce new uses to a site, which	
			may prolong achieving the	
			intended vision for Bronte GO	
			MTSA by allowing interim car-	

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			oriented development and the full redevelopment of a site. It is staffs opinion that infill development should be subject to the building height and density policies of the plan to progress the intended vision for the Bronte GO MTSA.	
8	Date Received: 2021-05-05 Name: R. Victor Affiliation: Ruth Victor and Associates on behalf of Budds Property: 2071 South Service Road	Seeking to revise section 27.8.1 g) to consider permissions for existing automotive uses to expand, similar to Midtown Oakville.	The intent of this policy is to include all existing uses.	Revise policy to include commercial uses, including automobile related uses, for clarity purposes.
9	Date Received: 2021-05-05 Name: R. Victor Affiliation: Ruth Victor and Associates on behalf of Policaro	Seeking to revise section 27.8.1 g) to consider permissions for existing automotive uses to expand, similar to Midtown Oakville.	The intent of this policy is to include all existing uses.	Revise policy to include reference to commercial uses, including automobile related uses, for clarity purposes.

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	Property: 2250 South Service Road West			
10	Date Received: 2021-05-10 Name: B. MacNeil Affiliation: Resident Property: Trudale Court	Against the proposed Bronte GO MTSA plan.	The establishment of the Bronte GO MTSA is a requirement of the Provincial Growth Plan, and implements the Council adopted urban structure which provides a framework to manage and direct growth across the town.	No action required.
	Troperty. Tradaic coart	Concerned about privacy impacts on established residential area from high rise development adjacent to Trudale Court.	The area adjacent to Trudale Court within the Bronte GO MTSA is to remain as an employment area, and no future high rise development or multi level townhouses development is permitted. In areas which are to be redesignated to a mixed use land use designations, buffers adjacent to the established residential community have been established, as well as angular plane policies which ensure transition down in building height toward established	Enhance policies regarding the transition of development to the established residential area, including angular plane policies to ensure transition in building heights.

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		Concerned about decreased	residential areas, to minimize private impacts. Large scale investment and	No action required.
		property values attributed to future development.	revitalization will be directed toward the Bronte GO MTSA as it transitions to a mixed use community, envisioned as a lively and attractive urban neighbourhood with enhanced transit and transportation connections. Through continued investment and revitalization, this area will be increasingly desirable over time. The transition of the Bronte GO MTSA from an industrial area to a mixed use community can create more compatible and desirable living conditions for abutting residential areas to the south.	
11	Date Received: 2021-05-10 Name: C. Crawford	Concerned about potential for townhouse development behind Trudale Court on Wallace Road	The plan does not contemplate residential or mixed use development along Wallace Road.	No action required.

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	Affiliation: Resident Property: Trudale Court		This area is to remain as an employment area.	
12	Name: D. Walker Affiliation: MHBC on behalf of CRH Canada	Seeking the maintenance of the industrial designation on the property or provide site specific policy to recognize existing land use permissions	Site specific policies to permit existing outdoor storage and processing facility is appropriate to recognize the continued aggregate operation located at 731 Third Line.	Add a site-specific exception policy for 731 Third Line that maintains existing outdoor storage and processing land use permissions.
	Property: 731 Third Line (Note: letter 2 of 2)	Concern about Eastern District and language indicating a transition to lighter employment uses.	The Eastern District and lands located east of Third Line are designated Business Employment, which permits a full range of employment uses and economic opportunities, primarily within enclosed buildings, to limit impacts on the surrounding area. New heavy industrial uses which would cause adverse impacts to the existing residential area and the envisioned mixed use area to the west, would not be permitted.	No action required. Provide calcification of "heavy industrial uses" as "major facilities", to better align with land use compatibility guidance and ROPA 48.

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		Section 27.4.5 (d) does not implement the D6 guidelines, and site specific official plan amendments should not be considered for areas within the minimum separation distance of major facilities.	A site-specific official plan amendment would be required in any instance where an applicant proposes a use which is not permitted within the Plan. Sensitive land uses are not permitted within the minimum separation distance of a major facility. As such, policy 27.4.5 d) is redundant and not required. For further clarification, a revised policy speaking to the future comprehensive rezoning of properties to consider sensitive land uses, including holding "H" provisions, is appropriate.	Delete policy 27.4.5 d) and replace with a policy speaking to future comprehensive zoning process.
		Land use compatibility policy should set out more clearly that mitigation will be on the onus of the applicant developing the sensitive land use and include a terms of reference for noise and air quality study requirements.	A recommended policy states that "where a compatibility assessment demonstrates that source and/or site receptor mitigation actions are required, the mitigation measures shall be at the expense of the applicant and agreed upon by all	No action required.

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			effected parties." (emphasis added). Noise and air quality study terms of reference are available by the Region and Town.	
		Consider Ontario's proposed land use compatibly guideline.	The provinces proposed land use compatibility guidelines have been reviewed and change to these proposed policies are required to reflect the revised classification system and method for requiring land use compatibility assessments.	Update policies to reflect emerging provincial land use compatibility guidelines, while also considering existing D6 guidance.
		Building Heights – consider impacts from industrial operations on tall buildings (section 27.7.11 should be revised).	Agree.	Add a new policy to ensure that building height permissions must be confirmed as part of a compatibility assessment, and that limitations to maximum building heights may be necessary.

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13	Date Received: 2021-05-10	Schedule S1 – The proposed	Staff have reviewed the location of	Expand the Station
		boundaries of the "Station District"	2189 Speers Road. The eastern	District westward to
	Name: L. Longo	should be realigned to include our	edge of the property currently	include lands planned
		client's property.	provides for the tallest buildings	for tall buildings (5 – 20
	Affiliation: Aird and Berlis on		within the Bronte GO MTSA of 5-20	storeys).
	behalf of Rodenbury		storeys, with options for additional	
	Investments		building height to 24 storeys. This	Reposition the location
			is due to its close proximity to the	for the future open
	Property: 2189 Speers Road		rail station. However, these lands	space / park.
			are also identified as a potential	
			park. As such, to balance objectives	
			for future parks, and realize tall	
			buildings close to the station, it is	
			staffs opinion that it is appropriate	
			to move the future park to the	
			west, and expand the Station	
			District over the easterly portion of	
			the property.	
			Proposed changes are also	
			considered in coordination with	
			comments received on 2172	
			Wyecroft Road, north of the rail	
			corridor, which also expand the	
			Station District westward.	
			Station District westward.	

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		Schedule S2 - The proposed	The eastern portion of 2189 Speers	Add a policy to allow
		boundaries of the "5-20 Storeys"	Road includes building height	flexibility for the transfer
		designation should be realigned to	permissions for 5-20 storey	of permitted building
		include our client's property.	buildings, in proximity to the train	heights within the same
			station, as it to be included as part	development to provide
			of the Station District (see above).	for a variety of building forms and heights.
			It is staff's opinion that the tallest	
			buildings are to be concentrated in	
			the Station District to create a	
			height peak, in accordance with	
			the plan's development concept,	
			and that the area around the	
			Station District should be	
			predominantly mid-rise.	
			Notwithstanding the above, and in	
			consideration of the large scale	
			nature of this site which will likely	
			be able to accommodate several	
			buildings, additional flexibility for	
			height permission is considered	
			appropriate, whereby the transfer	
			of permitted building height across	
			the development site, up to 12	
			storeys, would be appropriate and	

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			will encourage a greater variety of building forms and heights.	
		Schedule S3 - The proposed boundaries of the "3.0 Minimum FSI" designation should be realigned to include our client's property.	The floor space indexes provided on Schedule S3 are minimums. They can be exceeded.	No action required.
		Schedule S5 – The location and extent of the "Open Spaces" designation on our client's property.	The open space areas are shown conceptually on Schedule S5. In coordination with the comments above, it is staff's opinion that moving the park westward, outside of, but adjacent to, the Station District, is appropriate.	Move the conceptually located park westward, in coordination with the redefined boundary of the Station District, and off from the lands with the highest development potential.
14	Date Received: 2021-05-10	General concerns regarding land use compatibility given existing	Land use compatibility is a prominent consideration for all	Updates to the Land Use Compatibility policies
	Name: O. Kemal	operations are predominantly outdoor.	land use planning and decision making in the Bronte GO MTSA. All	are provided to reflect recently adopted ROPA
	Affiliation: MHBC on behalf of		applicants for future development	48, and in consideration
	O.E. Local 793		will be required to undertake land use compatibly assessments as	of updates being proposed to the
	Property: 2245 Speers Road		part of the submission of a	

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			development application to ensure the development is compatible, and to identify any mitigation measures required, at the expense of the development proponent, as applicable.	provincial D6 land use compatibility guideline.
		Concerns over proposed road network and the need for future roads identified on the subject property, including their alignment. In particular, the proposed Westgate Road extension with a future grade separated crossing.	The proposed north-south collector road (Westgate Road extension), which is to be grade separated at the railway and determined through a future environmental assessment, is necessary to ensure the transportation network can accommodate future anticipated traffic in the Bronte GO MTSA. The location of the grade separated crossing is located approximately midway between the underpass at Bronte Road and at Third Line. In regard to other local roads identified, the need for and precise location of local roads is to be determined through future study (development application). The	Provide new policy language to ensure any future environmental assessment process considers road alignments that maximize developable area to the extent possible.

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			policies state that "changes to the	
			requirements, location or	
			alignment of new transit services,	
			roads and active transportation	
			facilities, as shown on Schedules C,	
			D, S4 and S5, will not require an	
			amendment to this Plan provided	
			that the general intent and	
			purpose of this Plan is maintained	
			and intensification opportunities	
			and overall connectivity is not	
			precluded." (emphasis added)	
		Provide flexibility in the location	Parks and open space are shown	No action required.
		for future parks and open space	conceptually on Schedule S5. The	No action required.
		areas and how they are shown on	recommended policies provide that	
		the mapping.	the precise size and configuration	
		the mapping.	of parks and open spaces shall be	
			determined as part of the planning	
			application process or as other	
			public initiatives proceed.	
			However, the approximate location	
			should be provided in order to	
			realize the broader land use	
			planning objectives of the plan,	

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			including land use compatibility	
			considerations.	
15	Date Received: 2021-05-10	Does not support plan.	Planning for growth and development within identified	No action required.
	Name: S. DeStephanis		MTSA's is a requirement of the Provincial Growth Plan.	
	Affiliation: Resident			
	Property: Trudale Court			
16	Date Received: 2021-05-10	Does not support plan.	Planning for growth and development within identified	No action required.
	Name: S. Lalla		MTSA's is a requirement of the Provincial Growth Plan.	
	Affiliation: Resident		Trovincial Growth Fiam.	
	Property: Trudale Court			
17	Date Received: 2021-05-10	Concern regarding how land uses are shown on the demonstration	The demonstration plan within the Area Specific Plan is a conceptual	No action required.
	Name: E. West	plan within the Area Specific Plan, and how they are to be	location of how residential and employment uses may be	
	Affiliation: Bousfields on	implemented.	deployed. The proposed policies	
	behalf of Acclaim Health		provide that as part of future	
			redevelopment, space for jobs be	
	Property: 2250 Speers Road		maintained on site. Any future	

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			employment component of a future development, should be directed to Speers Road to provide active frontages.	
		Do not support the proposed eastwest local road shown on the property.	The need for and precise location of local roads is to be determined through future study (development application). The policies state that "changes to the requirements, location or alignment of new transit services, roads and active transportation facilities, as shown on Schedules C, D, S4 and S5, will not require an amendment to this Plan provided that the general intent and purpose of this Plan is maintained and intensification opportunities and overall connectivity is not precluded." (emphasis added)	No action required.
			potentially secured for as part of future development applications,	

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			at the time of property redevelopment.	
18	Date Received: 2021-06-04 Name: C. Bonifacio	Height of developments to the immediate north of the existing neighborhoods.	The plan provides that the maximum building height on lands abutting the residential	Provide additional urban design policies to ensure an appropriate
	Affiliation: Resident	Has there been resolution of the strategy for the gradual increase of	neighbourhood to the south of the major transit station area is 3 storeys.	transition to the established residential area, while also
	Property: Swann Drive	those building heights? It seems that all the building height standards have a + or - option that could see those in the closest proximity be built to a max of 6 stories. Is that correct?	Buildings heights south of Speers Road have been adjusted to permit taller buildings, and policies are introduced to ensure appropriate transition to the established residential area to the south.	providing for additional development opportunity south of Speers Road.
		Can there be a cap placed on those building heights to the immediate north of existing residences while allowing other heights closer to the GO station to be flexible?	It is an objective of the plan to transition building heights down toward the established residential community, and to establish an appropriate and compatible transition to existing homes.	
		It seems there are proposed walkways or "access" to the	The town is not actively seeking to acquire property to establish	No action required.

