## Meeting Minutes on the Discussion with Local Environmentalists Representatives on April 13, 2016

1. Meeting Date: April 13, 2016

2. Time: 12:00 – 2:30 pm

3. Meeting Members:

Representative of environmentalists: Ed Smith; Environmental Specialist invited by Ed Smith (as Ed Smith introduced): Albert; Environmental consultant hired by GR (CAN): Ian Barrett; GR(CAN) Representatives: Hal Kersey, Cynthia Lai, and Zhiying Chang.

- 4. Location: Four Point Sheraton Hotel in St. Catharines
- 5. Meeting content:
  - 1) The representative of environmentalists introduced the background of the reasons for some residents who are opposed to the project and some other concerns.
  - 2) Hope GR to make an overview of the project and to advise on how to protect wetlands and environment.
  - I. Firstly, Ed Smith made requests on our project development, and introduced the background of project site:
  - 1. Regarding the requests:
    - 1) Has GR (CAN) done an Environment Impact Study (EIS) report?
    - 2) Wetland compensation should be compensated according to function;
    - 3) Must protect all birds, animals, and wetlands which government requests to protect;
    - 4) Need all types of study reports, the historical documents of the site, and specific measures on how to protect the wetlands;
  - 2. The reasons and background of some opposing to our project.
    - 1) There was a developer who wanted to destroy a large area of the wetland in 2007. Because the residents strongly opposed it, the developer gave up the development in the end;
    - 2) Environmentalists thought that some councilors wanted to get the project as soon as possible, so they were rush to approve this project;
    - 3) Some residents had conflicts with NPCA before, so they do not trust NPCA. Therefore, residents request MNFR to involve;
    - 4) Residents believed that government officers were not transparent enough in the introduction of this project, many people thought that we would destroy the wetland like the previous developer.

- II. Helen Chang, CEO of GR (CAN), introduced the situation of our project and discussed about the specific measures:
- 1. GR(CAN) has completed EIS, including raptors, fishes, reptile/turtle, natural heritage protection, archaeological reports (3 phases) and noise reports etc.;
- 2. GR(CAN) have spent a lot of money to hire a well-known international brand specializing in urban planning and designing company-the United States RTKL (US), to do the secondary planning;
- 3. To protect the wetlands, GR(CAN) have specially hired domestic and foreign experts to do demonstrations on how to protect the wetlands, and GR (CAN) is willing to invest over 10 million dollars dedicated to the protection of wetlands in addition to some proposals on how to protect the wetlands well.
- 4. We had a detailed explanation of the planning and designing. Furthermore, we introduced the methods of protecting wetland, the methods to build city parks and. In addition, we talked about our plan to build a pedestrian oriented life style center which will create 3000 job opportunities for residents.

## 5. Discussion outcomes

After more than two hours of communication, Ed Smith and Albert were very satisfied with our explanation, and expressed the following points:

- 1) It was very necessary to have the discussion and to share the information on that day, because it eliminated a lot of misunderstandings;
- 2) They would convince environmentalists to support our project development when they went back, but not guarantee to convince everyone, at least they would not be opposed to our project development;
- 3) Mr. Albert also mentioned that Niagara Falls has not been developed with such a good project for a long time. He also showed his willingness to buy a house from us.

The above content is all the fact and I will vouch for what I have said above.

Sincerely,

Helen Chang | CEO GR (CAN) Investment Co., Ltd.