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Toronto City Council
C/O Sylwia Przezdeziecki, Manager
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Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and Council Members:

Re: PH5.3 – 70 Conversion Requests

I want to follow up on the questions that Councillor Thompson and Councillor Crisanti posed at Wednesday's Planning and Housing Committee meeting regarding item PH5.3 and make the following points:

1. Essential to the success of Toronto's Blue Box program, Atlantic Packaging's two containerboard recycling mills at 111 and 333 Progress Avenue are designated as Class III facilities under the provincial Ministry of Environment's Environmental Compliance Approvals (ESA) system. If sensitive uses occur within 300 metres of these facilities, this will bring into question the conditions for meeting their ESAs. Compliance with these ESA's is critical for the viability of our mills and ancillary operations across the City operations that depend entirely on the mills' production.
2. Because of the proximity of its operations (250 metres) from potential sensitive uses in converting Kennedy Commons to housing and other sensitive uses, Atlantic Packaging does not support the conversion of Kennedy Commons to non-employment uses. A Kennedy Commons re-developed for residential use would be incompatible with our operations and potentially put them at risk.
3. If Council were to approve this conversion, there is no guarantee that any buffering would occur. In fact, in similar conversion situations such as 1001 Ellesmere Road and 20 Brentcliffe Road, the developers have asked years later that lands set aside as a buffer be also converted. As you heard on Wednesday from the Chief Planner and Legal staff, the City has few if any options available to guarantee that buffering will be established.
4. Atlantic's 24-7 operations will be particularly vulnerable to complaints from residents in high-rises who will look down on our operations. Even with noise abatement measures, highrise buildings trap and accentuate noise as well as odour.
5. Atlantic Packaging is the largest private sector employer in Scarborough (1000 plus employees) and has developed its facilities there and elsewhere in Toronto for the long term. The corrugated containerboard business is complex enough without the added stress of new neighbours who will be less than sympathetic to our operations.

I thank you for your attention. Copied are members of the Planning and Housing committee as well as Councillor Shelley Carroll as chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Sincerely,



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To Paul Doyle, CFO, Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd.
On behalf of

Paul Doyle,
Chief Financial Officer,
Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd.

cc. Councillor Brad, Bradford, Councillor Paul Ainslie, Councillor Vincent Crisanti, Councillor Paula Fletcher, Councillor Ausma Malik, Councillor Jamaal Myers, Councillor Francis Nunziata, Councillor Shelley Carroll, Councillor Michael Thompson