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		neighborhoods to the immediate	pedestrian linkages at this time.	
		south of the Proposed	While the linkages are intended to	
		Development Plan.	provide pedestrian and cycling	
			connections between the Bronte	
		Our neighborhood may be one of	GO major transit station area and	
		those access points.	the established residential	
			neighbourhood to the south, the	
		Has the Town been keeping an eye	connections are to be explored as	
		out to buy properties that go up for	part of privately initiated	
		sale on those northern streets to	development applications, and	
		allow for constructing that access?	may be protected for as part of	
			development. They may be	
		Real Estate is hot in these areas	implemented where feasible. The	
		and I wouldn't want the Town to	acquisition of properties to create	
		miss an opportunity.	a pedestrian linkage may be	
			considered as part of a future land	
			acquisition strategy, as identified in	
			the plan. Staff note, however, that	
			the acquisition of properties for	
			pedestrian linkages will be a	
			challenging endeavour for the	
			town.	
		In terms of streetscape, walkway,	The policies for the Bronte GO	No action required.
		and public use of the new streets	MTSA identify that the town may	
		and public spaces, does the	develop or assist in developing	
		Proposal Team design those public	implementation strategies for the	

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		areas or do the Developers design	Bronte GO area, including	
		those spaces?	streetscape plans and additional	
			urban design direction. These plans	
			would help inform the "look and	
		We are concerned that the	feel" of the street. The timeframe	
		streetscapes may not provide well	on developing these	
		for sitting areas, sidewalk cafes,	implementation documents has	
		gathering spaces and an	not yet been determined.	
		environment that encourages		
		community.	In regard to existing streets in the	
			study area, several Environmental	
		When does the street	Assessments have already been	
		infrastructure plan get presented	completed which give a clear	
		to the Town and by whom?	indication on facility needs within	
			the town's right-of-way on some of	
			the areas busier roads (e.g. number	
			of car lanes, turning lanes, and	
			active transportation facilities).	
			This includes the Speers Road	
			Environmental Assessment, and	
			the Wyecroft Road Environmental	
			Assessment.	
			In regard to new streets, the town	
			has engineering standards which	
			are applied based on the	

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			classification of road that is being	
			designed, such as a "local road" or	
			"arterial road" etc. These standards	
			are used to inform the	
			development of future public roads	
			that are acquired through plans of	
			subdivision, which are privately	
			initiated development applications.	
			As part of a privately initiated	
			development application, town	
			staff review the development	
			proposal against the town's	
			policies, plans, standards and	
			guidelines. In the situation of	
			Bronte GO, the overall policies in	
			the plan call for the design of	
			future roads and the enhancement	
			to existing roads to be designed as	
			complete streets and prioritize	
			year-round walking, cycling and	
			transit use, while balancing the	
			needs of vehicular movements and	
			commercial vehicles. The plan also	
			indicates areas where commercial	
			uses are to be directed, fronting	

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			onto the street, and the creation of	
			pedestrian friendly streetscapes.	
			All of these components inform the design of the streetscape, and the final location of sitting areas, sidewalk cafes, and gathering spaces are ultimately determined and approved through a site plan application (another privately initiated development application, with its own approval process. Site plans provide the most detail).	
			The development application process is a public process, and members of the public are encouraged to get involved to help inform future development, including how the public road and private development interface with one another.	
		The creation of safe bike lanes running along Third Line from	Creating safe, active transportation routes for cyclists is very important. Within the Active	

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		Lakeshore is a great idea that shouldn't get lost.	Transportation Master Plan and the Bronte GO MTSA policies, the town is planning for a multi-use trail on Third Line, extending south to Rebecca Street. From Rebecca Street to Lakeshore Road, there are existing on-street bike lanes.	
19	Date Received: 2021-06-10 Name: Metrolinx	The Bronte GO MTSA policies align with the Metrolinx Transit Oriented Communities Program.	Noted.	No action required.
	Affiliation: Agency Property: Multiple	Conversion of Employment Areas to non-employment uses would provide flexibility for mixed-use, transit-supportive development that would benefit the transit station area and encourage ridership.	The OPA seeks to convert employment areas to mixed use designations for this purpose.	No action required.
		Policy 27.4.3 j) - "the reimagining of existing surface parking areas to structure parking or other innovative solutions" provides flexibility to provide parking through alternative innovative	Agree. Flexibility is built into the policy framework to ensure adaptability over time, while also encouraging urban parking arrangements.	No action required.

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		solutions in the future which may or may not include structured parking.		
		Policy 27.4.5 k) - municipalities should consider the use of environmental easements for operational emissions from rail, registered on title of development properties within 300 metres of the railway right-of-way, and granted to the railway owner. Consider adding policy.	The town will incorporate proposed policy recommendation from Metrolinx.	"An environmental easement for operational emissions from the railway should be registered on title for properties within 300 metres of the railway corridor, in favor of the railway owner, at the time of property redevelopment."
		Consider a policy regarding "vegetation clearance zones" along the rail corridor, in accordance with GO Expansion program.	Town to incorporate proposed policy recommendation from Metrolinx.	"Unless otherwise directed by the property owner of the railway right-of-way, no tall growing vegetation shall be planted within 3.5

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				metres of the railway right of way."
20	Date Received: 2021-07-12 Name: C. Wood Affiliation: Resident Property: Emily Circle	Provide pedestrian connections to the established residential area to the south.	The plan and policies provide for this opportunity should they arise.	No action required.
21	Date Received: 2021-08-09 Name: J. Finelli Affiliation: Property Owner Property: 2009 Wyecroft Road and 2125 S. Service Road	Seeking permissions for mixed use development within lands designated as employment.	Both properties fall within a minimum separation distance of an existing industrial facility that is not intended to relocate. Sensitive land uses, such as residential and mixed use development, are not permitted within these areas. Both properties are also within the Regional Employment Area as per ROPA 48, which was adopted by Regional Council in July 2021. The town's plan is required to conform to the Regional Official Plan.	No action required.

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		Seeking the removal of the policy that would prohibit new vehicle dealerships.	Both properties have established office and light industrial uses. Replacing these existing developments to permit new vehicle dealerships does not achieve the plans vision or intent for providing high density employment uses in a compact built form.	No action required.
22	Date Received: ongoing Name: Town Staff Departmental Review	Opportunities to consolidate development districts.	Transition districts seek to accomplish the same thing and are largely redundant.	Consolidate the west and east transition districts within the plan.
	Affiliation: Town Departments Property: study area	Opportunities to add view corridors on urban design schedule	Urban design and policy staff have reviewed the urban design scheduled and corresponding policies in regard to view corridors, and have not identified any views worthy of specific identification within the plan at this time.	No action required.
		Review land use compatibility policies	Policy staff have reviewed the emerging updates to the provincial land use compatibility guideline	Update policies to reflect the potential of updated provincial land

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			and have noted areas where policy changes to the land use compatibility policies, as propped for Bronte GO MTSA, are appropriate. This is in response to the new classification system and specific uses identified in the draft provincial guidance document.	use compatibility guidelines.
		Coordination with Halton Region MCR	Staff have reviewed the adopted ROPA 48 to ensure conformity with the delineation of the Bronte GO MTSA, employment areas, density targets and proportional target mix of residents and jobs. Halton Region will have final approval of the Bronte GO MTSA OPA.	Update policies to reflect the target proportional mix of residents and jobs to be achieved within the Bronte GO MTSA.

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December 11, 2020

Region of Halton 1151 Bronte road Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1

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Attention: Curt Benson, Director of Planning at the Region of Halton

Dear Mr. Curt Benson,

Re: Inclusion of 2300 Speers Road in the MTSA area

Further to our recent meeting with Mr. Sean O'Meara. We would like to have our property at 2300 Speers Road included in the MTSA area

- 1) Our properties or portions thereof, do currently lie in the 800 meter radius as determined by the Province
- 2) We understand that there are environmental concerns with regards to properties on the Eastern portion of the MTSA boundary that may inhibit the Region's ability to have residential where both draft documents have indicated.
- 3) We wish to be included in the MTSA area as we believe it is a better fit for the resident neighbors directly to the South, as we already back on to an already existing residential properties, where there is a very long history of friction between commercial/industrial uses along the south side of Speers Road and the residents backing onto our properties. To allow more residential along this boundary will greatly reduce complaints from residents once residential construction is complete in this zone.

We have spoken to our neighbour, 2284 Speers Road, and they feel the same. We would formally request that the Region and the Town include both our properties in the MTSA.

Please let us know what we need to do to further has us move forward with this.

Thank you,

James Sciacca



KITCHENER WOODBRIDGE LONDON KINGSTON BARRIE BURLINGTON

March 4, 2021

Brad Sunderland Planner Town of Oakville

Email to: <u>brad.sunderland@oakville.ca</u>

Dear Mr. Sunderland:

RE: BRONTE GO MAJOR TRANSIT STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN

COMMENTS BY CRH CANADA GROUP INC. ("CRH")

731 THIRD LINE

TOWN OF OAKVILLE FILE NO. 42.15.58

OUR FILE NO. 9061 DR

MHBC has been retained by CRH Canada Group Inc. ("CRH") to review and provide comments on the Staff Report titled "Discussion Report – Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study: Area Specific Plan". We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments as follows on this initiative.

CRH owns and operates the Dufferin Construction asphalt plant operation at 731 Third Line in the Town of Oakville (see **Figure 1** for a Location Map) (referred to herein as "Subject Lands" or "site"). The asphalt plant has been in operation in this location for the past 50 years. CRH is a proud and active member of the community.

This is a highly strategic site for CRH currently and in the long term. The large parcel, 5.7 ha (14.2 acres) in area, is situated in an ideal location for asphalt processing. The site has direct access onto a major arterial road and a full movement interchange of the QEW, providing efficient and close access to construction sites and growth markets. The site is generally isolated, being surrounded by the rail corridor (to the south), Third Line (to the west), the QEW/interchange (to the north) and Fourteen Mile Creek Corridor (to the east). The site is currently surrounded by employment uses and is adequately separated from sensitive land uses.

Attached to the Staff Report is Appendix 1: Into the Mix: Area Specific Plan for the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area (Final Report, February 2021) ("Into the Mix Report"). Overall, we generally agree in principle with the preferred land use framework as set out in Section 4.1 of the Into the Mix Report, which would provide for a 'business employment' land use designation on the Subject Lands and surrounding area.

Figure 3-5 of the Report appropriately identifies CRH's operation as a potential Class III facility and the need for a <u>minimum</u> separation distance of 300 m from sensitive land uses, in accordance with the D-6 Guideline recommendations (see attached **Figure 2**). It should be noted that 300 metres is the minimum separation distance and the potential influence area is up to 1000 metres for an asphalt facility.

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT

The revised framework, as set out in Section 4.1 of the Report is generally consistent with direction provided for in the PPS. Any area-specific policy will need to be consistent with the Land Use Compatibility policies and the Employment Area policies of the PPS 2020 which provides policy direction for the protection and preservation of Employment Areas that are planned for industrial and manufacturing uses.

