Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment February 28, 2024

File:	B/042/23
Addresses:	5, 9, 17, 19, 25, 27, 29 Ruggles Avenue and 73, 75, 77 and 79
	Langstaff Road East, Markham ("Subject Lands")
Applicant:	5 Ruggles Ave. Development Inc., 9 Ruggles Ave.
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	73 Langstaff Rd. E. Developments Inc. and 75 Langstaff Rd. E.
	Developments Inc. (Alex Beduz)
Agent:	WND Associates (Kevin McKrow)
Hearing Date:	Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

### BACKGROUND

The 5.95 ha. (14.70 ac.) Subject Lands are located south of Langstaff Road East between the CN rail corridor and Ruggles Avenue (Refer to Appendix A: Location Map). Presently, they are occupied by a mix of vacant properties, properties with light-industrial use operations and commercial vehicle storage yards (Refer to Appendix B: Aerial Photo).

The Subject Lands form a part of the Bridge Station Transit Orientated Community (TOC) which is bounded by Holy Cross Cemetery to the south, Yonge Street to the west, Highway 407 to the north and Cedar Avenue to the east (Refer to Appendix C: Bridge Station Master Plan - Master Plan [TOC Zone]).

In 2021, Infrastructure Ontario (IO) identified lands in this area as part of the Province's TOC program. The TOC program facilitates the development of transit oriented communities around transit stations along the Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) and other priority rapid transit lines in the Greater Toronto Area. The Bridge Station TOC is reflective of the decision to relocate the planned subway station from Yonge Street to the CN rail line. At full build out, the program contemplates approximately 20,000 residential units, a minimum of 180,000 m<sup>2</sup> of non-residential uses and a population of approximately 35,000.

### Proposal

The applicant is requesting provisional consent for a partial discharge of a mortgage on portions of the Subject Lands. The purpose of this application is to discharge the mortgage over the severed lands (Parts 1, 2, 3, and 12) and facilitate Metrolinx's utilization of these lands for construction staging to commence work on the YNSE project (Refer to Appendix D: Draft R-Plan and Appendix E: Consent Sketch).

### Official Plan and Zoning

<u>Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)</u> Section 9.11 contains area specific policies which apply to the Subject Lands. Policy 9.11.4 states that until a revised secondary plan is approved for the Regional Centre – Langstaff Gateway lands, the provisions of the 1987 Official Plan and Langstaff Gateway Secondary Plan shall apply.

## Langstaff Gateway Secondary Plan (PD 44-1)

The Subject Lands are designated "Office", "Residential", "Residential – Mixed Use" and "Parks and Open Space" in the Langstaff Gateway Secondary Plan.

### Ministers Zoning Order (O Reg. 345/22)

In April 2022, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) under the Planning Act (Ontario Regulation 345/22) as part of the implementation of the Bridge Station TOC. Where there is a conflict between the MZO and a municipal zoning by-law, subsection 47(3) of the *Planning Act* states that the MZO prevails. There is also no statutory requirement for an MZO to conform with an Official Plan in effect with respect to the lands subject to the Order.

The MZO split zones the Subject Lands under various Community Amenity zones and an Open Space zone (Refer to Appendix F: O.Reg. 345/22 - Map No. 302). The Community Amenity zones generally permit mixed-use high-rise development and the Open Space zone permits, among other uses, a park. The MZO does not prescribe a minimum lot area or frontage as it pertains to the proposal.

# DISCUSSION

The proposal maintains sizeable lot areas and frontage on public roads. No development is proposed at this time and the construction staging is considered a necessary and interim use on the Subject Lands to facilitate the development of the Bridge Station TOC and the YNSE. It is expected over time that the parcel fabric in this area will mirror that identified by the Bridge Station TOC and MZO through future draft plan of subdivision applications.

# PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of February 28, 2024. 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 sections 51(24) and 53 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and have no objections to the proposed consent, subject to conditions outlined in Appendix 'G' attached to this report.

