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COURT RESERVES DECISION ON BRAMPTON COUNCIL APPEAL

Yesterday, a judge of the Ontario Divisional Court heard the City of Brampton's request for leave to appeal the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision regarding the proposed high-density development at the northwest corner of Sandalwood Parkway and Conestoga Drive.

Following statements from both the City's counsel and the developer's counsel, Mr. Justice Lemon determined he would reserve his decision until a later date, likely in the Fall.

Should the court grant the City's request, which the Region supports, the appeal will be heard by a three-judge panel of the Divisional Court. The appeal would seek to overturn the OMB's decision to approve the construction of a commercial building and 834 units in six high-rise residential buildings of up to 20 storeys each on the site.

"Incorporating the advice and input from the community, the City has put forward the best argument possible to defend Council's decision and we are hopeful the judge will rule in our favour," said Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell. "Neither Council nor the community ever supported this application; it is contrary to the City's growth management policies and not suitable for the surrounding community."

City Council had twice unanimously refused the proposed development on grounds that it was too large and inconsistent with the neighbouring community, would not conform to the Provincial Growth Plan, would result in increased traffic volumes and the need for infrastructure improvements, and did not provide the required available parkland.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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