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The Corporation of the City of Brampton 2 Wellington Street West Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4R2

Attention:

**Mayor and Members of Council** 

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Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth

Management

Michelle Gervais, Policy Planner, City Planning and Design

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Design

Subject:

Public Input – Statutory Public Meeting City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment

**Major Transit Station Areas** 

Lark Investments Inc.

Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd. (GWD) and Delta Urban Inc. (Delta Urban) acts as Planning Consultant to Lark Investments Inc. (Client); the Registered Owner of 10 and 26 Victoria Crescent, 376, 383, 387 and 391 Orenda Road and 24 Bramalea Road, in the City of Brampton (hereinafter referred to as the "subject site" – see attached ownership map). We have been asked to review and provide the City of Brampton with our comments, observations and recommendations in connection with the Information Report and Statutory Public Meeting regarding City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA).

The subject site is located in the Bramalea GO 'Primary' MTSA. Our Client has been actively participating in the Brampton Plan (City of Brampton New Official Plan) process, including correspondence dated June 3, 2022 prepared by Delta Urban. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

In addition, as Council and Committee is aware, our Client has put forward a vision to transform the subject site from existing low-order industrial uses towards a dynamic mixed-use complete community, with an emphasis on higher density and a broader range of residential and employment uses which are transit-oriented/supportive. To advance the implementation of our Client's vision, Brampton Council passed a resolution in support of a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) on October 20, 2021, and again on December 8, 2021. The MZO was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and is currently under review by the Province.

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#### <u>City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment - MTSA</u>

According to the City of Brampton Staff Report, the purpose of the City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Major Transit Station Areas is to propose the addition of interim Official Plan policies to better guide development and land use decisions in MTSA's, while the detailed planning and technical studies for Primary MTSA's are completed and until Brampton Plan (the 'New' Brampton Official Plan) is in effect. The OPA includes: a new schedule showing the boundaries of Primary MTSA's and the locations of Planned MTSA's; interim set of policies to support intensification and to guide development; and deletes the Mobility Hub policies, schedules and references.

The City of Brampton has scheduled the Statutory Public Meeting to receive public comments on the draft City-Initiated Interim MTSA Policies Official Plan Amendment on Monday, February 13, 2023.

On behalf of Lark Investments Inc., we have reviewed the City of Brampton Staff Report dated January 10, 2023, along with the accompanying Draft Official Plan Amendment, and offer the following comments, observations and recommendations.

- 1. Section 3.1 (6) of the draft OPA includes the proposed text for the new Section 3.2.4 Major Transit Station Areas. More specifically, the third introductory paragraph under proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.4 directs that "...a variety of housing option that include a mix of affordable rental and ownership housing types and unit sizes shall be provided" in terms of addressing affordable housing objectives. We recommend that the policy be revised to use progressive language such as 'encourage' and 'strive to provide', as opposed to being prescriptive. Without financial support and affordable housing development initiative/investment from all levels of government, these targets, may not be economically feasible and achievable.
- 2. Continuing with Section 3.1(6), and the fourth introductory paragraph under proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.4, the last sentence appears to contradict the rest of the paragraph. In this regard, the paragraph notes that the transportation network for MTSA's will be designed to support and integrate active transportation, local transit services and inter-municipal/inter-regional higher order transit services. These transit services are motorized modes of transportation. The last sentence is contradictory as it notes that non-motorized travel will be the preferred option within MTSA's. We recommend that this sentence be re-worded to reflect the objective of walkable communities, that are transit-supportive.
- 3. Section 3.1 (6) of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.5.1, it is not clear if the objectives of this policy are meant to be met across the whole of the MTSA, or within each development application within an identified MTSA. The introductory statement notes "All development within an MTSA..." In particular, subsection f) speaks to providing a diverse, equitable and inclusive set of public service facilities and community services. It may not be feasible for each application, depending on the size of the



property, location, or existing neighbourhood characteristics (i.e. industrial/employment areas, predominantly urban built forms, etc.) to provide this. We recommend that the policy be amended to reflect that these objectives are to be achieved across the whole of the MTSA, and that the should take into consideration existing public service and community facilities (i.e. provide and contribute to).

