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File No. 135864

VIA EMAIL: <u>christopher.raynor@york.ca</u>
AND REGULAR MAIL

The Chair and Council Members
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Attention:

Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Raynor:

Re:

Section 20 Complaint

Development Charges Act, 1997

Section 257.85 Complaint Education Act

6053971 Canada Inc. 70 Whitmore Road, Vaughan

Building Permit No. 16-0984

We are counsel to the landowner/applicant in this matter.

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint under section 20 of the *Development Charges Act*, 1997 and 257.85 of the *Education Act*.

We submit that the amount of the Regional development charge and educational development charges assessed and paid in connection with the above building permit were incorrectly determined and that there was an error in the application of York Region Development Charge By-law No. 2012-36 and the relevant District School Board by-laws imposing the educational development charges.

For your records, I enclose a copy of our client's payment under protest to the City and the City's receipt indicating the levies that were imposed and paid in this matter.

The proposed development is that of a highly specialized automobile mechanic service shop located within an employment use zone. This addition should be exempt from paying any development charges by operation of s. 4 of the *Development Charges Act*, 1997 and 3.14 of By-law No. 2012-36.

In the alternative, it was incorrectly assessed the "retail" Regional DC rate rather than the lower "industrial" DC rate. Furthermore, the parking spaces on the second floor should not be assessed as GFA upon which DCs are calculated. The subject spaces were not designed or intended to be used as a "parking structure" as that term is defined in the By-Law.

We reserve the right to augment this complaint with other information and reasons.

We look forward to discussing this with you and hope that this matter will be resolved to our mutual satisfaction.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

Leo F. Longo

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c: Client

Bill Hughes, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer

Wes Surdyka Architect Inc.

York Region District School Board York Catholic District School Board

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200 Autopark Circle, Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 8R1

February 24, 2017

Building Standards Department City Hall Level 100 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

HAND DELIVERED

RE: Development Charges Payment Under Protest Building Permit Application #: 16-0984 70 Whitmore Road Vaughan, ON L4L 7Z4

Dear Sir/Madam.

Further to our full payment of the requested development charges for the above noted building permit applications, that have been calculated and demanded by the City and Region, we hereby note that this payment is being made under protest and we hereby reserve all of our legal rights to challenge both the city's and region's jurisdiction to impose these charges and their amounts. The City and Region have erred in applying the DC By-laws in question and incorrectly determined the amount of the development charges. We are under a practical compulsion to secure the requested building permits and undertake the construction within our industrial building.

Yours Truly

Remo Ferri

6053971 Canada Inc.

cc. Wes Surdyka Architect Inc. Leo Longo, Aird & Berlis LLP

Other (speciny)	Special Area Charges	Education Levies 1000.2	Regional Levies 1000.2	City Levies - Non-Residential 62070	City Levies - Residential 62000.2618	Cash in Lieu of Parkland Payment: 61020.2622	Received From: C3 C3 S Building Permit Number(s): (5 32 5	Micheque Dato 1201/10mgによって
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