PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Commissioner's Office

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January 5, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Provincial Issuance of a Notice of Decision Regarding the 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 its adoption by Regional Council, the ROP was forwarded to the Province of Ontario for final approval in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*.

In an effort to keep you informed, please be advised that on Monday, January 4, 2011 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a Notice of Decision relating to the new ROP. The Notice of Decision outlines changes and/or modifications to the ROP required by the Province as part of the approval process. The Notice of Decision also outlines the process by which any person or public body may file an appeal to the Province's decision regarding this matter to the Ontario Municipal Board. In accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, any **such appeals must be filed to the Province of Ontario within a 20-day period following issuance of the Notice of Decision (the final appeal date is January 24, 2011).**

The Province's Notice of Decision may be viewed online at the Province's Environmental Registry website at www.ebr.gov.on.ca OR on the Region of Waterloo's Regional Official Plan website at www.region.waterloo.on.ca/newrop. If you would like further information regarding the Notice of Decision, please contact Provincial staff directly at the following address:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Attention: Mr. Bruce Curtis <u>OR</u> Mr. Dwayne Evans Municipal Service Office – Western 659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor London, ON N6E 1L3 Tel: 519-873-4695 Toll Free: 1-800-265-4736 Fax: 519-873-4018 Email: Dwayne.evans@ontario.ca

To view Regional Council's response (Report No. P-10-056) to the modifications as originally proposed by the Province in June 2010, please refer to 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".

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Further information about the ROP may also be obtained by contacting the following Regional staff:

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Sincerely,

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