Further, certain existing uses (i.e. asphalt plant) situated on the Subject Lands is considered a mineral aggregate operation given the definition in the PPS and would also be afforded protection by Policy 2.5.2.4.

GROWTH PLAN

CRH supports maintaining the Subject Lands and surrounding area as an employment area in the Region and Town's Official Plans. This will help ensure that CRH's operations are protected from any potential future conversions to a non-employment use and the potential for encroachment of sensitive land uses within the necessary separation distance identified in the D-6 Guidelines.

HALTON REGION OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW & MTSA POLICY AMENDMENT

The Subject Lands and surrounding area are identified by Halton Region as a Regional Employment Area.

ROPA 48 proposes to maintain the Regional Employment Area designation as well as identifying the Subject Lands as being within a MTSA.

ROPA 48 also proposes to add Section 83.2(7) which states: "Where *Employment Areas* are located within a *Major Transit Station Area* as delineated on Map 1H, recognize the dual role and function of these *Major Transit Station Areas* as mixed use *Strategic Growth Areas* as well as the location of important existing employment uses, and, require Local Municipalities to plan for these areas by:

- a) Recognizing the importance of existing employment uses and the potential for employment growth and *intensification* within the *Employment Area* and within adjacent mixed use areas;
- b) Providing an appropriate interface between the *Employment Area* and adjacent mixed use areas to maintain land use compatibility; and
- c) Only permitting *development* within adjacent mixed use areas if land use compatibility can be addressed in a manner that protects existing employment uses in accordance with Section 79.3(12) of this Plan.

Generally consistent with PPS Policy 1.2.6.2, ROPA 48 proposes to add Section 79.3(12) which states: "Ensure the long-term operational and economic viability of major employment uses, and achieve land use compatibility between major employment uses and *sensitive land uses* within or adjacent to *Strategic Growth Areas*, by requiring that such uses are planned and developed to avoid, or if avoidance is not

possible, minimize and mitigate any potential adverse effects from odour, noise and other contaminants, and risk to public health and safety is minimized, in accordance with Section 143(12) of this Plan.

LAND USE COMPATIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS

The entire Bronte MTSA falls within the potential influence area (1000 m) of the asphalt plant facility and within the potential influence area of other existing industries located within this MTSA.

In principle, permitting sensitive land uses within this MTSA potentially triggers a need for considerable mitigation required to ensure compatibility between existing industries and the introduction of new sensitive land uses. The more sensitive land uses that continue to encroach on the industrial operations, the amount of mitigation needed and potential for complaints increases.

Despite industrial uses being present 'first', existing industries are required to ensure any emissions from their operations are properly mitigated to meet Provincial Standards through the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) process regulated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The CRH facilities have an ECA approved by the MECP based on the current separation distance of existing residential uses.

Once sensitive land uses are permitted in a land use designation in an official plan, the Planning Act requires that that municipal zoning by-law be amended to conform with the official plan. Once designated, it is understood that such lands would be zoned to include zoning permissions for sensitive land uses.

Once the zoning permits a sensitive land use, an ECA must assume a sensitive receptor is present on the zoned lands (even if a sensitive land use is not present). This change transfers the responsibility of mitigation for noise control to the industry. Therefore, any proposed Area-specific Plan policy must keep this in mind so a wrongful transfer of responsibility does not result.

Please be advised that CRH and MHBC welcome any further discussion with the Town (and Region) staff. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important initiative and request notification of any future meetings or decisions relating to the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area and associated Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment.

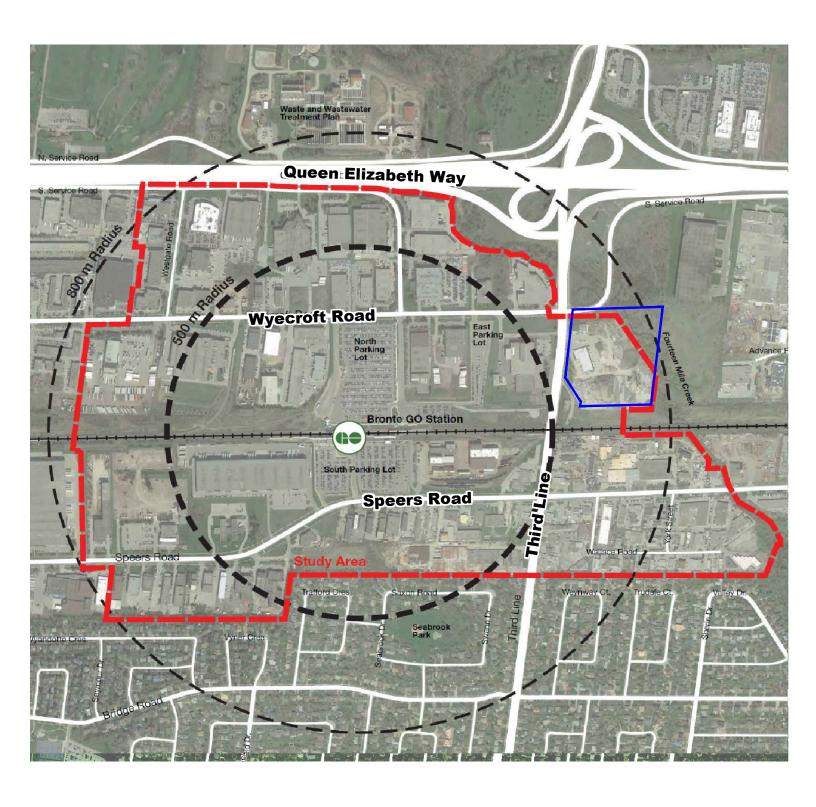
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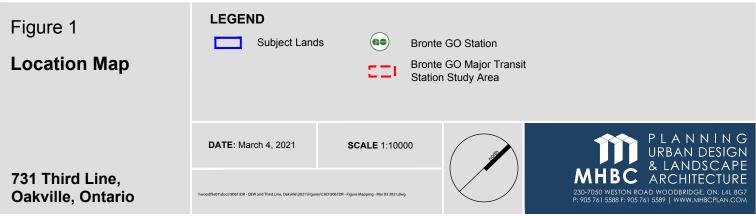
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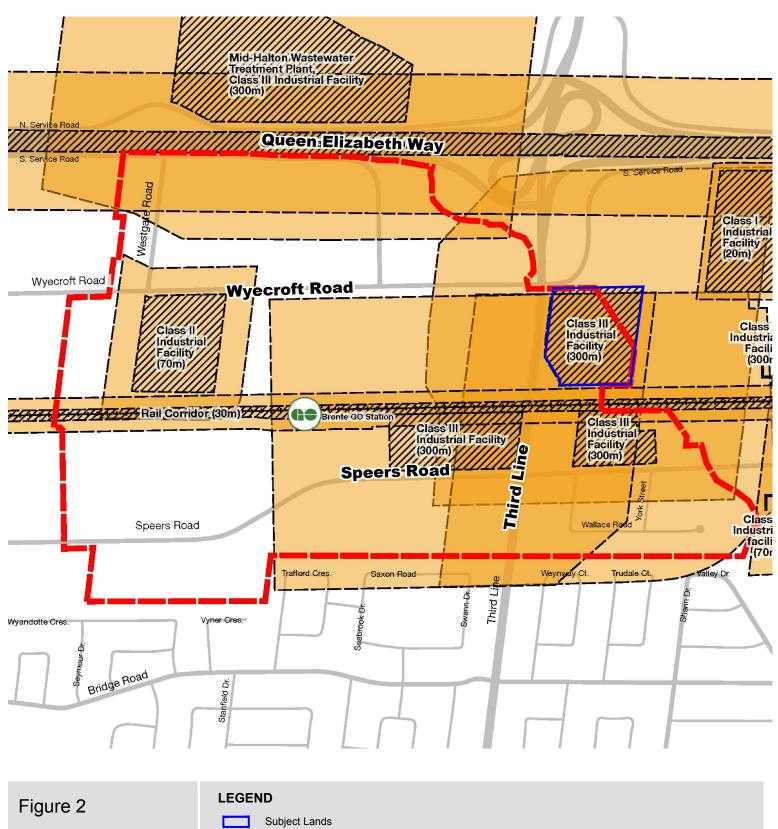
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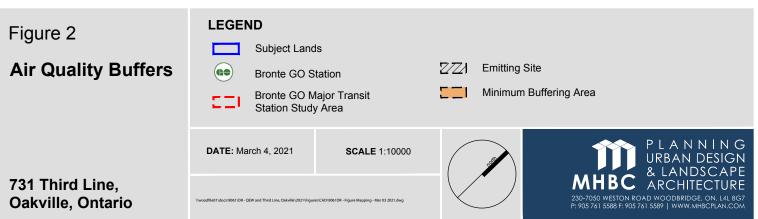
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cc: Jessica Ferri, CRH











March 8, 2021

Sent Via Email to: townclerk@oakville.ca

Brad Sunderland, Planner Geoff Abma, Senior Planner Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, ON L6H 7H6

Dear Mr. Sunderland and Mr. Abma,

Re: Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study

We are writing on behalf of Northbridge Investment Management Inc. ("Northbridge") with respect to the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area ("MTSA") Study (the "Study") including the Town staff Discussion Report and the "Into the Mix: Area Specific Plan for the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area" report, dated February 2021.

As you are aware, Northbridge own the lands at 2172 Wyecroft Road (the "subject site"), a parcel directly west of the GO station lands. The subject site has an area of approximately 2.38 hectares (5.88 acres), a frontage along Wyecroft Road of 93 metres, and a varying depth of 240 to 260 metres. It is currently occupied by three single-storey buildings, all of which currently have commercial, industrial and/or office tenants. A significant amount of surface parking surrounds all three buildings.

Northbridge has been participating in the Study process, including attendance at the November 2019 community meeting and a letter submitted to the Town in December 2019 regarding the draft land use scenarios.

We have reviewed the report to Planning and Economic Development Committee (#2020-P-27), including Attachment #1: Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Policy Directions (the "Report"). We are supportive of the general direction of the report, particularly the vision to establish a mixed use community in the MTSA, which is in keeping with Policy 2.2.4(9) of the 2019 Growth Plan,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comments and requests for clarification:



- In the demonstration plans in Figures 4-18 and 4-19, the building footprints and massing shows a blue tone as 'Employment/Commercial' whereas purple is 'Mixed Use'. It is unclear how the demonstration plan relates to the mix of uses that would be permitted in the Urban Core and Urban Centre designations.
- The report provides that the Bronte GO MTSA would be developed in two key phases. Phase 2 is considered the long-term plan to introduce a mix on uses on some of the lands in the MTSA. This Phase would not be initiated until some of the industrial facilities are relocated. It is only in Phase 2 that the subject site would be permitted to develop with a broader mix of uses, including residential, than currently permitted. However there is no timeline associated with Phase 2 and it is unclear if the densities discussed in Section 4.2, Projected Density and in Figure 4-13, which include three time horizons (2031, 2041 and 2051) are related to Phase 1 and 2.
- With respect to height and density, given the subject site's adjacency to the GO station site, it would be appropriate to permit High Mid Rise to Tall buildings on the subject site (up to 20 storeys) or at a minimum on the east side of the site, given that it is within easy walking distance of the station (from 100 to 300 metres to the platform). Developing these lands with high density would allow for the integration of additional density in proximity to the station which could perhaps develop in advance of the build out of the station lands.
- We also note that the plan considers the integration of a Community Centre onto the subject lands. It is not clear if this a requirement and or if it would be a stand-alone building or integrated into a mixed use building. The site that it is shown on is one of the closest mixed use sites to the station. If the intention is to integrated the Community Centre into the base of a mixed use building, that would be more appropriately located in the podium of a tall building that in the lower floors of a midrise building.
- The road network for the preferred land use framework shows two proposed local roads on the subject site, one shared north-south road (Road K) and one east-west road (Road B). While we recognize the importance of public streets for redevelopment in the MTSA, but the need for two east-west streets south of Wyecroft Road in this area and the need for Road B. While Section 4.1.4 provides that the precise location of roads will be determined, the policy should also provide that the need for all of the local roads would also be determined.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do



not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Finally, we request that we continue to be kept apprised of any further consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

BOUSFIELDS INC.

