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LSRCA File No.: CO-152539-111523

Mr. Umar Mahmood
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Town of Newmarket
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P.O. Box 328, STN Main
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

Dear Mr. Mahmood:

RE: Proposed Application for Consent
Applicant: 345 Davis Inc.
Agent: Weston Consulting, c/o Martin Quarcoopome
351 Davis Drive
Town of Newmarket, Regional Municipality of York

Thank you for circulating the captioned application to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) for review and comment. It is our understanding that the Owner has submitted an application for consent under Section 53 of the *Planning Act* to for the creation of a shared access easement for the benefit of the property immediately to the west at 345 Davis Drive and the property immediately to the east at 355 Davis Drive. The easement has an approximate width of 6.0m.

Documents Received and Reviewed by Staff

Staff have received and reviewed the following documents submitted with this application:

- Cover Letter, prepared by Weston Consulting, dated October 27, 2023
- Easement Sketch, prepared by Weston Consulting, dated September 21, 2023
- Topographic Survey, prepared by Guido Papa Surveying, dated October 15, 2019
- Memorandum of Understanding

Staff have reviewed this application per our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020) and as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 179/06 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. LSRCA has also provided comments per our MOU with the Town of Newmarket and the Regional Municipality of York. The application has also been reviewed through our role as a public body under the *Planning Act* as per our CA Board approved policies. Finally, LSRCA has provided advisory comments related to policy applicability and to assist with implementation of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan under the *Clean Water Act*.

Recommendation

Based upon our review of the submitted information in support of the application, the proposal is consistent and in conformity with the natural hazard policies of the applicable Provincial, Regional and Local plans. On this basis, we recommend that any approval of this application be subject to the following condition:

- a. That the Owner shall pay all development fees to the LSRCA in accordance with the approved Fees Policy under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. (Note: payment is currently outstanding for the LSRCA review of the consent application of \$536.00 per the LSRCA 2023 Fee Schedule).

Site Characteristics

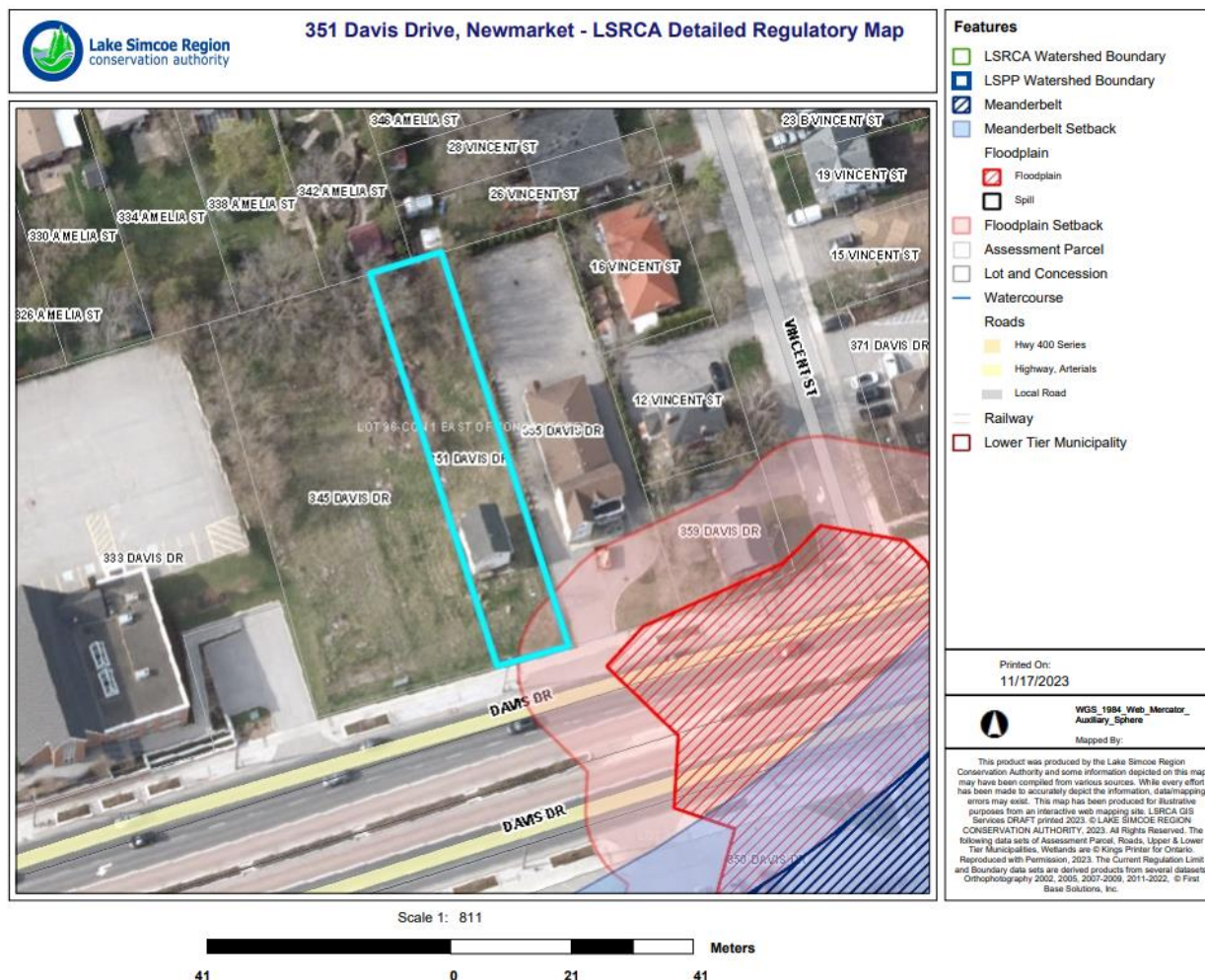
The subject property is approximately 0.09 hectare (0.21 acre) in size and is located north of Davis Drive and west of Main Street North within the Town of Newmarket. The property is currently within a 'Regional Urban Centre (R4-N) Zone', a 'Regulatory Area and Other Natural Hazards (NH) Zone' and 'Floodplain (FP) Zone' per Schedule "A" to Map 4 of Town of Newmarket Urban Centres Zoning By-law Number 2018-48, as amended.

