

SUBMISSIONS TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CITY OF BURLINGTON – DECEMBER 4, 2017

Esteemed members of the Planning and Development Committee,
good evening and thank you for agreeing to hear my submissions.

I represent Sandlark Developments Inc. and speak for at least 21 other businesses at 5205 Harvester Road and streets north and east of the Appleby GO Station, which is on the south side of Harvester opposite our buildings.

My purpose in addressing you is to ensure that a pedestrian activated crosswalk is installed across Harvester Road to provide pedestrian access to Appleby GO from the north side of Harvester. This would ensure minimal interference with the traffic along Harvester. Additionally, the traffic lights could be synchronized to ensure flow. This is a critical issue for businesses in the area who require safe access to Appleby GO for their employees and customers. You will have seen this suggestion as part of the feedback in summary of the Public Consultation that was held on October 11, 2017.

As you know, Harvester Road is a busy artery, especially at certain times of the day, and there are no traffic lights between Burloak Drive and South Service Road, a considerable distance. Crossing Harvester is often a challenge as there are two lanes in each direction. The danger to pedestrians is even greater on dark winter evenings.

Transportation Services of the City of Burlington recognizes our concerns and is working toward the installation of traffic signals at this location in summer 2018, to be coordinated with an asphalt resurfacing and installation of sections of sidewalk on the north side of Harvester.

I want to ensure that this work form an essential part of the Appleby GO Mobility Hub Study and that it will be included in the Area Specific Plan for Appleby GO which will be delivered to Council by June 2018. Please include it in your recommendations for the Appleby GO Hub.

The Appleby GO Mobility Hub study area extends to a radius of approximately 800 m around the GO Station and so applies to the future development of properties on Harvester and between us and the QEW, and includes streets like Century Drive and South Service Road.

The Appleby GO Hub Supporting Technical Memo by your consultants dated November 9, 2017 projects a higher density of people and jobs than the surrounding area, with properties adjacent to the Station Area including 40 percent of ground floor area identified for potential retail use, and also low rise blocks with 70 percent light industrial and 30 percent retail. For the entire Appleby GO Mobility Hub this would result, including new residents, in 20,000 new people and 43,000 new jobs, for a total of 63,000 people and jobs.

The City's goal in developing Mobility Hubs, as stated in the Study Overview, is to support 'redevelopment and intensification of these areas by creating transit-oriented, pedestrian friendly and sustainable

neighbourhoods where people can live, work, shop and play'. The Study Objectives include *'Land use and transportation plans that support and prioritize pedestrians, cyclists and transit users'*, as well as *'Providing a mix of uses within walking distance of transit that will create complete, compact and sustainable communities'*.

Mobility Hubs are defined as *'places of connectivity where all modes of transportation – from walking to rapid transit – come together seamlessly, and where there is a concentration of opportunities to live, work, shop and play'*.

A pedestrian activated traffic light linking Appleby GO with the north side of Harvester Road and the neighbourhood extending north to the QEW is certainly within the scope and spirit of the Appleby GO Mobility Hub. Please include it in your recommendations and thereby ensure that it forms part of the Area Specific Plan for Appleby GO.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have as far as I am able.