- 4. General Comment Section 3.1(6) of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.5.2 – is the study referenced here the current MTSA Study that is ongoing by the City of Brampton, or is this a separate development application-based study to be completed by development proponents when applications are submitted?
- 5. **Section 3.1(6)** of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically proposed Official Plan **Section 3.2.5.2 b)** speaks to building heights and FSI. The policy makes a reference to maximum heights if required. We recommend that the policy be amended to only reference the minimum heights. The subject site, along with other MTSA locations, are located in an area of the City that is subject to the recently adopted Council resolution on unlimited height and density.
- 6. General Comment **Section 3.1(6)** of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically proposed Official Plan **Section 3.2.6** is the MTSA Block Concept Plan referenced in this proposed policy the same as a Tertiary Plan?
- 7. **Section 3.1(6)** of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically, proposed Official Plan **Section 3.2.6.4**, we applaud the policy "encouraging" owners within an area to work together to produce the Block Concept Plan. However, the policy then goes on to note an individual owner may complete the Plan for the entire area if others decide not to participate. The policy does not reflect situations where other owners may not necessarily "decide not to participate", but rather the owner proceeding to prepare the plan may not be aware of other owners who are in the process of preparing an application. The Policy also does not reflect whether this plan is one that gets revised from time-to-time as successive applications are brought forward. We recommend that this policy be deleted in its entirety.
- 8. General Comment Section 3.1(6) of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.6.5 g) is the phasing of development referred to in this policy within each site-specific development, or across the whole of the MTSA? There are instances, depending on the size and extent of the development proposed where phasing could occur in both instances. We recommend that phasing should be eliminated in general, whether within the block or the MTSA. If all lands can proceed, phasing should not be forced.
- 9. Section 3.1(6) of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically, proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.7.1, speaks to the preparation of a Growth Management Strategy. It would appear, but is not clear in the policy, that this is similar to the Growth Management Staging and Sequencing Reports prepared in



the Block Plan process. Confirmation and clarification is required, and should be worked into the proposed policy. It is not clear in the proposed policy who prepares this report (the first application in the MTSA, each application (i.e. updating the original report)), or the mechanism to ensure coordination where applicants may not be aware that others are planning/proceeding to file site-specific applications.

- 10. Section 3.1(6) of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically, proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.7.3, should include less prescriptive language such as "encourage" or "explore". In some cases, there may be constraints to consolidation of parcels (owners not prepared to sell, varying lengths of commercial leases, etc.) that would preclude this from occurring. Official Plan policy should not mandate the requirement of a property owner to purchase other properties, and conversely, to sell properties. There are policies in place to require applicants to demonstrate conformity with various policy objectives, along with demonstrating that proposed developments do not preclude the overall objectives of the MTSA. These are sufficient, and we recommend that this policy be deleted in its entirety.
- 11. Section 3.1(6) of the draft Official Plan Amendment, and more specifically, proposed Official Plan Section 3.2.8, is a policy section specifically related to Planned MTSA's, and speaks to the nature of these areas requiring further study to determine appropriate land use considerations before they are delineated. Proposed Official Plan Sections 3.2.4 through 3.2.7 provide interim policies for MTSA locations, that appear to refer to the Primary or Secondary MTSA's; those that are delineated, however, those policies are not under a specific section heading that identifies those policies as being specific to the delineated MTSA's. In addition, they include generic references to "development in a MTSA", which would include Planned MTSA's; this would appear to conflict with the Planned MTSA section (Section 3.2.8). We recommend that the previously noted proposed sections be placed under an appropriate heading to reflect the MTSA's that the policies apply to.
- 12. The draft Official Plan Amendment to introduce Interim MTSA Policies is premature, given that the MTSA study is ongoing, and a number of the Focus Group Sessions for the Primary MTSA's are either occurring after the Public Meeting (Mount Pleasant MTSA on February 16, 2023), or have yet to be scheduled (Bramalea GO, Brampton GO, Centre, Kennedy and Rutherford). These reflect a large number of Primary MTSA locations where the greatest heights and densities are expected to be accommodated, including the MTSA within which the subject site is located (Bramalea GO MTSA). Specifically for the Bramalea GO MTSA, the policies should reflect the pending MZO and vision which was endorsed by Council, and special provisions for this MTSA should be provided. We recommend any decision on this draft City-Initiated OPA be deferred until after input is received from all of the Focus Group Meetings for all of the MTSA locations.