The Schedules in the Newmarket Urban Centres Secondary Plan identify the following for the subject property:

- Within the Mixed Use designation
- Within the Davis Drive Character Area
- Within the Floodplain and Hazard Lands

Current environmental mapping provides the the following for the subject property:

- The lands are identified as being within the Recharge Management Area (WHPA Q2) per the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan
- Within a Highly Vulnerable Aquifer
- A portion of the property is within an area governed by Ontario Regulation 179/06 as made under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Please see a detailed regulatory map below. This is representative of:
 - Riverine flooding during a Regional Storm Event associated with a tributary of Western Creek



Delegated Responsibility and Statutory Comments:

1. LSRCA has reviewed the application through our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020). This application has demonstrated consistency with Section 3.1 of the PPS as the proposed development is located outside of the regulatory floodplain hazard based on the topographic elevations shown in the provided topographic survey (Guido Papa Surveying, October 2019).
2. LSRCA has reviewed the application as per our responsibilities as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 179/06. This regulation, made under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, enables conservation authorities to regulate development in or adjacent to river or stream valleys, Great Lakes and inland lake shorelines, watercourses, hazardous lands and wetlands. Development taking place on these lands may require permission from the conservation authority to confirm that the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, pollution or the conservation of land are not affected. LSRCA also regulates the alteration to or interference in any way with a watercourse or wetland.

Ontario Regulation 179/06 does apply to the subject site. In general, a permit from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority will be required prior to any development or site alteration taking place within the LSRCA regulated portion of the property.

Advisory Comments

3. LSRCA has reviewed the application through our responsibilities as a service provider to the Town of Newmarket and Regional Municipality of York in that we provide through a MOU as well as through our role as a public body, pursuant to the *Planning Act*.

Summary

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Given the above comments, it is the opinion of the LSRCA that:

1. Consistency with Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement has been demonstrated.
2. Ontario Regulation 179/06 does apply to the subject site. In general, a permit from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority will be required prior to any development or site alteration taking place within the LSRCA regulated portion of the property.

Should you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact the undersigned and reference the above file numbers in correspondence. Please advise our office of any decision made with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



Laura Tafreshi
Planner I

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)