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Your Worship Regional Chair Karen Redman Regional Municipality of Waterloo KRedman@regionofwaterloo.ca

Dear Chair Redman:

In response to your municipality's request for alternative Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) density targets to implement **A Place to Grow: the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe** (A Place to Grow), I am pleased to inform you that your request for the alternative MTSA density targets have been approved.

While A Place to Grow prioritizes intensification and higher densities to make efficient use of land and infrastructure, the government also understands that there can be local constraints to density and intensification. Policy 2.2.4.4 of A Place to Grow states that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may permit alternative MTSA density targets under certain circumstances. As such, and in response to local needs, your request for the alternative density targets of 95 people and jobs per hectare for Laurier-Waterloo Park Station, 80 people and jobs per hectare for Block Line Station, and 120 people and jobs per hectare for Delta Station has been approved.

I look forward to working with you and your Council on the implementation of the Region's Official Plan Amendment 6.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

c: Rod Regier, Commissioner of Planning, Development and Legislative Services, Regional Municipality of Waterloo Danielle De Fields, Director of Community Planning, Regional Municipality of Waterloo