#### **Closing Remarks**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Major Transit Station Areas. Our Client reserves the right to provide further comments as necessary prior to Council approval of the Official Plan Amendment.

Kindly accept this letter as our formal request to be notified of all future Open Houses, Public Meetings, Planning Committee and Council meetings to be held in connection with the City-Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Major Transit Station Areas. Lasty, we request notification of the passage of any and all By-laws and/or Notices on this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Andrew Walker, B.E.S., M.C.I.P., R.P.P.

**Partner and Principal Planner** 

Michael Gagnon, B.E.S., M.C.I.P., R.P.P. Partner and Managing Principal Planner

cc: Lark Investments Inc.

Mustafa Ghassan, Delta Urban Inc. Liam England, Delta Urban Inc.

Anthony Sirianni, Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd. Harjap Singh, Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd.



June 3, 2022

Sent via email cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca

The Corporation of the City of Brampton c/o City Clerk's Department
2 Wellington Street West
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Attention: Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Lark Investments Inc.

Review and Comment on the draft "Brampton Plan, the new Official Plan"

City of Brampton (the "City"), Region of Peel (the "Region")

Dear Mayor Patrick Brown and Members of Council,

We are writing to you on behalf of our Client Lark Investments Inc. (the "Client") with respect to lands located at the northwest corner of Bramalea Road and Steeles Avenue (the "Subject Lands"), as identified in the attached Ownership Plan (Schedule A). The Subject Lands are approximately 15 hectares in size and are known municipally as 10 and 26 Victoria Crescent; 376, 387 and 391 Orenda Road; and 24 Bramalea Road in the City of Brampton. The Subject Lands are located within the Bramalea GO Major Transit Station Area ("MTSA") boundary, and within the Bramalea Mobility Hub Secondary Plan Area. The objective of this letter is to provide our comments regarding the Draft Brampton Plan, the new City of Brampton Official Plan, which was released on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and is envisioned to be recommended for adoption at the July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting.

As Council is aware, our client put forward a vision (the "vision") to transform the Subject Lands from existing low-order industrial uses towards a dynamic mixed-use complete community, with an emphasis on higher density and a broader range of residential and employment uses which are transit-oriented/supportive and pedestrian friendly. To advance the implementation of our client's vision, council passed a resolution in support of a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and again on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The MZO was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to support the proposed intensification and higher-order development of the Client's lands being located within the Bramalea GO MTSA. The MZO is currently at the province for review and we look forward to its implementation in the near future.

Council endorsed the transformation of these lands from an existing low-density industrial space which is significantly under serving the community, into a vibrant high-density mixed-use complete community which is supported by transit. The Peel Regional Official Plan, as approved by Regional Council on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, acknowledges the vision of Council and provides a policy framework to implement *flexible policies* for the Bramalea GO MTSA, to support residential and non-residential uses.



#### City of Brampton Draft Official Plan (the "Brampton OP")

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the extensive work put in by staff to deliver the draft Brampton OP and commend staff in preparing such an extensive document promptly after the Regional Official Plan was approved by Regional Council. We are particularly gratified to see the draft Brampton OP reflect the residential mixed-use land use designations our client had envisioned for the Bramalea GO MTSA. However, we do have several concerns regarding the built form policies within the plan. We offer the following letter and supporting memo which underline our major concerns regarding the restrictiveness of the policy. This Brampton OP should reflect the vision which Council has already endorsed, which is one of a vibrant, transit-oriented, high-density mixed-use complete community.

Transforming the lands in the currently under-utilized Bramalea GO MTSA would assist in creating additional housing to assist in the growing housing crisis. While the current draft Brampton OP supports greater mixed-use/residential densities, it heavily restricts the level of density that can be accommodated within the Bramalea GO MTSA and it is currently not in-keeping with the Regional Official Plan and the vision that Council has endorsed. For instance, the Regional Official Plan does not restrict heights or densities but adds that Municipalities may include maximum building heights within a Secondary Plan. In our opinion, the current Draft Brampton Plan is far too restrictive and provides too much authority to guidelines, which are meant to establish design intent vs. prescriptive development criteria. We strongly believe that by restricting heights and densities in an area well-supported by Municipal, Regional, and provincial transit, the current draft Brampton OP will disservice and limit growth in the City of Brampton, as this site has significant potential for substantial residential and employment growth. Attached herein is a memo prepared by Bousfields Inc. which highlights key concerns regarding the urban design and built form policies.

