

October 22nd, 2015

Ms. Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk
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Attn: Ms. Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk

**Re: Comment Letter - Employment Lands Conversion Policy, Staff Report to
General Committee - October 19th 2015 - PLN027-15 – City of Barrie (File:
D09-ELCP)**

Osmington Inc is the registered owner of properties municipally known as: 50 Wood Street and 110 Fairview Road.

As communicated multiple times in recent years, the viability of these lands for development will only be realized through a re-designation. We offer the following comments in response to Staff Report PLN027-15 (“the Report”).

1. Overall, we recognize the importance of flexibility in order for the City of Barrie to remain competitive economically. To this end, we are generally supportive of staff’s proposed Employment Land Conversion Official Plan Amendments (“the OPA”), as set forth in the Report;
2. With respect to the new proposed conversion criteria for 3.1.2.1 (d), we believe the wording of “vacant for an extended period of time...” proposed in June provides the City of Barrie with greater flexibility than “for a minimum of 10 years...” While the latter provides a definitive test, it also appears to be an arbitrary length of time. We recommend that the City maintain the ability to make vacancy duration judgements on a case-by-case basis.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned or Hilary Vaillancourt (hvaillancourt@osmington.ca).

Yours truly,



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