Emma West, MCIP, RPP



April 12th, 2021

Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study Town of Oakville

Brad Sunderland Planner

Re: Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study

Dear Brad,

Thank you for circulating Bell Canada on this Area Study. We truly appreciate being in receipt of this information. While we don't have any specific comments or concerns pertaining to the Area Study itself, Bell Canada would like to ensure that the landowners are aware and familiar with our conditions as they pertain to forthcoming Site Plans, Draft Plans of Subdivision and/or Draft Plans of Condominium (see below). Furthermore, we request that future reports and studies pertaining to the Growth Area as well as any future development applications within this Growth Study Area be circulated to Bell Canada.

"The Owner acknowledges and agrees to convey any easement(s) as deemed necessary by Bell Canada to service this new development. The Owner further agrees and acknowledges to convey such easements at no cost to Bell.

The Owner agrees that should any conflict arise with existing Bell Canada facilities or easements within the subject area, the Owner shall be responsible for the relocation of any such facilities or easements at their own cost."

The Owner is advised to contact Bell Canada at planninganddevelopment@bell.ca during the detailed utility design stage to confirm the provision of communication/telecommunication infrastructure needed to service the development.

Yours truly,

Ryan Courville
Bell Canada Access Network Provisioning Manager
Planning and Development
Phone: 416-570-6726

Email: planninganddevelopment@bell.ca

Date: 04-21-2021

To: Town Clerk, Brad Sunderland

From: S. and K. Higginson

Council c/o the Town Clerk at the Town of Oakville

Please review this written concern regarding the Plan amendment for Bronte Go Transit Station Area, as a home owner at ### Saxon Rd, Oakville for the past 35 years we have backed onto the industrial land on South side of Speers Rd, we reviewed all the By-Laws before the home was purchased and over the years have had a good relationship with Town's office, plus the owners of the land. If the proposed amendment is approved, Town By laws will be gone and all will be with the Province, I have experienced this previously when I contacted The Town regarding The GO Pubic announcement system and was told I had to speak with Go directly.

This proposed plan is for a Livable Oakville Plan, (as per letter), But not for those who live next to the proposed subject land, I ask that the Council will strongly review my concerns and continue to make Oakville Livable for all, not just for Strategic Growth

I plan to attend Videoconference

Stafford and Karen Higginson

Saxon rd



PARTNERS:

GLEN SCHNARR, MCIP, RPP

GLEN BROLL, MCIP, RPP

COLIN CHUNG, MCIP, RPP

JIM LEVAC, MCIP, RPP

Our file: 1374-001

May 4, 2021

Chairman and Members of the Town of Oakville Planning and Development Council Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3

Attention: Ms. Franca Piazza

Legislative Coordinator

RE: Statutory Public Meeting, May 10, 2021

Proposed Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment:

Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area

Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (GSAI) have recently been retained by multiple landowners within and just outside of the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) who have participated as stakeholders and attended the various open houses and public meetings since this project was initiated. Our clients own lands, with the areas outlined in red below, along the south side of Speers Road, west of the Bronte Go Station.



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The properties extend from 2180 Speers Road west to 2300 Speers Road and comprise an area of approximately 24.06 acres. The specific property owners who have participated in the MTSA exercise include Valley Creek Inc. (2220, 2240 & 2270 Speers Road), O,S & B Holdings Itd. (2200 Speers Road), Jelinek Cork Ltd. (2260 Speers Road), 1884329 Ontario Inc, (2278 Speers Road), (2284 Speers Road) and 515476 Ontario Ltd. (2300 Speers Road). While included as a potential expansion area within this landowner group, the owner of 2300 Speers Road (515476 Ontario Ltd.) had made a separate request for inclusion on December 10, 2020. The landowners group is in the process of including the owners at 2180, 2190, 2230 and 2250 Speers Road. Our client supports the MTSA initiative, acknowledges the challenges associated with converting and phasing the reuse of Employment lands, but has several concerns pertaining to the final Bronte Go MTSA Study Area Specific Plan as it relates the recommendations regarding proposed height and densities on their lands.



The graphic above depicts a massing model that from the final Area Specific Plan that is intended to reflect the recommended heights and densities in the recommended Land Use Plan for the MTSA Study Area. Our client's lands are shown in the lower left corner as outlined in red. Our client supports the recommended "Urban Centre" designation proposed for these lands and acknowledges that, while being within 800 m of the Bronte GO station, which is considered the epicentre of the study area, these lands are located at a perimeter location and should provide a transition to the stable residential area which abuts to the south and east. Within this area outlined in red a 2-4 storey height limit has been recommended.

The Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Places To Grow") directs area municipalities to identify and plan for designated MTSAs within urban settlement areas. Section 2.2.4.8 of Places To Grow states, "All major transit station areas will be planned to be transit



supportive...." Places to Grow defines "Transit Supportive" as "Relating to development that makes transit viable and improves the quality of the experience of using transit. It often refers to compact, mixed use development that has a higher level of employment and residential densities."

During earlier phases of the Bronte GO MTSA study as outlined on Page 38 of the Area Specific Plan the area south of Speers Road, in which our clients own lands, was previously identified as a "Mid Rise" area (see map below) capable of supporting heights of 5-12 storeys along the Speers Road frontages with a Low Rise (2-4 storey) area bordering the mid rise height areas where they abut existing low density uses. At that time, Option 1 was identified as a preferred option.



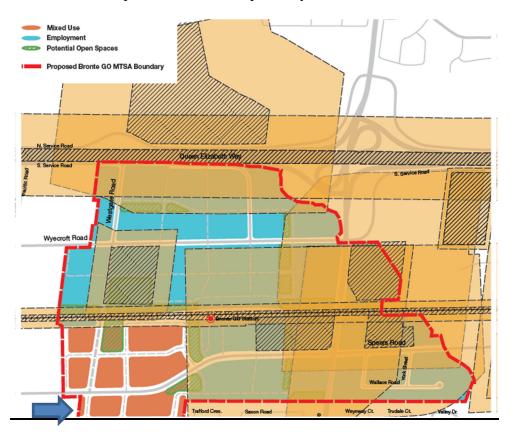
Figure 3-3 | Option 1 Draft Building Heights

The final Bronte GO MTSA Study: Area Specific Plan (Feb. 2021) subsequently recommended that all of the lands owned by our clients south of Speers Road remain at the "Low Rise" threshold with heights of 2-4 storeys. There was little, if any, justification provided in the Area Specific Plan for reducing the heights, and consequently the density within the portion of the MTSA Study Area.

We believe that this portion of the study area warrants a further review of heights and densities given its proximity to the GO station, but also because of it its locational attributes from a built form and phasing perspective. In many urban jurisdictions, heights of up to 4 storeys are typical of a "Neighbourhoods" condition. Typically, low density neighbourhood designations permit all forms of ground related built forms 4 storeys or less to locate throughout their settlement areas, while other designations are used to promote greater heights and densities within intensification



areas such as major nodes and avenues/corridors. Many of these intensification areas are also designated MTSA locations where greater heights and densities are promoted as per the provincial policy regime on intensification. In our view, capping heights within an MTSA to 4 storeys or less within such close proximity is an underutilization of lands and more typical of a suburban condition where transit supportive densities would not be encouraged. While we acknowledge this area is seen as "transitional" to lower density areas nearby, we believe there is sufficient area and depth within these blocks to achieve that transition at greater heights and densities without unacceptable adverse impact to the established residential area to the south. Also, from a phasing perspective, Page 60 of the Area Specific Plan identifies these lands to be the least impacted as far as land use compatibility with existing employment uses of various classifications having various distance separation requirements based on their current emissions. See map below. Consideration for increased height and density should be given to these lands because of their proximity and close walking distance to transit and given the reality that this area will be the first area to support mixed use redevelopment to support the Bronte GO MTSA. Depending on which employment uses in the MTSA choose to stay or relocate, there could be areas within the MTSA which will never be redeveloped because of compatibility issues.





An Alternative Approach

As stated earlier, it is our opinion that a blanket 2-4 storey height limitation in this portion of the MTSA Study Area south of Speers Road simply replicates a typical suburban neighbourhood height and density scenario along an arterial road and, as such, represents an underutilization of opportunities to create more compact transit supportive height and density within an MTSA. While we acknowledge and agree with the need to provide transition within this area to adjacent established low density areas, we recommend that the Town consider alternatives ways to provide such transition in height and density. What is often typically utilized as an common and accepted method of doing so along many arterial roads, avenues and transit corridors within other jurisdictions is the application of a 45 degree angular plane to provide a gradual transition in heights and densities such that the higher heights and densities are achieved along arterial road frontages where a higher intensity of transit supportive mixed use development within an MTSA should occur.



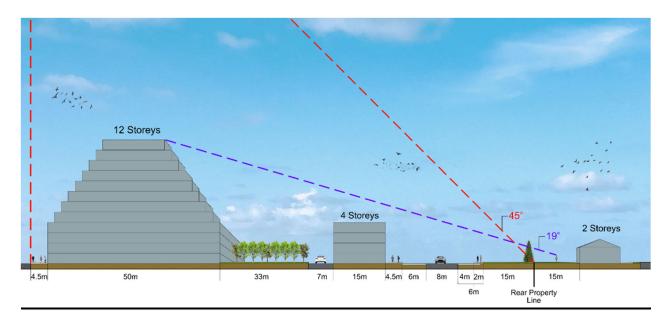
As an alternative to the low rise 2-4 storey massing option presented in the Area Specific Plan, we recommended an alternative approach that includes the following two key elements:

 Relocate the proposed east/west internal road further south such that all new proposed development is internalized within blocks separated by a local road. This serves to increase separation distances from existing residential dwellings, reduce any potential



shadow/overlook impacts, provide buffering and ensures an appropriate height and density transition within these blocks;

• Protect and enhance the existing tree lined buffer. Incorporate a linear 15 m public open space corridor between the proposed new local street and the shared property boundary with abutting low density residential uses which buffers existing single detached dwellings and provides a critical segment for a larger linear open space network which can provide pedestrian and active transportation opportunities and link the surrounding residential communities to the Bronte GO station.









As shown above, using the 45 degree angular plane as a benchmark, much higher buildings could potentially locate along the Speers Road frontage and provide an appropriate height/density transition to adjacent low density areas. Our clients are not proposing or requesting heights or densities of this magnitude. As an alternative, buildings in the 8-12 storey range which terrace towards 3-4 storey medium density blocks along the north side of the proposed internal local road could provide an appropriate transition well within even a 20 degree angular plan and well below the sightlines of adjacent residents.

In conclusion, we believe this is a feasible alternative appropriate for an MTSA and would respectfully request the Town give consideration to this request for the following reasons:

- We believe the West Transitional Area within which the lands south of Speers Road are located have the depth and the area to warrant increased heights and densities while providing a landscaped linear open space feature which provides improved wall to wall separation distances from residential areas to the south. The use of angular plane models to provide transition within this block will result in greater and more transit supportive height and densities at more appropriate locations within the West Transitional Area while protection and buffering low density areas to the south;
- The West Transitional Area has been identified as the area least impacted by various class emissions source locations within the MTSA which would have to relocate before mixed use redevelopment could occur. This makes this area the logical first phase for implementing mixed use redevelopment within the MTSA. In our opinion population and employment projections need to factor the reality that some employers within the MTSA will not relocate or it is cost prohibitive for them to do so.
- Based on the May 10, 2021 staff report, there remains uncertainty as to the proposed 60:40 jobs to residents ratio proposed for this MTSA, as proposed by the Region of Halton. As future office and retail employment trends emerge during the post covid era, there may be a need to re-evaluate these ratios in areas such as the Bronte GO MTSA where new and



future mixed use redevelopment is being directed. Even at a 50:50 jobs to residents ratio, our proposal allows for increased employment levels form what currently exist in this area.

