January 15, 2007

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Attn: Alexandra Rawlings
Clerks Department – Coordinator for Planning & Economic Development Committee

RE: Losani Homes (Stoney Creek - Barton Street Assembly)
North side of Barton Street, Stoney Creek
File No.: ROPA-05-06, OPA-05-26, ZAC-05-128, 25T-200526

On behalf of our client Losani Homes, we respectfully request a deferral on item 8.1, from the January 16, 2007 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting to the February 6, 2007 meeting.

The reason for the deferral is that there still seems to be some confusion with respect to whether a comprehensive review has been undertaken, and secondly if the Committee and Council have the legal authority to make a decision on employment land conversations under the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

Although we believed this issue had been addressed and that in fact both a comprehensive review had been done and that staff had confirmed that Committee and Council have the authority to make a decision on this matter, the staff report attached to the January 16, 2007 agenda has not been amended to reflect clarification on the above matter.
It is our hope that by agreeing to a deferral until the February 6, 2007 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting, we will be able to meet with the municipal staff and that they will be able to clarify this matter by means of including an addendum report to the original September 29, 2006 staff report, indicating that the Committee and Council does have the ability and the authority to make a decision on this issue.

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 416-444-3300 ex 3000.

Yours very truly,
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