Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment October 27, 2023

File: A/177/23

Address: Woodbine By-Pass, Markham

Applicant: Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (Connor Wright)

Hearing Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The following comments are provided on behalf of the West Team:

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of the Open Space 1 (OS1) Zone in By-law 177-96, as amended, to permit:

a) By-law 177-96, Section 4.1, Table A3:

an access driveway to be located within an OS1 Zone; whereas, the By-law does not permit an access driveway within the OS1 Zone;

as it relates to the proposed north access driveway to the subject lands.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The 18.48 ha (45.67 ac) subject property is located on the west side of Woodbine Avenue, north of Major Mackenzie Drive East. The subject lands are currently vacant.

The subject lands are partially located within the Regulated Area of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) as the northeast portion of the site contains flood and erosion hazards as well as wetland features associated with the Rouge River Watershed.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to construct three industrial warehouse buildings with a total GFA of 82,827.18 m² (891,543.31 ft²). A related Site Plan Control application (SPC 22 112558) is currently being reviewed by the City.

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18) The subject property is designated "Business Park Employment" and "Greenway" in the 2014 Official Plan. The "Business Park Employment" designation is intended to provide for prestige, larger scale, industrial and office development in business park settings with high visibility and access to 400 series highways, arterial roads, and transit services. Uses provided for in the "Business Park Employment" designation include: office, manufacturing, warehousing, hotel, and trade and convention centre. The "Greenway" designation applies only to the north portion of the subject lands where the north access driveway for the proposed development will be located. Greenway designated lands are intended to protect natural heritage and hydrologic features. The Greenway System also protects cultural heritage resources associated with valley lands and watercourse

corridors. However, the use permissions under the "Greenway" designation are currently under appeal and therefore the policies of the 1987 Official Plan continue to apply to the subject property.

1987 Official Plan

A portion of the subject property is designated "Business Park Area" in the 1987 Official Plan. The "Business Park Area" designation is intended for office and industrial business parks, typically with exposure to Provincial highways or major arterial roads. Uses provided for in the "Business Park Area" designation include: office, light industrial, trade and convention centres, and other similar uses. Driveways associated with these uses are permitted.

Zoning By-Law 177-96

The subject property is zoned Business Park (BP) and Open Space 1 (OS1) under Bylaw 177-96, as amended. The OS1 Zone does not permit an access driveway for industrial or commercial purposes.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

The Owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has <u>not</u> been conducted. However, the applicant has received comments from the building department through the related Site Plan Control application to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

COMMENTS

The Planning Act states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment:

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee of Adjustment, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

Access Driveway within the OS1 Zone

The Owner is proposing the northern access driveway to be located partially within the OS1 zone, whereas the OS1 zone only permits public parks and facilities for the control of flooding and erosion, playgrounds, pedestrian bridges, boardwalks, docks, bicycle paths and related accessory buildings and structures. The proposed driveway access will connect to the existing intersection at Woodbine Avenue and Betty Roman Boulevard (Refer to 'Appendix D').

Natural Heritage Staff has provided their comments through the associated Site Plan Control application and have indicated that since the northern access driveway is proposed to connect to an existing intersection, they have no concerns with the requested variance. Planning Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES

TRCA Comments

The subject lands are located within the TRCA's Regulated Area. The TRCA provided comments on October 18, 2023, indicating that they have no concerns subject to the conditions outlined in their letter ('Appendix C').

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of October 27, 2023. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests of the Planning Act and have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the Planning Act required for the granting of minor variances.

Please refer to Appendix "A" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

Hailey Miller, Planner II, West District

REVIEWED BY:

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PREPARED BY:

Rick Cefaratti, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner II, West District

