

The Honorable Chris Hodgson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

October 10, 2001

Provincial Policy Statement Review

Dear Minister:

The Green Door Alliance has recently made submissions as part of both the smart growth and moraine initiatives. As indicated in those submissions the Green Door Alliance Inc., (GDA), is a registered charity. Its main objective is farmland and natural area preservation in the north east GTA. Since the main threat to such areas in the GTA is urban growth, over the years the GDA has taken an increasing interest in urban form and growth management issues and has prepared a number of reports on the subject.

Attached is our submission on the Provincial Policy Statement. The submission needs little introduction. In order to allow easier reference the recommendations scattered throughout the report are brought together and repeated at the end of the report, (pages 12 – 14).

If we had to stress anything it would be to urge government to extend and broaden the PPS dialogue, and have a second stage which includes smart growth and its link to the PPS.

In the broader GTA region we are most concerned with, virtually all critical land use decisions relate to how best to accommodate future growth in a fashion that best benefits people, the environment and the economy. Both the PPS and the smart growth initiative are aimed at balancing these same objectives and it is virtually impossible to make intelligent recommendations on the PPS front without knowledge of how smart growth policies and plans will dovetail with the PPS in achieving this aim.

We thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and very much hope you will extend the process so we will have further opportunity to do so, in this area which is so critical to the future of the Province.

Sincerely,

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