We trust that our comments will be taken into consideration as the Town and Region work towards a final OPA to implement the MTSA policies in the future and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the process. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

GLEN SCHNARR & ASSOCIATES INC.

Jim Levac, MCIP, RPP

Partner

Copy: Sean O'Meara, Town Councillor Ward 1

Guy Dorbeck et al, Speers Road Landowners

Brad Sunderland, Planner, Town of Oakville

Gabe Charles, Acting Planning Director, Town of Oakville



Project No. 15216

May 5, 2021

Sent Via Email to: townclerk@oakville.ca

Planning and Development Council Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, ON L6H 7H6

Dear Members of Planning and Development Council:

Re: Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study and Draft OPA

Town File No. 42.15.58

Item 6.3 to Planning and Development Council (May 10, 2021)

We are writing on behalf of Apple Self Storage ("Apple"), the owner of the existing self-storage and office suites facility located at 700 Third Line (the "Apple site") (see Attachment A for the Apple site location). The Apple site is located immediately adjacent to the existing Bronte GO Station platform and the existing station parking area.

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments on the Draft OPA relating to the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area (the "Bronte Go Study"). It is our understanding that the Draft OPA is now being released for comments, with the intent to bring it back for recommendations some time in the fall.

As you may know, Apple has been active over the past few years in expanding their existing self-storage and office suites facility, and has been monitoring the ongoing Bronte GO Study. Specifically, the studies and preferred options provided in late 2019 identified the Apple site for higher density mixed use development proximate to the Bronte Go Station. Only recently have we become aware of a very different approach to the Apple site, where the Bronte GO Study now removes any residential permissions and limits heights to a maximum of 8 storeys, with the ability to extend up to 12 storeys for offices.

From our recent discussions with planning staff, we understand that this recent change was made due to the results of the land use compatibility studies to buffer residential use permissions from existing surrounding Class III industrial facilities. While we understand that the location of Class III facilities could introduce limitations to locating sensitive uses on the Apple site, we do not believe it is necessary or appropriate to completely remove the potential for residential permissions of a higher density.

The Bronte GO Study and related Draft OPA introduces policies that seek to achieve objectives to the year 2051. In our view it is not appropriate to negate any residential permissions on the Apple site for the horizon of this planning study. There are many policy options that can be considered to allow the potential for residential permissions



on all, or at least portions, of the Apple site. This could be achieved without any constraints or impacts on the surrounding Class III industries. One such method would be to introduce a site-specific policy such as the following:

"Lands at 700 Third Line

- (a) Residential units may be permitted within 300 metres of the property line of a lot containing a Class III industrial facility where it has been demonstrated, through studies to the satisfaction of both the Director of Planning and a peer reviewer(s) selected by the Town and paid for by the applicant, that future residents on these lands would not experience material adverse noise, vibrations, traffic, odour or other emission effects generated from such a nearby industrial facility. Town Council may enact a zoning by-law pursuant to Sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act with an 'h' Holding Symbol in respect of residential uses on the lands municipally known as 700 Third Line.
- (b) The 'H' Holding Symbol applicable to the zoning, for the lands known municipally as 700 Third Line, may be removed by Town Council and these lands may be used for residential and/or residential/commercial purposes upon receipt by City Council of a report from the Director of Planning that confirms:
 - i. That a development proposal has been submitted that is to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning, and
 - ii. That the studies referred to in paragraph a) above have shown that future residents on those lands would not experience material adverse noise, vibration, traffic, odour or other emission effects generated from the nearby industrial facility.

Town Council may also lift the 'H' holding symbol where the industrial activity that was the basis of implementing the 'H' holding symbol has ceased and is not replaced by another operation of the same or similar use for a period of one year measured from the date of closure of the original operation."

Notwithstanding that surrounding Class III facilities have expressed interest to remain in the area proximate to the GO Station, it is our opinion that the policy framework should include some balanced flexibility for residential, while also demonstrating that the continued operations of the surrounding industrial facilities are not impacted or frustrated.

While the foregoing comments deal with the long term potential for the Apple site, we also believe that the Draft OPA should provide some additional flexibility for more near term, or interim, redevelopment. Specifically, while Policy 27.8.1 provides opportunity for redevelopment of low-rise employment uses, it does not reference the potential for "infill" development. We propose the following modification to address this concern, which would allow for the gradual redevelopment of the site:

27.8.1 (g) The redevelopment of existing low-rise employment uses may occur gradually over the long-term. Notwithstanding the minimum building heights shown on Schedule S2, and minimum densities shown on Schedule S3, infill



<u>development</u>, building additions, and/or alterations may be permitted, where they can be demonstrated not to preclude the long-term redevelopment of the property as set out in this Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Bronte GO Study and Draft OPA. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Finally, we request that we continue to be kept apprised of any further consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

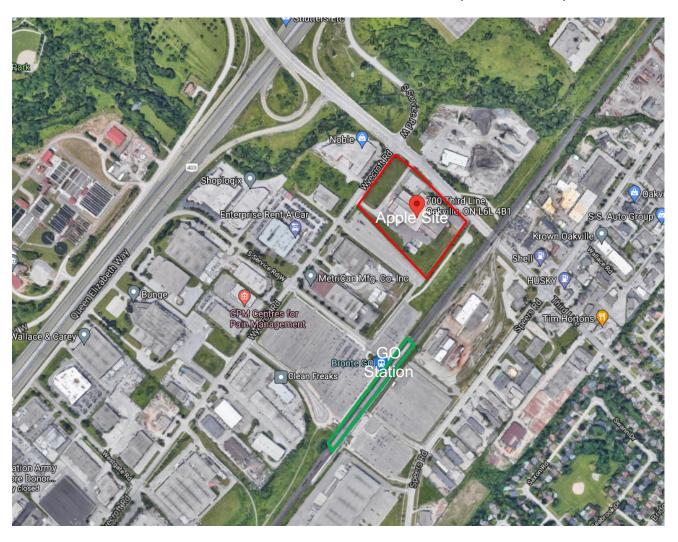
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Michael Bissett, MCIP, RPP

c. Brad Sunderland, Planner Geoff Abma, Senior Planner



ATTACHMENT "A" - APPLE SITE LOCATION (700 Third Line)





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Sent Via Email

May 5, 2021

Mayor and Members of Council Town of Oakville

RE: Statutory Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment

Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area

I am writing to you on behalf of Roczamb Holdings Limited, the landlord of Budds' Imported Cars Collision Services located at 2071 South Service Road, Oakville, ON L6L 5V6. We have had the opportunity to review the draft Official Plan Amendment for the Bronte Go Station MTSA and offer the following comments.

Budds Collision Services provides support to seven of Budds' dealerships and businesses within the immediate area. These dealerships and this facility were established based on permissions within the Official Plan and Zoning By-law and are an important hub for automotive services for Oakville and the broader communities. Protecting and enhancing this hub is a priority for Budds.

The Bronte MTSA will take many years to redevelop. The planning horizon for implementing this Official Plan Amendment is 2051. The collision facility is an appropriate interim use until such time as the MTSA redevelops for the intended uses.

We do note that Section 27.8 f) states that "uses and buildings that legally existed prior to the adoption of this Plan may be permitted to continue, however, they are intended to be redeveloped in conformity with this Plan."

Section g) allows for the expansion of existing low rise employment uses however this provision historically has not applied to automotive uses. It is our position that existing automotive uses should have the same permissions re expansion within the Bronte MTSA as was permitted within the Midtown MTSA due to the similarity of the policy context for both MTSA. We are requesting that Section g) be amended to include language that would include, in addition to the low rise employment uses, these automotive uses. This would allow these uses to change in response to market over time, including expansion, until such time as the MTSA redevelops.

We look forward to working with Town staff to resolve this matter.

Yours truly,

Ruth Victor | MCIP RPP MRTPI

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Sent Via Email May 5, 2021

Mayor and Members of Council Town of Oakville

RE: Statutory Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment Bronte Go MTSA

I am writing to you on behalf of the Policaro Group, the owners of Porsche Centre Oakville located at 2250 South Service Road West. We have had the opportunity to review the draft Official Plan Amendment - the Bronte Go Station MTSA and offer the following comments.

The Porsche dealership was established on these lands in accordance with approved Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirements. These permissions within these documents were based upon the automotive uses study completed by the Town of Oakville to determine where within the Town, automotive uses such as this car dealership were an appropriate land use in this location.

The Bronte MTSA will take many years to redevelop. The planning horizon for implementing this Official Plan Amendment is 2051. The automotive dealership in this location is an appropriate interim use until such time as the MTSA fully redevelop for the intended uses. We do note that Section 27.8 f) states that "uses and buildings that legally existed prior to the adoption of this Plan may be permitted to continue, however, they are intended to be redeveloped in conformity with this Plan."

Section g) allows for the expansion of existing low-rise employment uses however this provision would not apply to automotive uses which are considered a commercial use. Within the Midtown policies of the Livable Oakville Plan, we note that the permission for expansion of existing uses included commercial uses. It is our position that existing automotive uses should have the same permissions re expansion within the Bronte MTSA as was permitted within the Midtown MTSA due to the similarity of the policy context for both MTSA.

For this reason, we are requesting that Section g) be amended to either specifically include "automotive uses" in addition to "employment uses "or in the alternative, a reference to the broader term of "commercial uses" in addition to "employment uses" within this provision.

We look forward to working with Town staff to resolve this matter.

Yours truly,

Ruth Victor | MCIP RPP MRTPI

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EMAIL

Date: 05-10-2021

To: Town Clerk

From: B. MacNeil

I live at ### Trudale Court and I'm against this project. Putting high rises and multi level townhomes next to my property will take my privacy away and also lower the value of my property.

Date: 05-10-2021

To: Town Clerk, Brad Sunderland

From: C. Crawford

My name is Corbin Crawford and I live at ### Trudale ct. in Oakville.

I received your letter concerning the development of the Brontie Go train and surrounding areas. I have reviewed both "option one" and "option two" defining the proposed land use areas. I am concerned with the massive increase in the population density of the affected area. Oakville has a wonderful open comfortable feel to it. And much of the atmosphere that draw people to Oakville in my opinion has to do with the low density of the housing developments. Higher density areas in Oakville like the Kerr St. corridor are much less desirable and now it seems that this is the intended future of the Brontie Go train area.

One of the reasons I purchased this property twelve years ago was because my back yard is quite private. I back on to Wallace Road and the light industry is only there Monday to Friday 9-5 and make for great neighbors. Now in both proposed options there will be town houses being built behind me. And the trend in this type of housing is to build a three story structure the parking on the bottom floor, living space on the second and bed rooms on the third. Also town houses are by their very nature quite narrow. This means I could easily have 5 to 8 different houses looking in to my back yard. This will destroy the privacy I have enjoyed since I moved in.

I understand that a city must grow and be developed. However, I am hoping that another option could be developed with greater consideration to the people who back onto this new development. I propose another option that could ideally include a green space buffer between the existing homes and the new houses. Or at lease change the town house area into single family detached homes.

I am also conserved with the lack of information concerning lot size and how tall the building will be. Under appendix 2, table 4 high density areas are able to be 9-20 stories and medium density is 2-6. This is much too great of a range and need to be better defined.

I will be attending the town hall meeting on May 10 and hope that some of my concerns can be addressed.

I would like to be notified of any and all proposals, desertions and time lines. My email address is XXX or my phone number is ###.