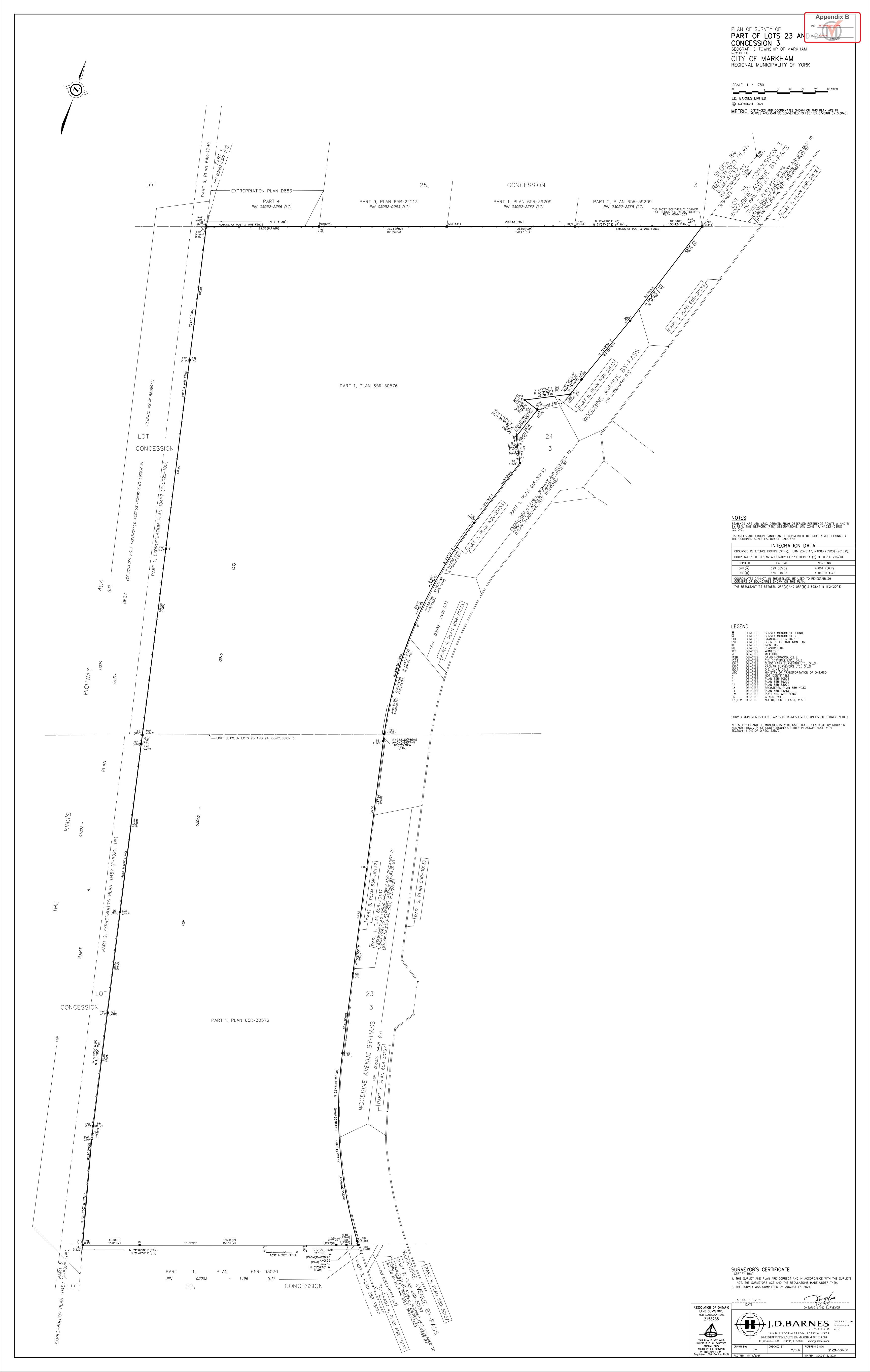
APPENDIX "A" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/177/23