We would like to again acknowledge the work the City of Brampton staff have done to develop the Draft Brampton Official Plan. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss our concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments and proposed changes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Very Truly,

Mustafa Ghassan, BES, M.Eng

Delta Urban Inc.

cc. Andrew McNeill, Strategic Leader, Planning And Development Services Department, City of Brampton Sajjad Ebrahim, Lark Investments Inc.

Michael Gagnon, Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd.

Liam England, Delta Urban Inc. David Falletta, Bousfields Inc.

Enclosed. Schedule A - Ownership Map

Bousfileds Inc. Memo – Urban Design and Built Form Review of the Draft Brampton Plan

Appendix 1: Ownership Map

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### Bramalea and Steeles Ownership Map

#	Ownership Legal Name	Area (ha)	Municipal
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1	EBRAHIM INVESTMENTS INC.	1.076	10 Victoria Cres
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4	REICHHOLD INDUSTRIES LIMITED	2.200	383 Orenda Rd
5	2708110 ONTARIO INC.	0.811	380 Orenda Rd
6	2650549 ONTARIO INC.	0.484	15 Victoria Cres
7	1997243 ONTARIO INC.	0.589	19 Victoria Cres
8	EP 390 ORENDA INC.	3.156	390 Orenda Rd
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10	2695214 ONTARIO INC	0.406	24 Bramalea Rd
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42	CANADIAN TIRE CORPORATION	0.108	2021 Steeles Ave E
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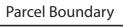
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Public Lands



Bramalea GO Preliminary MTSA Boundary





# Appendix 2:

Memo - Urban Design and Built Form Review of the Draft Brampton Plan



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mustafa Ghassan, Delta Urban Project No.: 20125

From: David Falletta Date: May 31, 2022

Re: Urban Design and Built form Review of the Draft Brampton Official Plan,

Dated April 2022

As requested, we have completed a detailed review of the recently released Draft Brampton Official Plan (the "**Draft OP**"). The following will outline some key policies related to the Lark Investments Inc.'s land holdings, generally at 376-391 Orenda Road and 26 Victoria Crescent in Brampton (the "**subject site**") and our recommendations. Our review is specifically related to the draft built form and urban design policies.

#### **Key Draft Policies and our Response**

Land Use

The subject site is located within a *Provincially Significant Employment Zone* (the "**PSEZ**") as defined by the Growth Plan. However, Policy 2.2.5.9 states that the conversion of lands within *employment areas* to non-employment uses may be permitted through a municipal comprehensive review, subject to certain criteria. In this regard, the Region of Peel (the "**Region**") has added a flexible policy (Policy 5.8.36) to the subject site (and entire Bramlea GO Major Transit Station Area) retail, residential, commercial, and non-ancillary uses within the Bramlea GO MTSA, which is designated as an *employment area*. The Draft OP designates the subject site *Employment, Town Centres, Primary MTSA*, and *PSEZ*.

**Response:** In our opinion, the Draft OP should implement the Draft Regional Official Plan (the "**Draft ROP**") and provide a similar policy framework for the Bramlea GO MTSA that specifically recognizes its ability to accommodate non-employment uses. This will ensure conformity with the Growth Plan and ensure the policy goal of providing a mix of uses on the subject site and entire Bramlea GO MTSA. More specifically, the policies in sections 2.2.126-2.2.130 should apply to the subject site and Bramlea GO MTSA.



#### MTSA Policies

Policy 3.1.66 of the Draft OP states that the City will undertake a detailed comprehensive planning study for each of the designated *Primary MTSA*'s, which will result in a secondary plan policy framework and address certain criteria identified in the policy.

Response: In general, we are supportive of these MTSA policies, subject to inclusion of additional policies as identified above specifically for the Bramlea GO MTSA. More specifically, we are supportive of the wording in criteria 3.1.66.d which states that the secondary plan will establish the minimum and if required, maximum heights and FSI for each block within the MTSA. In our opinion, given the policy framework that seeks to optimize density within strategic growth areas, including MTSA's, it is our opinion that the ultimate secondary plan should provide flexibility in maximum height and density. In our opinion, Policy 3.1.66 should create a timeline for when the secondary plan must be complete in order to avoid a delay in the development of City's MTSA or alternatively allow for owners or groups of owners to complete a secondary plan process for some or all of the MTSA, subject to an approved terms of reference by the City.

