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## July 10, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam:

## Re: Finalization of Comments by Waterloo Regional Council – New Regional Official Plan for the Region of Waterloo

On June 16, 2009, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo adopted a new Regional Official Plan (ROP). Following adoption of the ROP by Regional Council, the ROP was forwarded to the Province for approval in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act.* As part of the approval process, the Province has identified a number of modifications to the policies and mapping within the ROP it feels are necessary to address matters of Provincial interest.

On June 30, 2010, Regional Council adopted staff Report No. P-10-056 which contained recommendations regarding the Province's proposed modifications. This staff report has now been forwarded to the Province for its consideration. As you have previously requested to be kept apprised of the processing of the ROP, Regional staff is sending you this letter to keep you informed with regard to the status of the approval process.

We anticipate that the Province will issue a Notice of Decision on the new ROP in late July or early August this year. Following the issuance of the Notice of Decision, there will be a 20day appeal period, as set out in the *Planning Act*, during which any person or public body may file an appeal of the Province's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. If you wish to receive a copy of the Province's Notice of Decision, please contact Provincial staff directly at the following address:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Attention: Mr. Bruce Curtis OR Mr. Dwayne Evans Municipal Service Office – Western 659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor London, ON N6E 1L3 Tel: 519-873-4020 Toll Free: 1-800-265-4736 Fax: 519-873-4018

Copies of the new ROP, as adopted by Regional Council on June 16, 2009, and staff Report No. P-10-056 are available online on the Region's website at: <u>http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca</u> by clicking under the "Living Here" tab and following the links to the "New Regional Official Plan". Further information about the proposed new ROP and the status of the approval • Page 2

process may also be obtained from:

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Sincerely,

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