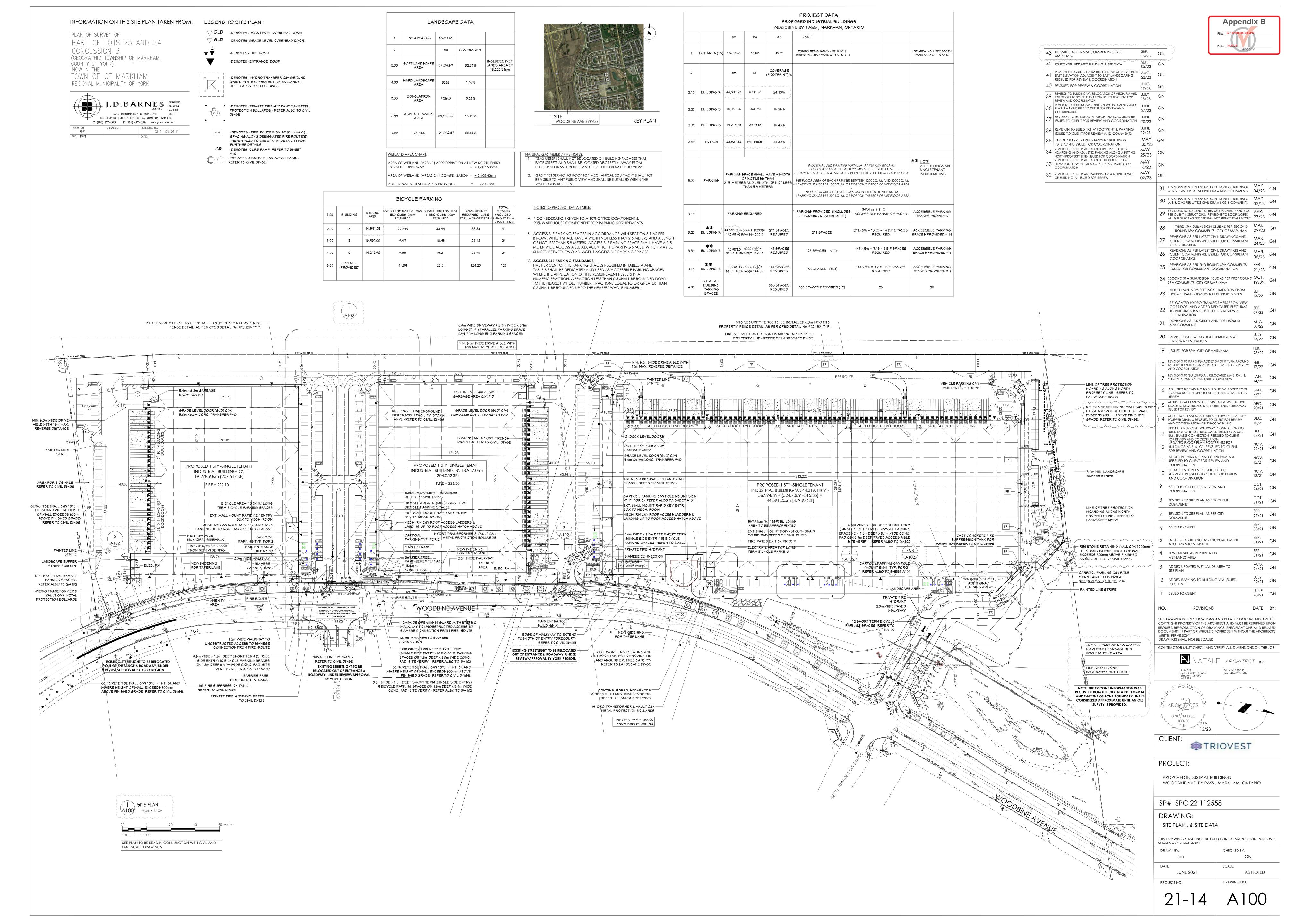
- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
- 2. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plans attached as 'Appendix B' to this Staff Report, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction;
- 3. That the applicant satisfies the requirements of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), financial or otherwise, as indicated in their letter to the Secretary-Treasurer attached as 'Appendix C' to this Staff Report, to the satisfaction of the TRCA, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the TRCA.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

Hooley Milly

Hailey Miller, Planner II, Planning and Urban Design Department







October 18, 2023 CFN 68438.12 Ex Ref: 66425.05

Via E-Plan

Dear Hailey Miller,

Re: Minor Variance Application – (Application A/177/23)

Woodbine By-Pass

Part Lot 23 and 24, Concession 3, Markham

(West of Woodbine Avenue and Betty Roman Boulevard)

Applicant: Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (Connor Wright)
Owner: 1000027304 Ontario Limited (Joanna Wang)

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff provide the following comments in response to the referenced Committee of Adjustment application, received by TRCA on September 29, 2023. We provide the following in accordance with TRCA's commenting role under the <u>Planning Act</u> and regulatory role under the <u>Conservation Authorities Act</u> (CA Act). For additional information, please see <u>TRCA Role in the Plan Input and Review Process</u>.

Purpose of the Application

TRCA staff understand that the purpose of this application is to request relief from the requirements of By-law 177-96, Section 4.1, as amended, to allowed for a proposed north access driveway to be partially located in lands zoned as OS1.

