

GSP Group
Kitchener, ON
N2G 4Y9
Attn: Kristen Barisdale

Subject: 14000 Belmont Road, Belmont, ON – Belmont Farm Supply: Natural Heritage Features, Scoped EIS.

Dear Ms. Barisdale:

As requested, we have reviewed existing Natural Heritage features on the subject site, where construction of a new warehouse is proposed. This review supports the application for an Official Plan Amendment and for a Zoning By-law Amendment.

We are familiar with the site, having completed ecological inventories on the former woodland in 2017 and 2018.

A site visit, to view existing conditions, was completed on December 15, 2023, under favourable weather conditions with no snow cover.

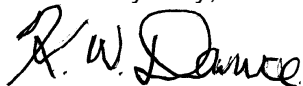
Photo 1 shows existing conditions in the location where the new warehouse is proposed. The former woodland was removed during the 2018/2019 period and turf grass dominates the area currently.

The few Manitoba Maple trees that remain are of small diameter and appear to be unhealthy or dead. These trees do not provide any significant natural heritage function.

The zoning on the subject lands should be changed from Natural Heritage, since there are no significant natural heritage features or functions present on the subject lands nor on adjacent lands. In our opinion a warehouse could be constructed on the subject lands without causing any negative impacts to the Natural Heritage System.

Please contact me if there are any questions about this letter.

Yours very truly,



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