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January 8, 2020

**RE: CSPAC Industrial Garrard GP, Inc File # DEV-32-19 (Z-20-19)**

Dear Town of Whitby Planning and Development Staff,

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a not for profit volunteer organization representing the five cycle clubs and other cyclists located in Durham Region.

As such, DRCC is pleased to have the opportunity to provide feedback relating to the above noted application scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2020. DRCC understands growth and development will occur and fully supports responsible, well planned development.

This in mind, we are asking that the following be taken into consideration as this application proceeds through the approval steps in support of active transportation (AT).

Please note the following:

- Both Garrard Road and Conlin Road are major AT corridors used frequently by our many cycle club members as well as AT enthusiasts in general.
- These two roads form a primary spine cycling network both on an East /West and a North/South axis and intersect at the proposed development location.
- The Town of Whitby has upgraded both roads in support of AT by providing a paved shoulder across the lengths of both roads and signed same as a "Cycle Route".
- In the future, both roads will see a significant increase in large commercial vehicles as this development moves from planning to a full-scale warehouse operation.



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With safety in mind for our roads most vulnerable users, we ask that the following be taken into consideration in support of AT:

- Upgrade the road status on Garrard and Conlin from Cycle Route to Cycle Lane with fully protected markings as per OTM Book 18 Guidelines.
- Improve both roads in support of AT by moving to No Parking with by-law support.
- Upgrade the intersection at Garrard and Conlin by providing a wider apron on the turning radii with protection for cyclist waiting in que following OTM Book 18 Guidelines.
- Identify future property entrance easements from Garrard and Conlin with full cycling cross ride markings as per OTM Book 18.
- Provide on site signage within the development exit points indicating that vehicles are first crossing an AT protected lane.
- Ensure sight lines within the development exits points onto Conlin and Garrard are unobstructed and provide maximum AT sight line visibility.

Further to this, DRCC notes that the Town of Whitby has recently declared a “Climate Emergency. In support of reduced carbon emissions, DRCC recognizes and encourages AT as a go forward sustainable mode of transportation. DRCC firmly believes future development should be incorporating AT infrastructure support into the planning process as a strategy to reducing carbon emissions.

This said, DRCC is recommending the following action be taken by the applicant in support of the declared “Climate Emergency by:

- Preparing an AT plan recognizing AT as a mode of transportation to their site by future employees thus reducing the dependence on single use vehicles.
- Providing a safe AT corridor across the site from all entrances.
- Dedicating a safe, secure, protected parking space to accommodate AT users.
- Ensuring shower facilities are in place in support of AT users arriving on site.

All of these suggestions are low cost, easily attainable and would help support reduced carbon emissions.



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Lastly, DRCC would appreciate being added to the Town of Whitby notification list for future public notifications specific to this application using our DRCC contact information.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, thank you for taking time to consider our submission. As safe cycling advocates, we are optimistic our AT suggestions will be considered to have merit for implementation as this application process unfolds.

Respectfully,

Derek Lee

Director