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VIA E-MAIL: dtherrien@peterborough.ca City of Peterborough 500 George St. N. Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Mayor and Members of Council

And To:

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Attention: Warden and Members of Council

And To:

VIA E-MAIL: smcfadden@cavanmonaghan.net Township of Cavan Monaghan 988 County Road 10, R.R. #3 Millbrook, ON LOA 1G0

**Attention: Mayor and Members of Council** 

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Development of a Viable Industrial Land Needs Strategy

Proposal for a Mediation Process - Global Resolutions

My Client: 2340981 Ontario Inc. – Proponent for Expansion of Major Bennett Industrial Park

The following submission is made to the Members of all three Municipalities in relation to the potential development of a viable Industrial Land Needs Strategy. The scarcity of industrial land within the region is now highly problematic, and opportunities are being lost in reference to the potential attraction of industrial development.

The enclosed submission prescribes a framework for consideration of the development of a viable Industrial Land Needs Strategy.

Furthermore, we have also made a suggestion and recommendation as to the retainer of a professional Mediator who has skills and experience in relation to Land Use matters, and the

mediation of Land Use disputes. Global Resolutions is well known, and Mr. McKenzie has been a vice chair of both LPAT and its predecessor, the Ontario Municipal Board.

Although the Municipalities can prescribe the format associated with any mediation proposal, we are suggesting the following possible approach:

- 1. That all three entities agree to commit to a mediation process.
- 2. That Global Resolutions be retained in that context, and that at least three (3) days of mediation service be prescribed and expense shared equally among the three Municipalities;
- 3. The days for mediation not be consecutive, and that the formulated approach would include the following:
  - i) The first day would be the submission of information, data, and approaches suggested by each of the respective Municipalities to the Mediator;
  - ii) A second day be thereafter convened to consider issues and potential solutions to the industrial needs of the City and Region;
  - iii) The third day be committed to a mediated resolution and development of an approach that would address the industrial needs within both the City and the Region.

In the past, a mediation proposal had been submitted by Brookfield Homes. That approach would be highly problematic since Brookfield is a proponent for specific types of development within the area. Global Resolutions is widely recognized and accepted to be a neutral party, and not a participant that would advocate any specific solution, to the benefit of an identifiable party.

This approach may not be successful, but in light of its nominal cost, it should be pursued as a first step towards a potential resolution to address the industrial shortage of adequate land, serviced or otherwise, within the City and the County.

Hopefully, the respective Municipalities will commit to such a process, and identify the parameters of a mediated scheme.

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Yours truly

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## Encl.

- 1. Submission A Viable Industrial Land Needs Strategy
- 2. Global Resolutions James R. McKenzie, Mediator Profile

cc. Sandra Clancy, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Peterborough
Sheridan Graham, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Peterborough
Yvette Hurley, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Cavan Monaghan
Ken Hetherington, Chief Planner, City of Peterborough
Bryan Weir, County of Peterborough Director of Planning
Karen Ellis, Director of Planning, Township of Cavan Monaghan
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