KITCHENER WOODBRIDGE LONDON KINGSTON BARRIE BURLINGTON

May 10, 2021

Brad Sunderland Planner Town of Oakville

Email to: brad.sunderland@oakville.ca

Dear Mr. Sunderland:

RE: BRONTE GO MAJOR TRANSIT STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN

COMMENTS BY CRH CANADA GROUP INC. ("CRH")

731 THIRD LINE

TOWN OF OAKVILLE FILE NO. 42.15.58

OUR FILE NO. 9061DR

Further to our submission dated March 4, 2021 (attached), MHBC has reviewed the "Draft Official Plan Amendment (dated Draft – April 15, 2021) for the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area" relative to CRH's asphalt operation situated at 731 Third Line. We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comments as part of the statutory public meeting. We will not be making an oral presentation at this meeting.

Firstly, we would like to recognize Town Staff's efforts in this first Draft Official Plan Amendment that generally aims to address land use compatibility and the protection of existing industrial uses in the Bronte GO MTSA area. With that said, we have concerns that the proposed draft Amendment does not go quite far enough with respect to land use compatibility and protecting CRH's industrial operations.

This letter is intended to provide a general overview of those concerns and we intend to provide a more detailed submission in the next couple of weeks including proposed wording for review and consideration by Town Staff.

1. Maintain Industrial designation

CRH's lands at 731 Third Line are currently designated Industrial on Schedule F (South West Land Use) of the Town's Official Plan. Industrial areas are intended to provide for heavy industrial operations and are limited to well screened, highly accessible locations (14.5). The 'Industrial' designation permits heavy industrial operations such as manufacturing, assembling, processing, fabricating, refining, repairing warehousing and wholesaline amongst other uses. Outdoor storage

may be permitted on lands in this designation (14.5.1.a). Therefore, CRH's asphalt plant operation and associated outdoor storage uses are permitted by the current Industrial designation.

The proposed OPA would redesignate the lands from Industrial to 'Growth Area' on Schedule F and, more specifically, 'Business Employment' on proposed new Schedule S1.

By contrast, 'Business Employment' areas "are intended to provide for a wide range of business and industrial uses. The uses in the Business Employment areas are intended to be predominantly within enclosed buildings and provide for light and service industrial operations with minimal impacts on the surrounding areas" (14.4). The 'Business Employment' designation permits "offices and light industrial uses.." amongst other uses (14.4.1.a). Limited outdoor storage and display areas shall be adequately screened and may be permitted through the implementing zoning (14.4.4).

In effect, the proposed OPA will remove land use permissions that currently recognize CRH's asphalt operation as a permitted use and will limit outdoor storage which is a necessary for the nature of the main permitted use. CRH objects to this approach, which is inconsistent with Policy 2.5.2.4 of the PPS.

As noted in our previous submission, this is a highly strategic site for CRH currently and in the long term. Therefore, it is imperative to CRH to have the current land use permission maintained. This can be achieved by either:

- (i) designating CRH's lands as 'Industrial" (preferred)
- (ii) designating CRH's lands as "Business Employment" but include a site-specific policy for 731 Third Line that maintains current heavy industrial and outdoor storage land use permissions

2. Eastern District

Similar to the comments noted above, the Eastern District policies state that: "over time, the *employment area* will transition to lighter employment uses, and new heavy industrial uses will not be permitted. This policy implies that existing heavy industrial uses will be transitioned and will no longer be permitted.

CRH does not intend to relocate its operations and does not agree with the removal of land use permissions for the reasons noted above.

3. Land Use Compatibility Policies

The proposed Land Use Compatibility policies in Section 27.4.5(d) does not properly implement the recommendations of the D-6 Guidelines and the background noise and air quality study recommendations and should be deleted or reworded. Site-specific official plan amendments should not be considered for areas identified within the Minimum Separation Distance but the Area of Influence, as set out in the D-6 Guidelines.

Furthermore, land use compatibility policies should set out more clearly that mitigation will be on the onus of the applicant developing the sensitive land use and include Terms of Reference for noise and air quality study requirements.

4. Ontario's Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline

The proposed OPA should also take into account the Province's recently released Draft Land Use Compatibility Guideline (March 2021). The Guidelines will play a considerable role in planning this MTSA given the presence of significant established industrial uses in the MTSA. Once updated, the Guideline is intended to be used by municipalities when making land use planning decisions, particularly in light of recent changes to the PPS that aim to protect employment areas planned for industrial or manufacturing uses. The Guideline is intended to help ensure certain land uses can coexist and thrive for the long-term within a community, including major industrial facilities and more sensitive residential land uses.

5. Building Heights

Building height permissions set out on Schedule S2 may not be achievable depending on the findings of a detailed land use compatibility assessment. Therefore, the proposed wording of Section 27.7.11 should be revised to clearly indicate that building height permissions are also subject to further detailed land use compatibility assessment as set out in Section 27.4.5(b).

Please be advised that CRH and MHBC will be submitting further detailed comments for review and consideration by Town staff.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment and we hope to work with Staff to address and resolve our concerns and comments over the next few months.

Yours truly,

MHBC

Debra Walker, BES, MBA, MCIP, RPP

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cc: Jessica Ferri, CRH

Attachment: March 4, 2021 Letter Submission by MHBC (on behalf of CRH)



KITCHENER WOODBRIDGE LONDON KINGSTON BARRIE BURLINGTON

March 4, 2021

Brad Sunderland Planner Town of Oakville

Email to: <u>brad.sunderland@oakville.ca</u>

Dear Mr. Sunderland:

RE: BRONTE GO MAJOR TRANSIT STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN

COMMENTS BY CRH CANADA GROUP INC. ("CRH")

731 THIRD LINE

TOWN OF OAKVILLE FILE NO. 42.15.58

OUR FILE NO. 9061 DR

MHBC has been retained by CRH Canada Group Inc. ("CRH") to review and provide comments on the Staff Report titled "Discussion Report – Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study: Area Specific Plan". We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments as follows on this initiative.

CRH owns and operates the Dufferin Construction asphalt plant operation at 731 Third Line in the Town of Oakville (see **Figure 1** for a Location Map) (referred to herein as "Subject Lands" or "site"). The asphalt plant has been in operation in this location for the past 50 years. CRH is a proud and active member of the community.

This is a highly strategic site for CRH currently and in the long term. The large parcel, 5.7 ha (14.2 acres) in area, is situated in an ideal location for asphalt processing. The site has direct access onto a major arterial road and a full movement interchange of the QEW, providing efficient and close access to construction sites and growth markets. The site is generally isolated, being surrounded by the rail corridor (to the south), Third Line (to the west), the QEW/interchange (to the north) and Fourteen Mile Creek Corridor (to the east). The site is currently surrounded by employment uses and is adequately separated from sensitive land uses.

Attached to the Staff Report is Appendix 1: Into the Mix: Area Specific Plan for the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area (Final Report, February 2021) ("Into the Mix Report"). Overall, we generally agree in principle with the preferred land use framework as set out in Section 4.1 of the Into the Mix Report, which would provide for a 'business employment' land use designation on the Subject Lands and surrounding area.

Figure 3-5 of the Report appropriately identifies CRH's operation as a potential Class III facility and the need for a <u>minimum</u> separation distance of 300 m from sensitive land uses, in accordance with the D-6 Guideline recommendations (see attached **Figure 2**). It should be noted that 300 metres is the minimum separation distance and the potential influence area is up to 1000 metres for an asphalt facility.

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT

The revised framework, as set out in Section 4.1 of the Report is generally consistent with direction provided for in the PPS. Any area-specific policy will need to be consistent with the Land Use Compatibility policies and the Employment Area policies of the PPS 2020 which provides policy direction for the protection and preservation of Employment Areas that are planned for industrial and manufacturing uses.

Further, certain existing uses (i.e. asphalt plant) situated on the Subject Lands is considered a mineral aggregate operation given the definition in the PPS and would also be afforded protection by Policy 2.5.2.4.

GROWTH PLAN

CRH supports maintaining the Subject Lands and surrounding area as an employment area in the Region and Town's Official Plans. This will help ensure that CRH's operations are protected from any potential future conversions to a non-employment use and the potential for encroachment of sensitive land uses within the necessary separation distance identified in the D-6 Guidelines.

HALTON REGION OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW & MTSA POLICY AMENDMENT

The Subject Lands and surrounding area are identified by Halton Region as a Regional Employment Area.

ROPA 48 proposes to maintain the Regional Employment Area designation as well as identifying the Subject Lands as being within a MTSA.

ROPA 48 also proposes to add Section 83.2(7) which states: "Where *Employment Areas* are located within a *Major Transit Station Area* as delineated on Map 1H, recognize the dual role and function of these *Major Transit Station Areas* as mixed use *Strategic Growth Areas* as well as the location of important existing employment uses, and, require Local Municipalities to plan for these areas by:

- a) Recognizing the importance of existing employment uses and the potential for employment growth and *intensification* within the *Employment Area* and within adjacent mixed use areas;
- b) Providing an appropriate interface between the *Employment Area* and adjacent mixed use areas to maintain land use compatibility; and
- c) Only permitting *development* within adjacent mixed use areas if land use compatibility can be addressed in a manner that protects existing employment uses in accordance with Section 79.3(12) of this Plan.

Generally consistent with PPS Policy 1.2.6.2, ROPA 48 proposes to add Section 79.3(12) which states: "Ensure the long-term operational and economic viability of major employment uses, and achieve land use compatibility between major employment uses and *sensitive land uses* within or adjacent to *Strategic Growth Areas*, by requiring that such uses are planned and developed to avoid, or if avoidance is not

possible, minimize and mitigate any potential adverse effects from odour, noise and other contaminants, and risk to public health and safety is minimized, in accordance with Section 143(12) of this Plan.

LAND USE COMPATIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS

The entire Bronte MTSA falls within the potential influence area (1000 m) of the asphalt plant facility and within the potential influence area of other existing industries located within this MTSA.

In principle, permitting sensitive land uses within this MTSA potentially triggers a need for considerable mitigation required to ensure compatibility between existing industries and the introduction of new sensitive land uses. The more sensitive land uses that continue to encroach on the industrial operations, the amount of mitigation needed and potential for complaints increases.

Despite industrial uses being present 'first', existing industries are required to ensure any emissions from their operations are properly mitigated to meet Provincial Standards through the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) process regulated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The CRH facilities have an ECA approved by the MECP based on the current separation distance of existing residential uses.

Once sensitive land uses are permitted in a land use designation in an official plan, the Planning Act requires that that municipal zoning by-law be amended to conform with the official plan. Once designated, it is understood that such lands would be zoned to include zoning permissions for sensitive land uses.

Once the zoning permits a sensitive land use, an ECA must assume a sensitive receptor is present on the zoned lands (even if a sensitive land use is not present). This change transfers the responsibility of mitigation for noise control to the industry. Therefore, any proposed Area-specific Plan policy must keep this in mind so a wrongful transfer of responsibility does not result.

Please be advised that CRH and MHBC welcome any further discussion with the Town (and Region) staff. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important initiative and request notification of any future meetings or decisions relating to the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area and associated Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment.

Yours truly,

MHBC

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May 10, 2021

VIA EMAIL: TownClerk@oakville.ca Our File No. 162234

Planning & Development Council c/o Clerk's Department Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

Attention: Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk

Dear Ms. Tytaneck:

Re: May 10, 2021 Meeting

Agenda Item 6.3

Bronte GO MTSA Draft OPA

Re: Rodenbury Investments Group

2189 Speers Road

We are counsel to Rodenbury Investments Group in this matter and welcome the opportunity of providing some preliminary comments to Council on the above-captioned draft OPA.

Last week we had an initial meeting with your Policy Planning Manager Diane Childs and Policy Planner Brad Sunderland and others to advise them of our client's property and interest in fully participating in this significant Town planning initiative.

