

October 29, 2021

Halton Region
1151 Bronte Road
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Attention: Mr. Curt Benson, RPP, MCIP
Director of Planning Services and Chief Planning Official

Re: Milton Education Village (MEV)
Town of Milton Initiated Regional Official Plan Amendment
Supplemental Information Request

Dear Mr. Benson,

I want to thank you and your staff for meeting with and continuing to work with us to review and discuss the Town of Milton's Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) in relation to the MEV lands.

Students in Halton Region will soon experience Wilfrid Laurier University's (Laurier's) sense of community, along with programming, research and experiential learning in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) under a planetary health umbrella. This focus is especially suited to the Milton campus, which will be adjacent to Greenbelt lands and the Niagara Escarpment and connect with the neighbouring urban environment.

Studying with a planetary health lens will bring students beyond looking at individual aspects of human and environmental health to looking at the intersection between the two. This unique academic environment will foster new developments in clean and green technology, sustainable development and more through academic programming.

In support of Laurier's planetary health study and as discussed at our September 23, 2021 meeting, Laurier is partnering with Conservation Halton to establish a Centre for Urban Watershed Research (CUWR). A significant cornerstone of the vision for the Laurier Campus is providing policy flexibility to consider innovative and creative green infrastructure in the Protected Countryside (Greenbelt) area of the Laurier lands, (as contemplated through the proposed ROPA) which will serve Provincial, Regional, and local interests for the optimal use and enjoyment of the MEV lands.

Further to our meeting, Halton Region (the Region) requested supplementary reports/information necessary to provide support for the ROPA. The following supplementary reports have been completed by Laurier's consultant team in partnership with Town Planning staff, which we are pleased to submit with this letter.

- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Stormwater Management Report
- Town of Milton memo addressing further analysis of Greenbelt policies
- Response Matrix to Halton Region's ROPA comments
- Explanatory Note – Centre for Urban Watershed Research (CUWR)

We thank the Region for the opportunity to provide supplemental information to support and assist Regional staff to prepare a staff report for the November 2021 cycle of Council and we look forward to the scheduling of a Statutory Public Meeting in Q1 of 2022.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thank you,



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