



June 23, 2015

*Via email to susan.shaw45@gmail.com*

Ms. Susan Shaw  
66 Seaton Drive  
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Dear Ms Shaw:

Re: Highland Gate Redevelopment

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On behalf of Highland Gate Developments Inc., I would like to thank you and Bruce Corbett for taking the time to meet with us on June 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the development proposal for the Highland Gate lands. We also appreciate your providing a copy of your comments set out in correspondence dated May 23<sup>rd</sup> addressed to the Town, a copy of which you provided to us on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the following two matters, as described in your letter:

1. The desire to achieve a continuous green corridor between Bathurst and Yonge Streets;  
and
2. House designs for the new homes.

### **Continuous Green Corridor**

We share your desire to see a continuous green corridor between Bathurst and Yonge Streets. In approaching the design for the plan we were guided by the Town's Trails Master Plan which calls for an east-west trail system from Bathurst to Yonge, with connections to existing trails where they exist, including the existing Oak Ridges Moraine Trail along Seaton, Murray Drive and Kennedy Road.

Of the 101 acre site, almost 50 percent is to be preserved as open space – either as parks, off-road trails or protected natural heritage areas.

We have endeavoured, with the input of our landscape architect, Schollen & Company Inc., to maximize the extent of off-road trails. Of the 7.3 kilometres of trails traversing the plan, 60 percent are off-road. Of the proposed "Town-Wide Spine Trail" which traverses 2.5 kilometres along the northern section of the plan, with a potential linkage through the Tannery Creek open space block, over 85% of this trail is off-road.



As you correctly noted, the Town's Trails Master Plan (2011), seeks to see trails off-street wherever possible. Specifically, section 5.7.3 of the Master Trails Plan states:

*"One of the objectives of the Aurora Trails Master Plan is to develop a trail network that is off-road where ever possible, recognizing that in some cases an off-road alignment is not possible even in the long term."*

Notwithstanding the above, as discussed, we agree to explore what opportunity there is for an alternative surface treatment for the walkway that is within the proposed right-of-way for Street H.

As discussed, we confirm that with the approval of the Town, we support your vision that the new trails contained within our plan be considered for inclusion within the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail system.

Enclosed, as promised, and as provided by Mr. Schollen, is a copy of the key map showing the location of the recently constructed Markham Multi-use Trail as an example of the type of trail treatments we envision for the Highland Gate neighbourhood.

### **House Designs**

We are pleased that we were able to clarify for you that a mix of one-storey bungalows and two-storey homes are proposed and will be offered for sale once we move into the marketing stage of the development, following approval of the draft plan.

Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with us and share your thoughts and ideas for the plan. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

HIGHLAND GATE DEVELOPMENTS INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Shindruk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Shindruk  
Executive Vice President, Land Development

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Copy: Mr. Bruce Corbett