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**Subject:** Town of WS Resolution re: Employment Growth Along Highway 404

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**RE: Resolution from Councillor Kroon, re: Employment Growth Along Highway 404**

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on December 11, 2018, and the following resolution was passed:

Whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville continues to vigorously support the intent and application of both the Greenbelt Act (2005) and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act (2001); and

Whereas the "countryside area" or "protected countryside" designations in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017) and Greenbelt Plan (2017) respectively are not sensitive environmental areas; and

Whereas all lands along the 400-series highways are very attractive to industrial development due to their ease of access to the highway network; and

Whereas not all industrial developments are a threat to the environment; and

Whereas permitting clean industrial development will not only help create jobs, but also recoup cost of the investment in and recapture the value of the 400-series highways; and

Whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has a significant amount of land along Highway 404, that are highly attractive for employment growth; and

Whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is in desperate need for employment growth.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Province of Ontario be requested to consider designating appropriate lands abutting a 400-series highway in the GTHA "Provincially Significant Employment Areas"; and

That the Province of Ontario be requested to amend all its applicable land use plans to permit and encourage clean industrial development on the lands designated "countryside area" or "protected countryside" generally abutting a 400-series highway, and

That the Province of Ontario be further requested to direct all affected municipalities to give high priority to servicing these lands; and

That staff be directed to report back with a detailed proposal for the Gormley lands along Highway 404 within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for Council consideration and Provincial approval.

Carried



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