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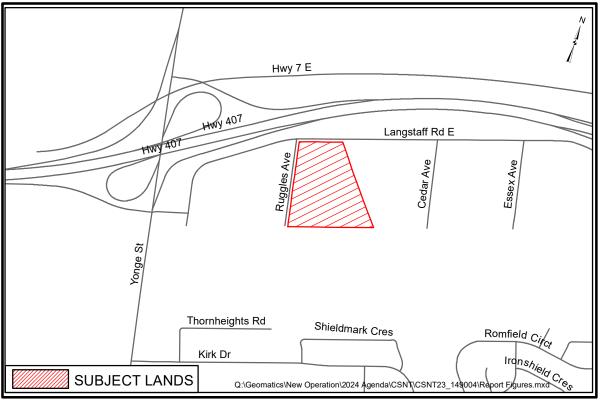
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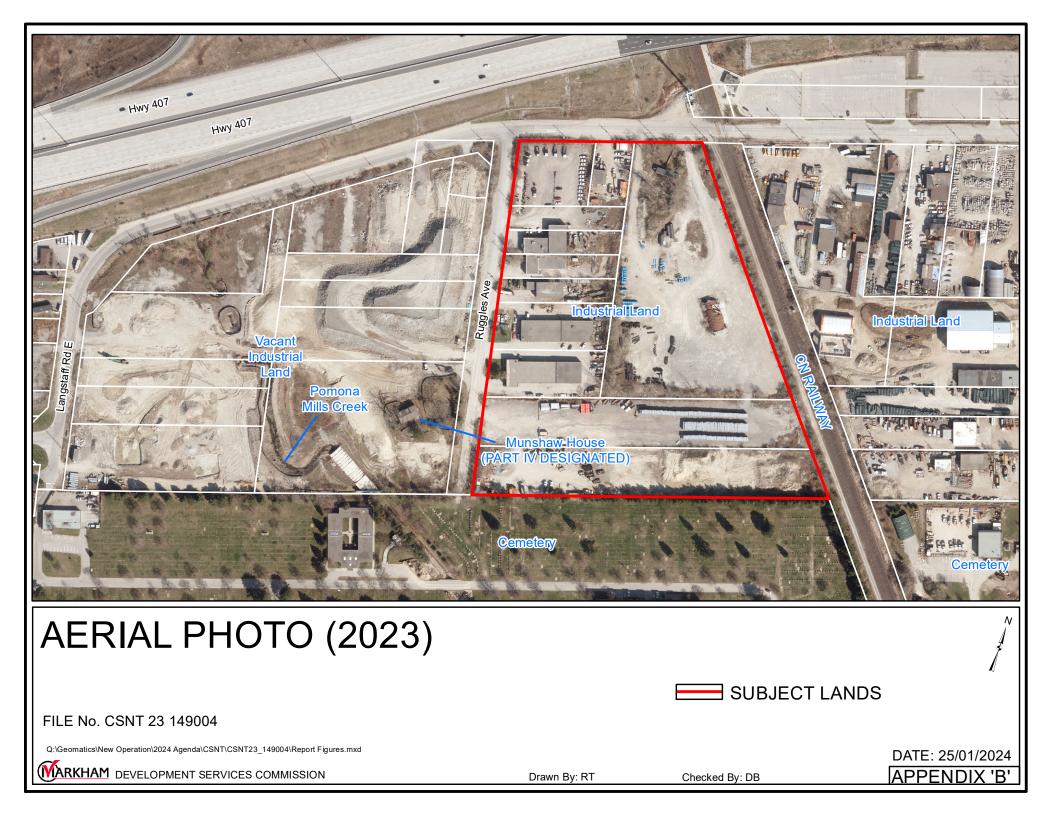