Our client's 6.19 ha. [15.3 acres] property abuts the rail corridor and the Bronte GO Station parking lot. Its large size and close proximity to the station makes the redevelopment potential of this site to be of significant and strategic importance to the achievement of many of the draft OPA's goals and objectives.

Matters we believe need to be further reviewed and addressed before the final OPA is presented to Council for adoption include:

- Schedule S1 The proposed boundaries of the "Station District" should be realigned to include our client's property;
- Schedule S2 The proposed boundaries of the "5-20 Storeys" designation should be realigned to include our client's property;
- Schedule S3 The proposed boundaries of the "3.0 Minimum FSI" designation should be realigned to include our client's property; and

• Schedule S5 – The location and extent of the "Open Spaces" designation on our client's property.

We look forward to discussing these and other items with Town Staff in the coming months as their work continues in finalizing this MTSA OPA.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

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c. Client

Diane Childs Brad Sunderland

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KITCHENER WOODBRIDGE LONDON KINGSTON BARRIE BURLINGTON

May 10, 2021

Mayor Burton and Members of Council c/o the Town Clerk Town of Oakville, Clerk's department, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

TownClerk@oakville.ca

Dear Mayor Burton and Members of Council:

RE: PROPOSED BRONTE GO OAKVILLE PLAN AMENDMENT 2245 SPEERS ROAD, OAKVILLE

OUR FILE: 21197D

O.E. Local 793 are the owners of the lands at 2245 Spears Road, and have retained MacNaughton Hermsen Britton Clarkson Planning Ltd. (MHBC) to represent their land interests in Oakville, Ontario. The property is located south of the railway tracks on the north side of Speers Road, west of the Bronte GO station. O.E Local 793, through MHBC, is grateful that the Town of Oakville Council is receiving property owner comments and recommendations regarding the proposed amendment to Livable Oakville, under the *Planning Act*.



Aerial Photo of Subject Lands

The recommendation is to update Livable Oakville, and applicable Schedules by incorporating S1 to S5 (Land Use, Building Heights, Density, Transportation Network, Urban Design) and update the section with new policy text and schedules forms the basis of our input. The following provides an overview of: subject land context; the impact of the proposed policies on the subject lands; and recommendations regarding the amendment.

Subject Lands: Context

The subject lands are contained within the policy area boundary of Bronte GO MTSA. This area is identified as the Town's Urban Growth Centre, and is currently designated 'Employment' within the Urban Structure and Land Use Schedules. The subject lands are also identified as part of the Speers Road corridor. Policy 26.4.2 notes that this corridor should be further studied to confirm long-term land uses and opportunities for intensification suitable for this area. Further to this, Policy 27.1.11 notes that the lands addressed as 2245 Speers Road may also permit a public hall.

The subject property is approximately 5.55 ha (13.72 acres) in area and is located on the south side of rail corridor, north of Speers Road with frontage along Speers Road. There is an existing two storey structure on site that contains local union offices as well as acts as a training centre for crane operators. The rear of the property (abutting the rail corridor) is open air with various crane machinery used and stored for training purposes. To the east, west, and south are existing one and two storey industrial buildings with surface parking lots.

Region Official Plan Amendment 48 (ROPA 48)

Halton Region initiated its Official Plan Review in 2014 but recently determined to amend its Plan incrementally in a piecemeal manner. One of the first amendments, Region Official Plan Amendment 48 (ROPA 48), was released for public and agency consultation on February 17, 2021 as required under the *Planning Act*. This amendment "identifies non-discretionary components of a Regional Urban Structure that support local plans and priorities" (Region of Halton Staff Report: LPS17-21: Draft Regional Official Plan Amendment 48 – An Amendment to Define a Regional Urban Structure). Halton Region's proposed Map 1H "Regional Urban Structure" shows the area of Bronte GO in Oakville having all lands within its boundary as now being contained within a delineated Major Transit Station Area. This signifies that Halton Region's proposed Urban Structure mapping is based on the Town of Oakville's current Official Plan's urban structure, as found on Schedule A1: Urban Structure (April 28, 2018), which designates Bronte GO as "Growth Areas".

The subject lands, under the proposed ROPA 48, will be within the new delineated Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) boundary of Oakville GO Station, which is identified as a priority station. The proposed amendment states that the Oakville MTSA minimum density will be 150 people and jobs/hectare.

Bronte GO MTSA: Proposed Official Plan Amendment Draft Policies Applicable to Subject Land

The Town of Oakville proposes to modify the Livable Oakville Plan by including policies for the Bronte GO MTSA, as well as modified Schedules A1, C, D, F, and new Schedules S1 to S5. The purpose of the amendment, in part, is to reflect Halton Region's delineation of the Oakville GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) boundary and to impose a new grid transportation network throughout the area. The Bronte GO major transit station area is planned to accommodate increased population and employment densities,

and transform over the long-term from an area dominated by employment and industrial uses, to a transit-supportive, mixed use, urban community which maintains an employment focus.

Urban Centre

The Urban Centre Designation encourage mixed use buildings, but at the same time permits redevelopment of stand-alone residential, commercial and office buildings subject to a similar number of jobs as the previous use to which it was redeveloping. Commercial uses shall be provided on the ground floor of buildings facing primary streets. The policies also require where redevelopment includes commercial and employment uses, they should be located adjacent to Speers Road, Wyecroft Road, the Westgate Road extension, the relocated bus terminal, and the employment areas to the west.

Overall, the proposed policies are somewhat similar to the current policies such as the proposed density for the area (e.g. 150 residents and jobs/hectare), but have introduced revisions that affect the subject lands, 2245 Speers Road. Several key proposed amendments include:

Reconfiguration of Roads

Existing roads and road networks are proposed to be abandoned, realigned, widened or replaced based on the new Schedule S4: Transportation Networks.

Schedule S4 shows the new configuration of the Westgate Road extension and rail crossing will cut through the subject property along the west portion of the subject lands in a vertical manner to Speers Road. This new road is classified as a Future Major Collector and will be subject to an environmental assessment. The policies note that it is anticipated that enhanced streetscape treatments and public art associated within the future grade separated crossing and Westgate Road extension enhanced pedestrian amenities and grade separated crossing as part of the north-south open space system, coordinated with the Bronte GO Station.

Further to this, Schedule S4 also shows a new east-west local road network through the centre of the subject lands along with a second north-south vertical local road in proximity to the east edge of the subject lands.

Phasing/Transition:

The redevelopment of existing low-rise employment uses may occur gradually over the long-term. Notwithstanding the minimum building heights shown on Schedule S2, and minimum densities shown on Schedule S3, building additions, and/or alterations may be permitted, where they can be demonstrated not to preclude the long-term redevelopment of the property as set out in this Plan.

27.2.4 notes that protecting existing industrial uses within the major transit station area by ensuring land use compatibility is a key objective. Accordingly, the Town is trying to balance the needs of existing employment uses while ensuring the area can adapt and evolve to include a greater mix of office, residential and other sensitive land uses;

Policy 27.4.5 also requires a land use compatibility assessment, including but not limited to a noise and vibration study; and, air quality report. The draft OPA notes the minimum separation distances for sensitive uses within proximity to industrial development.

Additional Building height:

The permissible building heights are anticipated to be approximately 2 to 4 storeys in height. Additional heights may be considered in exchange for required segments of future roads, park and open spaces, and space to accommodate jobs. One additional storey for every 800 m² of net leasable floor area of office uses (to a maximum of 4 additional storeys

Additional Density:

The minimum density anticipated for the subject lands will be 1.5 FSI. It is acknowledged that the redevelopment of existing low-rise employment uses may occur gradually over the long-term. Notwithstanding the minimum densities shown on Schedule S3, building additions, and/or alterations may be permitted, where they can be demonstrated not to preclude the long-term redevelopment of the property as set out in this Plan. The gross floor area generated by calculating the minimum floor space index which could otherwise be accommodated on the portion of a lot required to be dedicated for a public road, park or other open space, may be transferred to the retained lot or block, and accommodated on the lot or block as increased building height above the maximum permitted height.

Parking:

Surface parking is discouraged in favour of structured and underground parking. Where surface parking is provided it shall be limited to the extent possible, located in the side or rear yard, and the visual impact shall be mitigated by a combination of setbacks and landscaping. On-street parking is encouraged for local streets where possible and shared parking arrangements are encouraged. Give the MTSA status, the Town intends to work with Metrolinx to ensure a strategic approach to the provision of parking is undertaken. Reduced and/or maximum parking standards shall be provided in the implementing zoning.

Open Space:

An Open Space system is proposed on the north portion of the site currently used as the crane training facility. We note the open space system is proposed to take up almost half of the property (north portion). The policies do note that the areas shown are conceptual and the precise size and configuration of parks and open space shall be determined as part of the planning application process.

Impacts for 2245 Speer Road

The proposed amendment to the Oakville Official Plan policies will have both positive and negative impacts:

Positive Impacts

- o Increased building heights
- o Increased population and employment densities

The proposed policies that increase building heights in the Trafalgar District will support investment and population/job growth in the area.

Negative Impacts

- o Potential compatibility with future development applications
- o Private land investment converted to a public road
- o Extension of Westgate Avenue through 2245 Speer Road

o Open Space Area

Overall, the proposed policies support intensification in the general area, but at the same time is supportive of the existing employment lands in the area of the Bronte GO station. We appreciate the policy direction to support the existing employment lands and allowance of building additions, and/or alterations may be permitted, where they can be demonstrated not to preclude the long-term redevelopment of the property as set out in this Plan.

We do have general concerns on compatibility given the existing operations at the subject lands are predominantly outdoor. Further to this, we have major concerns over the proposed road alignment through the subject lands. We understand the intent is to facilitate the development through redevelopment of the subject lands, but the road network is proposed is extensive with new roads proposed on the west, east and through the middle of the property in an east-west manner. We would like clarification on how any expansions to the existing operations could be facilitated given this extensive road network.

Policy Recommendations

Having reviewed the proposed new policies for the Livable Oakville Plan that will guide development at the Bronte GO MTSA for the next decade to 2031, under the current Halton Region Official Plan (ROPA 38), the following recommendations are provided for consideration:

- 1. Maintain the current road network instead of the proposed Schedule S4 Bronte GO MTSA Transportation Network that Council adopted in 2017 as it does not negatively impact any landowner. While we acknowledge that finer grain road network is required. This could be accomplished by policy text outlining the key requirements for the road network, and not presupposing a local road network that may not be achievable due to existing employment uses. There should be flexibility in the grid network shown depending on the development applications. We note that policy 27.5.6 notes that the connections shown are conceptually depicted on Schedule S5.
- 2. We are concerned with the extension of Westgate Avenue as the current general alignment proposes to go through the west portion of the subject lands, and potentially creates an unusable development parcel to the west of the new north-south extension. We would request that the alignment be re-examined such that should this extension be required, it align to the westerly property line and note into the property at 2245 Speers Road to avoid potential disruption of the existing operations/business.
- 3. The extensive open space area appears to take almost 50% of the clients land area. When coupled with the internal road network proposed as well as the Westgate extension, it reduces the developable land area significantly. As noted above, we would recommend adjustments to the schedules be undertaken and to the policy to simply note that open space areas are anticipated but not propose to prescribe the area/configuration of these areas. A simple dot on a map creates the effect of noting that an open space area is anticipated in a general area. Presupposing the size and shape of the area on a schedule is problematic when considering the additional constraints being prescribed.

The above policy recommendations ensure that development may continue to occur on the lands at 2245 Speers Road. While we understand the need for intensification around the Bronte MTSA, we hope

that the Town can re-examine their road network through existing properties. We would welcome an opportunity to speak with the Town in person regarding our concerns to ensure that the Town's policies are supported and at the same time our client's existing operations are able to continue well into the foreseeable future. We hope that the Town of Oakville considers the above policy recommendations to ensure that 2245 Speers Road remains a viable and developable property that can support the vision for the Bronte GO MTSA.

