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Attention: Mr. Andrew Bear, CPA, CA

**SUPPLEMENTAL GEOTECHNICAL COMMENTS – SLOPE RECONSTRUCTION
PROPOSED MULTI-STOREY BUILDING
401 TO 417 MARTHA STREET
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO**

Dear Mr. Bear,

Further to our geotechnical investigation and slope stability assessment reports, along with our recent discussions with the design team, Soil-Mat Engineers is pleased to offer the following comments.

The top of stable slope has been determined, as illustrated on the drawing in our March 2019 report. The above grade structure is noted to be well 'uphill' of the established top of stable slope, however the below grade parking levels are proposed to extend closer to the creek. It is expected that this will require the excavation and removal of a portion of the slope to facilitate foundation construction. In this regard it is noted that Rambo Creek has been heavily urbanized, including entombment over a significant portion of its length. As well, the existing slope has been shown to consist of variable sand fill. As such, it would be appropriate to stabilise or reconstruct the slope using a retaining wall or reinforced earth embankment. This would allow for the slope to be reinstated and/or stabilised in order to meet the existing flood line, and thus minimize or eliminate any impact on the flood storage in the creek channel.

Our initial slope stability assessment report [SM 166905-G, dated March 24, 2017] provided comments and recommendations on the design of retaining walls or reinforced earth embankments. The use of a reinforced earth embankment option would likely be preferable as it would provide for a vegetated 'green' finished slope face. Available proprietary products, such as TerraSlope 35 or TerraSlope 45 by Terrafix, would be well suited to the site conditions. This system would allow the slope to be constructed at an inclination as steep as 45 degrees, with the finished face vegetated. Where the grading allows the slope to be reinstated at flatter than about 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical it would be appropriate to construct as simple engineered fill, without the need for geogrid reinforcement.



Based on the present design plan there would be sufficient room to accommodate reconstruction of the slope at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical, and possibly flatter, in order to reinstate the grade at the established 100-year flood line. In this fashion there would be no reduction in the storage volume of the creek channel.

We trust that this supplemental geotechnical report is sufficient for your present requirements. Should there be any questions regarding the content or comments within this report please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours very truly,
SOIL-MAT ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS LTD.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "I. Shaw".

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Enclosures: Mark up of Building Sections – Concept Slope Reconstruction

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