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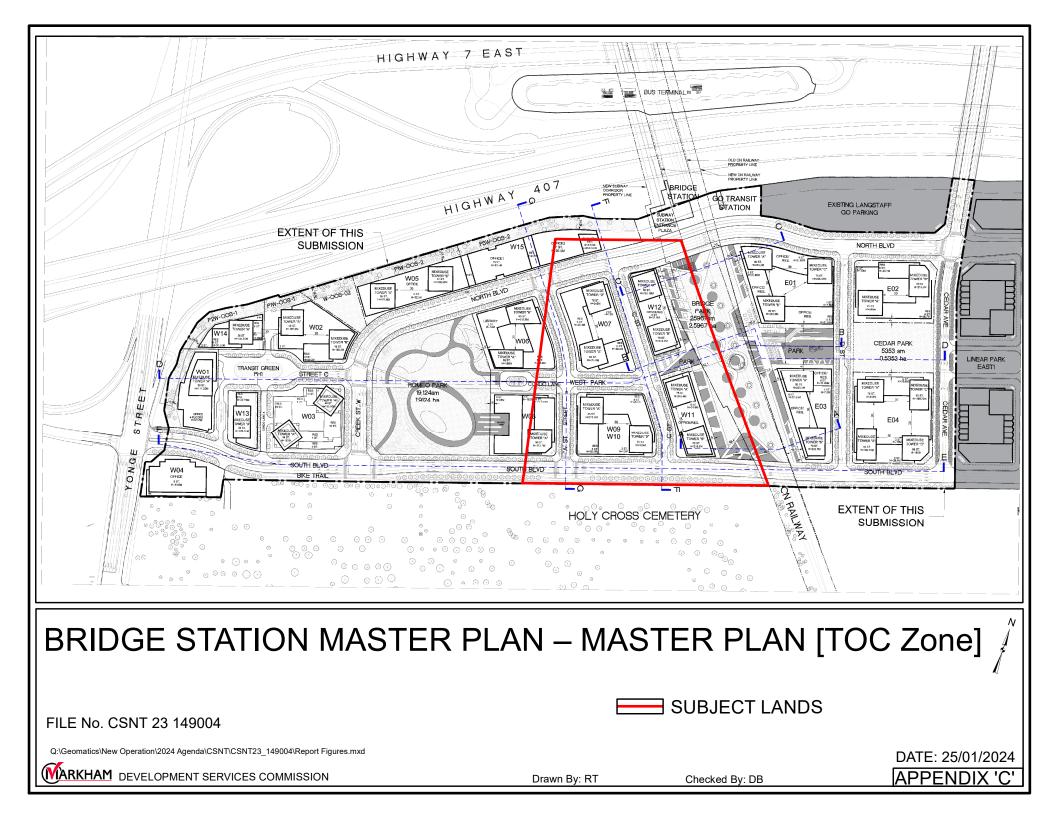
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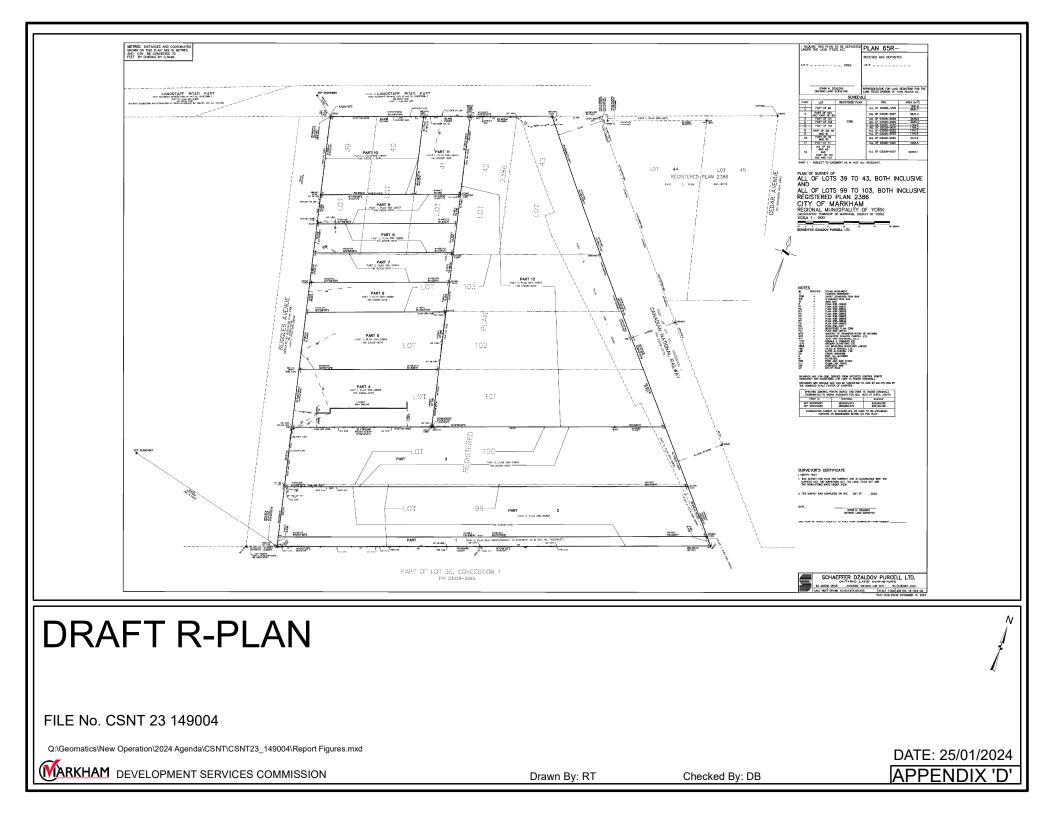
# APPENDICES