Thank you.

Yours Truly,

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Oz Kemal, BES, MCIP, RPP

cc. L.Nakaza

EMAIL

Date: 05-10-2021

To: Town Clerk

From: S. DeStaphanis

To Whom it may Concern,

My name is Scott DeStephanis and I'm a homeowner at ### Trudale Court, here in Oakville.

I recently read your plans for development of the Bronte Area and I would like to have this act as my official notice of appeal to say I disagree with this amendment and do not condone this proposal. Please register this as a formal protest against this plan.

I plan to attend tonight's call but would like to use this written correspondence as my notice.

Thank you, Scott

EMAIL

Date: 05-10-2021

To: Town Clerk

From: S. Lalla

Hi there

My name is Sacha Lalla and I am the home owner of ### Trudale Court in Oakville

I am writing for two reasons:

First is to request a chance to speak at today's meeting that is set for 630pm est to obtain instructions on how to participate and be able to speak about this proposal as I would like to make an oral submission regarding this matter.

Secondly I would like to also have this act as my official notice of appeal to say I disagree with this amendment and do not condone this proposal. Please register this as a formal protest against this plan.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at this email address or at XXX.

Thank you

Sacha Lalla



May 10, 2021

Sent Via Email to: townclerk@oakville.ca

Brad Sunderland, Planner Geoff Abma, Senior Planner Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, ON L6H 7H6

Dear Mr. Sunderland and Mr. Abma,

Re: Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study Item 6.3 May 10, 2021 Planning and Development Council

We are writing on behalf of Acclaim Health and Community Care Services ("Acclaim Health") with respect to Item 6.3 (the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area ("MTSA") Study (the "Study")) on the May 10, 2021 Planning and Development Council agenda. On behalf of Acclaim Health, we have also reviewed the Town's staff Discussion Report and the "Into the Mix: Area Specific Plan for the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area" report, dated February 2021.

As you are aware, Acclaim Health is the owners of 2250 Speers Road, a site that is located within the Bronte GO MTSA study area. As you are aware, Acclaim Health the Town supported and approved a Temporary-Use Zoning By-law (2019-085) in September 2019 to permit the use of the site for a dementia care facility that permits respite care including overnight care in association with day programs. In the review of the application, it was demonstrated through planning analysis and land use compatibility studies that the introduction of sensitive uses on the site was acceptable. However, the permission was temporary because the use would need to be considered in the overall context of land use changes in the area through the Bronte GO MTSA study.

We note that construction to renovate the existing building is well underway and the facility will be open in September 2022.

In this regard, we have reviewed the report to Planning and Economic Development Committee dated May 10, 2021 and have also reviewed the Report #2020-P-27, including Attachment #1: Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Policy Directions. We are supportive of the general direction of the report, particularly the vision to



establish a mixed use community in the MTSA, which is in keeping with Policy 2.2.4(9) of the 2019 Growth Plan.

In the draft materials for the Bronte GO MTSA study, the plan proposes the following for Acclaim Health's site at 2250 Speers Road:

- Acclaim Health's site at 2250 Speers Road is proposed to become the 'Urban Centre' land use designation with permissions for low-rise (2-4 storeys). The site is also included in the an area identified as Phase 1 Mixed Use Area which includes the north half of the site as 'Speers Corridor' and the southern half as 'West Neighbourhood Transition Area'.
- The report provides that the Bronte GO MTSA would be developed in two key phases to deal with changes in use in the context of the air quality buffers required for existing industrial facilities. In this regard Phase 1 will occur in the shorter-term.
- A new Local Road ('Road G') is proposed to cross Acclaim Health's site in an east-west direction through the southern half of the site where the existing building is located. In addition, 'Areas for Potential Active Transportation Linkages' is also proposed on the southern part of the Acclaim Heath site.
- In the demonstration plans presented in Figures 4-18 and 4-19, the proposed building footprints and massing are shown as 'Employment/Commercial' on the north part of the site and residential on the south end of the site.

While we support the introduction new land uses that would permanently support sensitive uses on the Acclaim Health site, we are concerned that this permission does not apply to the entire property given that the demonstration plan identifies the north half as an employment commercial buildings. Further, we do not support the proposal for a Local Road through the property, even as a long-term vision, because Acclaim Health plans to maintain the dementia care facility on this site for a long time. We do support the inclusion of Acclaim Health's site in the Phase 1 area, as this direction with respect to land use compatibility is consistent with the findings of the land use compatibility study completed for Acclaim Health's zoning by-law application in 2019.

Given the importance of this facility to the community and the Town's support for the development, we request that the Bronte GO MTSA study be revised to integrate Acclaim Health's facility at 2250 Speers Road into the long-term vision for this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area Study. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do



not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Finally, we request that we continue to be kept apprised of any further consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

BOUSFIELDS INC.

Emma West, MCIP, RPP

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cc. Angela Brewer, Acclaim Health Melissa Cameron, Acclaim Health Date: 2021-06-04

To: Sean O'Meara

From: C. and J. Bonifacio

Hey Sean,

Thanks for these updates, very helpful!

We were wondering.

Judy and I live on Swann Drive, east of Third line, one of the last housing neighborhoods before the proposed developments near the Bronte Go Station.

We've followed the last couple of meetings on the proposed plan and had a few comments that I believe are still being discussed.

1) Height of developments to the immediate north of the existing neighborhoods.

Has there been resolution of the strategy for the gradual increase of those building heights?

It seems that all the building height standards have a + or - option that could see those in the closest proximity be built to a max of 6 stories. Is that correct?

Can there be a cap placed on those building heights to the immediate north of existing residences while allowing other heights closer to the GO station to be flexible?

2) It seems there are proposed walkways or "access" to the neighborhoods to the immediate south of the Proposed Development Plan.

Our neighborhood may be one of those access points.

Has the Town been keeping an eye out to buy properties that go up for sale on those northern streets to allow for constructing that access?

Real Estate is hot in these areas and I wouldn't want the Town to miss an opportunity.

3) In terms of streetscape, walkway, and public use of the new streets and public spaces, does the Proposal Team design those public areas or do the Developers design those spaces?

We are concerned that the streetscapes may not provide well for sitting areas, sidewalk cafes, gathering spaces and an environment that encourages community.

When does the street infrastructure plan get presented to the Town and by whom?

4) Counselor Beth Robinson's comment on the creation of safe bike lanes running along Third Line from Lakeshore is a great idea that shouldn't get lost.

Thanks for your very close attention and specific questions to the proposal team. We love your thorough approach!

Charlie and Judy Bonifacio

Swann Drive, Oakville.



June 10th 2021

Brad Sunderland, MCIP RPP Policy Planner Town of Oakville 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, Ontario

RE: Town Initiated Official Plan Amendment - Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area (File No. 42.15.58)

Dear Mr. Sunderland,

Enclosed within the letter below, please find consolidated comments from Metrolinx on the Town Initiated Official Plan Amendment - Bronte MTSA as presented at the Statutory Public Meeting on May 10^{th} 2021.

Metrolinx looks forward to remaining an engaged stakeholder throughout the OPA process and receiving future updates.

Relevant section of the document	Comment/Question
Public Meeting Report - Town- initiated Official Plan Amendment Report Appendix C Attachment 2 Section 27	The "Bronte GO MTSA Policies" in Appendix C Attachment 2 to OPA provide a transit supportive development framework that aligns well with overall regional strategies to focus growth around higher order transit. The policies align with the objectives of the Metrolinx Transit Oriented Communities Program and the implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
Public Meeting Report - Town- initiated Official Plan Amendment - Bronte GO Major Transit Station Area (File No. 42.15.58) - May 10, 2021	(pg. 15 "Halton Region Official Plan"): It is recognized that to achieve the minimum density target of 150 people/jobs per hectare, Town staff are advocating for the removal of lands within Bronte GO protected MTSA from the Regional Employment Area designation overlay. The conversion of Employment Areas to non-employment uses would provide flexibility for mixed-use, transit-supportive development that would benefit the transit station area and encourage ridership.

Public Meeting Report - Town- initiated Official Plan Amendment Report Appendix C Attachment 2 Section 27.4.3 J	We note that reference is made to "the reimagining of existing surface parking areas to structure parking or other innovative solutions" which provides flexibility to provide parking through alternative innovative solutions in the future which may or may not include structured parking.
Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment Report Appendix C, Section 27.4.5 k) Rail	In accordance with Section 3.9 of the "Guidelines for New Development in Proximity to Railway Operations" (The Railway Association of Canada and Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 2013), municipalities should consider the use of environmental easements for operational emissions, registered on title of development properties within 300 metres of the railway right-of-way, and granted to the railway owner. Easements will provide the railway with a legal right to create emissions over a development property and reduce potential for future land use conflicts. We suggest including the following language to this section: iv) An environmental easement for operational emissions shall be registered on all development properties within 300 metres of the railway corridor, in favour of the railway owner.
Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment Report Appendix C, Section 27.4.5 k) Rail	As part of Metrolinx's GO Expansion program, a 3.5 metre vegetation-clearance zone has been established along the rail corridor. Within this area, tall-growing vegetation (like trees) are not allowed. Some low-lying vegetation, such as decorative grasses and shrubs may be accommodated. More information can be found on Metrolinx's website. Suggested language: v) Unless otherwise directed by the property owner of the railway right-of-way, no tall growing vegetation (e.g. trees) shall be planted within 3.5 metres of the railway right of way.

Date: 2021-07-12

To: Brad Sunderland

From: C. Wood

Hi Brad,

Meant to attend your recent webinar on Bronte GO plans.

I read the article in the Beaver regarding plans to make Bronte GO more accessible.

I have a suggestion but not sure how practical.

For the residents who live in the subdivisions south of Bronte GO, they have to walk south then take Bridge to Third line and then north to Speers and west along Speers

Having pedestrian access from Seabrook Park/Trafford area to Speers/GO would cut the walk time considerably and cut down on traffic and parking.

My 2 cents anyway.

PS Have been an Oakville resident since 1984 River Oaks/Glen Abbey/Bronte

Chris Wood

Emily Circle

Oakville, ON

Date: 2021-08-06

To: Brad Sunderland

From: J. Finelli

Hello Brad,

This e-mail is to follow up on a telephone conversation we had in mid June 2021. I appreciate you taking the time to answer our questions at that time. I wanted to send you a quick note so as that some of our concerns (as Elli-Fin Construction Limited owner of 2125 South Service Rd. and 2009 Wyecroft Rd. in Oakville) are noted as part of the future discussions/developments with relation to this plan around the Bronte Go Station. I know that the ability to appeal may be very limited but I hope that this feedback will preserve our potential rights to appeal as well if so permitted and needed.

I understand that our two properties (2009 Wyecroft Rd. and 2125 South Service Rd.) had their usage changed from the initial draft proposals due to the uses of other properties in the area and our property falling less than the separation distances required for sensitive uses (i.e residential uses) either under current regulations or proposed Ontario guidelines. I understand that other developments have been able to manage these type of sensitive uses closer to industrial uses in the past via mitigation measures but I understand there are changes proposed with the new provincial guidelines which may limit this so that is why Town of Oakville has proposed the current zoning. Our preference would be to have the broadest use possible for future developments but I understand that this is not likely to be possible for our two properties with respect to the possibility of residential use and that is why the change was made to the initial draft.

One item that we would like flexibility on was with respect to the prevention of car dealership use in the existing proposal. Many of the properties along the QEW have been developed into car dealerships and removing the possibility of such use could have a negative impact on the value of our land for future development. We understand the Town of Oakville's intent of this is to try to maximize the number of jobs being created in the employment zones yet we wanted to express our concern with regards to this proposed restriction with regards to future use of the land as a result of this potential impact on the value of the land for resale/redevelopment in the future.

Thank you,

Jerry