ACHAC

Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee

To:

Mr. Brad Appleby, Planner, City of Peterborough

Re:

Lily Lake Secondary Plan

Date:

10 Aril, 2014

Brad, thank you for your presentation to ACHAC regarding the Lily Lake Secondary Plan and the opportunity to provide comments from the committee. While it is recognized that this parcel was acquired with the intent of residential development, members of the committee did note the loss of greenspace/productive farmland. I have directed our comments to the specific elements outlined in the proposed secondary plan.

First, there are numerous possibilities for public art in this development. These would include more traditional items such as sculpture, murals, etc but also some creative design in providing suburban infrastructure such as park benches, lighting etc. In particular, the top of the ridge with its views out over the city would appear to have great potential for public art. The Committee would be happy to provide examples from other jurisdictions of what such artistic infrastructure might be.

The Committee also expressed concern that the area around Jackson Creek have adequate buffers and walking trails, especially in the southwest corner of the development where there appeared to be opportunities for additional trail development. There was also concern over the potential for a right of way corridor across Jackson Creek which could involve major road infrastructure. This point could be more clearly defined and discussed in the plan.

This area currently has a number of farmsteads which will be demolished. Indeed, the demolition of one such farm has already taken place. It was suggested that an inventory of existing rural properties be undertaken to assist the city in determining which rural properties might be worthy of designation as a surviving example of a rural landscape.

I would be happy to discuss these comments in more detail.

Dennis Carter-Edwards

Chair, Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee