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Dear Ms. Svelnis,

Recently it has come to our attention that Councilor Pamela Beach may be in conflict of interest in connection with the Grainboys Holdings Inc. zoning by-law application (ZBA 2018-07).

On the “About Pam” page of the councilor’s election website<sup>1</sup> it is stated that she and her husband raise grain crops on the family farm:

*I was raised on a Dairy Farm where Butternut Manor sits today and then lived in town for four years. I married my high school sweetheart Ed 41 years ago. We live on a farm where we raise beef, cow-calf, horses, hay and grain crops.*

In the Grainboys application,<sup>2</sup> the applicant states that it expects to attract local growers to supply the company with grains:

*The proposed rural location is desirable for increasing the grower base locally and regionally for direct from field delivery and from nearby grain storage operations. The proposed location provides a new outlet for the farming communities and grain storage operations in the Township and the Region.*

Under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the possibility that a councilor’s family could benefit financially from a decision before council is what is defined as a “deemed pecuniary interest”. Under the Act, a councilor is required to declare all interests, even deemed interests. In addition, the Act requires that the councilor refrain from voting and prohibits him or her from discussing the proposal with other councilors. Failure to comply can result in a range of prescribed remedies including removal from council.

We are advised that the Councilor is not saved by the exception s. 4(j) of the Act since grain growing is not a widely shared activity among the residents of the Township of Uxbridge.

We trust that you will advise Councilor Beach and Council appropriately.

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1 Pamela Beach (n.d.). Website. Retrieved from <http://ward1pamelabeach.com/about-pam/>.

2 Zelinko Priamo Ltd (2018, April). Planning justification report: 351 Regional Road 47, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham. Retrieved from <https://uxbridge.ca/sites/default/files/documents/Planning%20Justification%20Report.pdf>.