Background

TRCA is currently reviewing the re-submission of the related Site Plan Control (SPC) Application 22 112558. The proposed north access driveway has been shown in the Site Plan Application materials and traverses a wetland and the southern edge of a stream corridor. Accordingly, an ecological compensation plan is required to address feature impacts associated with the driveway construction and related site alteration works. The applicant has been working with our office to address comments on their ecological compensation plan. A revised ecological compensation plan was recently submitted to our office and is presently under review. This plan will need to be finalized to our satisfaction before staff are in a position to support the associated Site Plan Approval and a future TRCA permit.

TRCA Permit Requirements

The subject lands contain stream corridors and their associated Regulatory flood and erosion hazards, as well as wetland features associated with the Rouge River Watershed and its adjacent regulated allowance.

Due to the presence of natural hazards, the issuance of a TRCA permit pursuant to the <u>Conservation Authorities Act</u> is required prior to any development or site alteration within the regulated portion of the property.

Based on the review of materials circulated with this application, the proposed development is located within the regulated portions of the property. Thus, **a permit** <u>is</u> required from TRCA to facilitate the development associated with this application.

TRCA Plan Review Fee

By copy of this letter, the applicant is advised that TRCA have implemented a fee schedule for its planning application review services in accordance with applicable provincial regulations. This Minor Variance Application is subject to a fee of \$1250. The applicant is responsible for fee payment within 60 days of the committee hearing date. Interest will be charged and accumulated beyond that time. Please contact the Planner noted below for an electronic invoice to facilitate payment.

Recommendations

Based on the comments provided, TRCA staff have <u>no objection</u> to the approval of **Application** A/177/23 subject to the **conditions** identified in Appendix A.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Rameez Sadafal

Planner 1 – York East Review Area

Development Planning and Permits I Development and Engineering Services

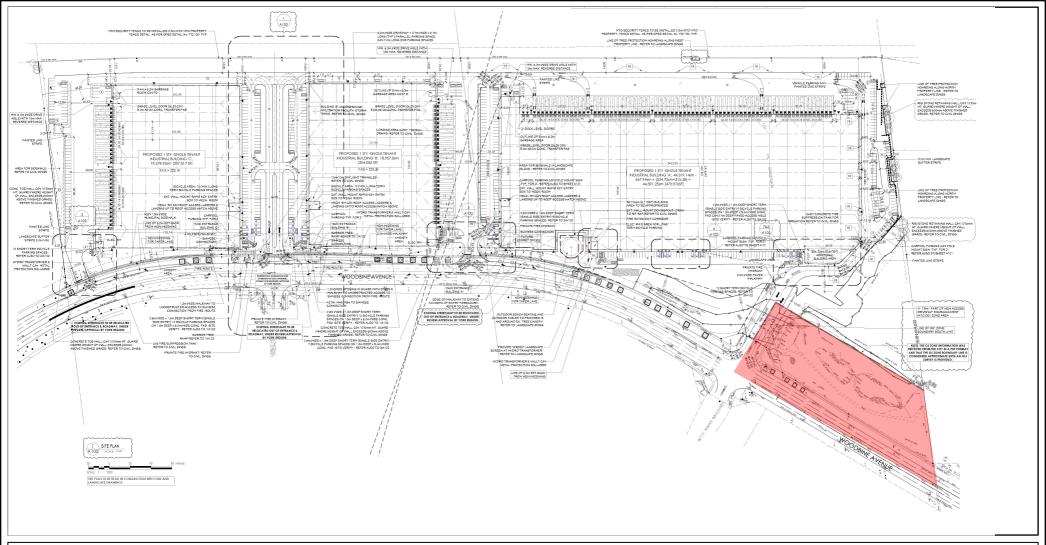
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Attached: Appendix A: TRCA Conditions of Approval

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#	TRCA Conditions
1	The applicant submits the TRCA plan review fee of \$1,250 within 60 days of the committee hearing date.
2	The applicant provides an ecological compensation plan for the driveway construction and related site alteration works to the satisfaction of TRCA and obtains a permit from TRCA pursuant to the Conservation Authorities Act for the proposed works in our Regulated Area.
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APPENDIX D

Woodbine By-Pass FILE No. MNV 23 142734



Open Space 1 (OS1) Zone

Drawn By: AM

Checked By: HM

MARKHAM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

Date: 10/27/2023