#### Framework for Building Typologies

Table 4 of the Draft OP summarizes the range of built form typologies permitted within each designation and overlay. In this regard, the subject site falls within a Mixed-Use District (MTSA) and Town Centre, which are identified as a "Low-Rise" typology for the Mixed-Use District and "Low-Rise Plus, Mid-Rise" for the Town Centre. Additional permissions are also identified and the Draft OP states that MTSA studies may identify appropriate locations for Low-Rise Plus, Mid-Rise and Tall Buildings. Town Centres include additional permissions for Tall Buildings subject to a precinct plan and being located within an MTSA. Furthermore, Tall Plus buildings are only permitted in Urban Centres through additional permissions.

Response: In our opinion, Table 4 is overly restrictive and does not fully implement the Growth Plan and the growth management policies of the Draft ROP and Draft OP, which seek to optimize density in *strategic growth areas* and MTSA's, which are well served by public infrastructure and especially public transit. Furthermore, the Draft ROP does not include any building height or density maximums, instead it states that municipalities **may** include maximum building heights as part of Secondary Plans. Overall, in a provincial and regional planning policy framework that requires the optimization of land and development in *strategic growth areas* and MTSA's, which is the case for the subject site, it is our opinion that prescribing maximum building heights does not conform to the PPS, Growth Plan and Draft ROP. We recommend a request to revise Table 4 to permit all forms of building



typologies subject to detailed study and compatibility with existing and planned surrounding uses. If there is a desire to direct the tallest buildings to designated "Urban Centres", the policy framework should state this. It is our opinion that the Draft OP is overly prescriptive and should provide more flexibility. In this regard, the Draft OP should not provide a rigid maximum building height of 25 storeys in Mixed-Use Districts and Town Centres.

#### Primary & Secondary Boulevards

In our opinion, Policy 2.2.29 is concerning since it identifies considerations related to the evaluation to height and built form. Specifically, identifying "visual impacts on the Natural Heritage System" is concerning, since it does not identify how or what criteria would be used to address it.

In our opinion, Policy 2.2.32 is overly prescriptive and gives additional authority to the City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines. In this regard, conformity with the guidelines should not be a requirement, since it is overly restrictive and does not provide flexibility, which is what guidelines are intended to do. In our opinion, a strict interpretation of the policy would require conformity with the guidelines and any variation would require an official plan amendment. In our opinion, this is overly prescriptive and does not allow for the intent of the guidelines to be maintained, which includes, in some circumstances, variations from the guidelines.

#### Urban Design

In our opinion, Policy 2.3.18 provides additional authority to the City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines, which can be altered at any time and not subject to Planning Act requirements for public consultation, approval or appeal. In our opinion, if there is a desire to preserve key landmarks, views and vistas in the City, they should specifically be identified in the Official Plan, where they can be vetted by the public through a formal Planning Act process.

In our opinion, Policies 2.3.34 and 2.3.36 are overly prescriptive and should not establish rigid measures for sunlight and built form placement, since not conformity to this policy will require an amendment, even in circumstances where the intent of the policy is being maintained. In our opinion, these requirements are more appropriately provided in urban design guidelines, since these criteria cannot capture every circumstance, nor do they provide the specific detail required to be perfectly measured. For example, Policy 2.3.34 is unclear as to when the 5 hours is measured (during the equinoxes and does it include the winter). Also, Policy 2.3.36 does not indicate if balconies can project into the minimum 25 metre tower separation and office towers tend to have floor plate sizes larger than 800 square metres. In our opinion, these policies should be removed from the Draft OP and included in the



City's Urban Design Guidelines, which provide additional detail regarding the intent of each guideline and criteria.

#### Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Policies 2.3.30 (Mid-rise Buildings) and 2.3.31 (Tall and Tall Plus Buildings) include policies that require these building typologies to be designed to attain near net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. In our opinion, this policy is overly restrictive and may create challenges in implementation. In this regard, we would suggest that you contact a building sciences consultant to confirm the City's current requirements in this regard and how far these proposed policies would push the net-zero requirements. In our opinion, these policies should provide additional flexibility and specify what the minimum requirements are.

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Area Boundary Parcel Boundary



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