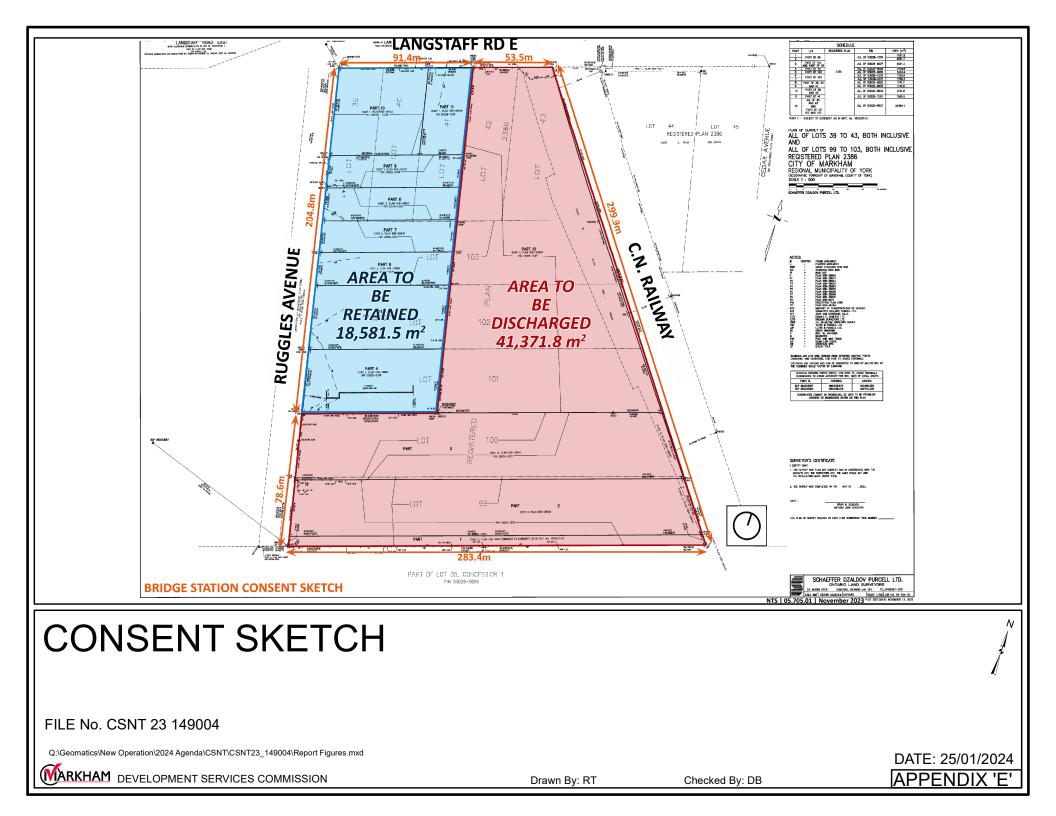
Appendix A: Location Map Appendix B: Aerial Photo Appendix C: Bridge Station Master Plan - Master Plan [TOC Zone] Appendix D: Draft R-Plan Appendix E: Consent Sketch Appendix F: O.Reg. 345/22 - Map No. 302 Appendix G: Conditions of Approval

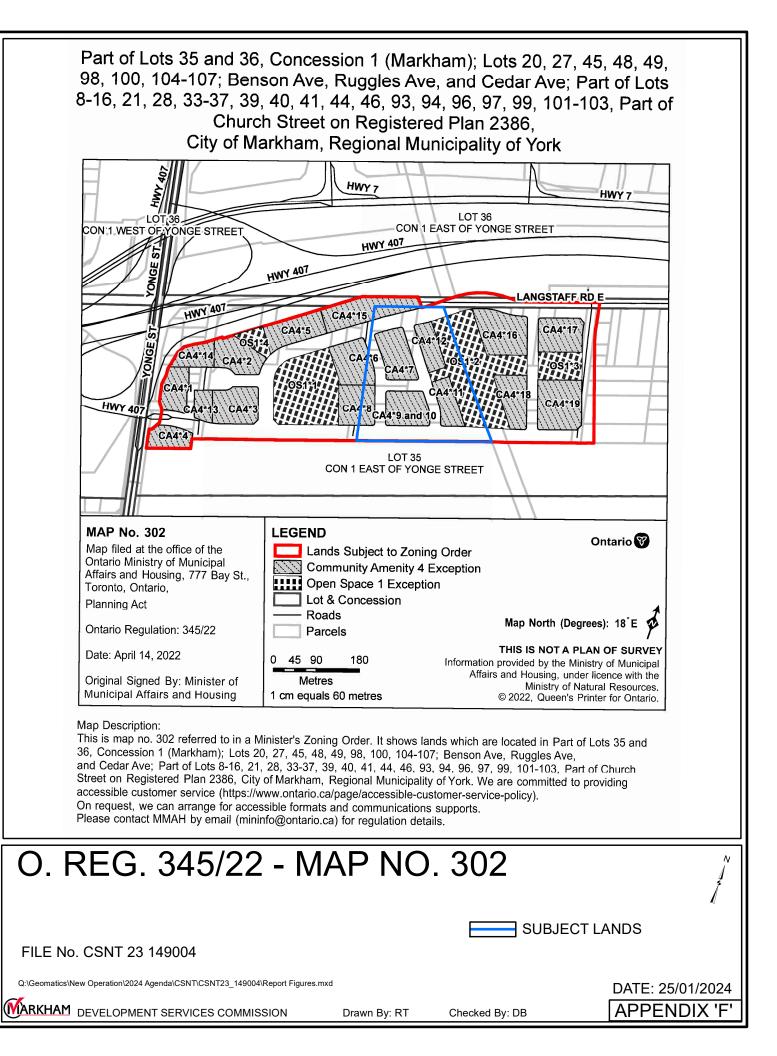












### APPENDIX "G" CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF B/042/23

- 1. Payment of all outstanding realty taxes and local improvements charges owing to date against both the subject and retained parcels, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled.
- 2. Submission to the Secretary-Treasurer of a deposited reference plan showing the the subject lands which conforms substantially to the application as submitted in Appendix 'D'.
- Confirm that there are no existing easements registered on title that will be impacted by the proposed severance to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering or their designate.
- Fulfillment of all of the above conditions within two (2) years of the date that notice of the decision was given under Section 50(17) or 50(24) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

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