ITEM #: 6.13

# REPORT SUMMARY CONSENT APPLICATION FILE NUMBER B001/24

Report Date: March 8, 2024

# THIS REPORT CONTAINS COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES (SEE SCHEDULE B):

Additional comments from departments and agencies received after the publication of the report will be made available on the City's <u>website</u>.

Internal Departments *Comments Received	Conditions Required		Nature of Comments
Committee of Adjustment	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Building Standards (Zoning) *See Schedule B	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
Development Planning	Yes □	No □	Application Under Review
Development Engineering	Yes □	No □	Application Under Review
Forestry	Yes ⊠	No □	General Comments w/Conditions

External Agencies *Comments Received	Conditions Required		Nature of Comments *See Schedule B for full comments
Alectra	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
TRCA	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments
YCDSB	Yes □	No ⊠	General Comments

# PUBLIC & APPLICANT CORRESPONDENCE (SEE SCHEDULE C)

All personal information collected because of this public meeting (including both written and oral submissions) is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), the Planning Act and all other relevant legislation, and will be used to assist in deciding on this matter. All personal information (as defined by MFIPPA), including (but not limited to) names, addresses, opinions and comments collected will become property of the City of Vaughan, will be made available for public disclosure (including being posted on the internet) and will be used to assist the Committee of Adjustment and staff to process this application.

Correspondence Type	Name	Address	Date Received (mm/dd/yyyy)	Summary
Applicant			02/27/2024	Cover Letter
Public	Eman Dashti		03/04/2024	Letter of Objection

BACKGROUND (SCHEDULE D, IF REQUIRED)			
* Background Information contains historical development approvals considered to be related to this file.			
This information should not be considered comprehensive.			
Application No. (City File) Application Description			
(i.e. Minor Variance Application; Approved by COA / OLT)			
None None			

ADJOURNMENT HISTORY			
* Previous hearing dates where this application was adjourned by the Committee and public notice issued.			
Hearing Date Reason for Adjournment (to be obtained from NOD_ADJ)			
None None			

SCHEDULES			
Schedule A	Drawings & Plans Submitted with the Application		
Schedule B Comments from Agencies, Building Standards & Development Planning			
Schedule C (if required) Public & Applicant Correspondence			
Schedule D (if required)	Background		



# REPORT SUMMARY CONSENT APPLICATION FILE NUMBER B001/24

CITY WARD #:	5
APPLICANT:	Blue Water Ranch Developments Inc.
AGENT:	Cityzen Development Group (Kristine Zwicker)
PROPERTY:	777 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill
ZONING DESIGNATION:	See below.
VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN (2010) DESIGNATION:	Vaughan Official Plan 2010 ('VOP 2010'): "High-Rise Residential".
RELATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:	B002/24, DA.21.041
PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:	Consent is being requested for an easement over Part 2 on the plan submitted with the application (servient land) to permit access to maintain and repair a retaining wall located on the subject land, in favour of the abutting lands to the south municipally known as 784 Centre Street (dominant land).
	The proposed easement will facilitate development associated with related Site Plan Application DA.21.041.

# **HEARING INFORMATION**

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, March 14, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Vaughan City Hall, Woodbridge Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

LIVE STREAM LINK: Vaughan.ca/LiveCouncil

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

If you would like to speak to the Committee of Adjustment at the meeting, either remotely or in person, please complete the Request to Speak Form and submit to cofa@vaughan.ca

If you would like to submit written comments, please quote file number above and submit by mail or email to:

Email: cofa@vaughan.ca

**Mail:** City of Vaughan, Office of the City Clerk, Committee of Adjustment, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON, L6A 1T1

To speak electronically, pre-registration is required by completing the Request to Speak Form on-line and submitting it to cofa@vaughan.ca no later than NOON on the last business day before the meeting.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO SPEAK ELECTRONICALLY OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE NOTED FILE(S) IS <u>NOON</u> ON THE LAST BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

# INTRODUCTION

Staff and Agencies act as advisory bodies to the Committee of Adjustment. The comments contained in this report are presented as recommendations to the Committee.

The Planning Act sets the standard to which provincial interests, provincial and local policies and goals are implemented. Accordingly, review of this application considers the following:

- ✓ Conformity to Section 51(24) as required by Section 53(12) of the Planning Act.
- ✓ Conformity to the City of Vaughan Official Plan.
- ✓ Conformity to the Provincial Policy Statements as required by Section 3 (1) of the Planning Act.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Public written and oral submissions relating to this application are taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT					
Date Public Notice Mailed:	February 29, 2024				
Date Applicant Confirmed Posting of Sign:	February 23, 2024				
Was a Zoning Review Waiver (ZRW) Form submitted by Applicant:  *ZRW Form may be used by applicant in instances where a revised submission is made, and zoning staff do not have an opportunity to review and confirm variances prior to the issuance of public notice.	Yes □ No ⊠				
COMMENTS: None					
Committee of Adjustment Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None				
BUILDING S	STANDARDS (ZONING)				
**See Schedule B for Building Standards (Zo					
Building Standards Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None				
	OPMENT PLANNING				
**See Schedule B for Development Planning	Comments. Application under Review.				
Development Planning Recommended Conditions of Approval:  TBD					
DEVELOP	DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING				
Link to Grading Permit Link to Pool Per	rmit Link to Curb Curt Permit Link Culvert Installation				
Application under Review.					
Development Engineering Recommended Conditions of Approval:	TBD				
PARKS, FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE (PFH)					
No comments no concerns.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
	The Applicant, to obtain a tree removal permit from the forestry division.				
	OPMENT FINANCE				
No comment no concerns					
Development Finance Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None				
BY-LAW AND COMPLIANCE	E, LICENSING AND PERMIT SERVICES				
No comments received to date.					
BCLPS Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None				
BUILDING	INSPECTION (SEPTIC)				
No comments received to date.	,				
Building Inspection Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None				
FIRE	E DEPARTMENT				

No comments received to date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Fire Department Recommended Conditions of Approval:	None	

# RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SUMMARY

Should the Committee find it appropriate to approve this application in accordance with request and the sketch submitted with the application, as required by Ontario Regulation 200/96, the following conditions have been recommended:

#	DEPARTMENT / AGENCY	CONDITION
1	Development Engineering	TBD
	jonal.hall@vaughan.ca	
2	Development Planning	TBD
	Nicholas.delprete@vaughan.ca	
3	Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations	The Applicant, to obtain a tree removal permit
	ryan.cochrane@vaughan.ca	from the forestry division.

All conditions of approval, unless otherwise stated, are considered to be incorporated into the approval "if required". If a condition is no longer required after an approval is final and binding, the condition may be waived by the respective department or agency requesting conditional approval. A condition cannot be waived without written consent from the respective department or agency.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ**

**CONDITIONS:** Conditions must be fulfilled within <u>two years</u> from the date of the giving of the Notice of Decision, failing which this application shall thereupon be deemed to be refused. No extension to the last day for fulfilling conditions is permissible.

**DEVELOPMENT CHARGES:** That the payment of the Regional Development Charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and the Regional Development Charges By-law in effect at the time of payment.

That the payment of the City Development Charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and the City's Development Charges By-law in effect at the time of payment.

That the payment of the Education Development Charge if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and the Boards of Education By-laws in effect at the time of payment

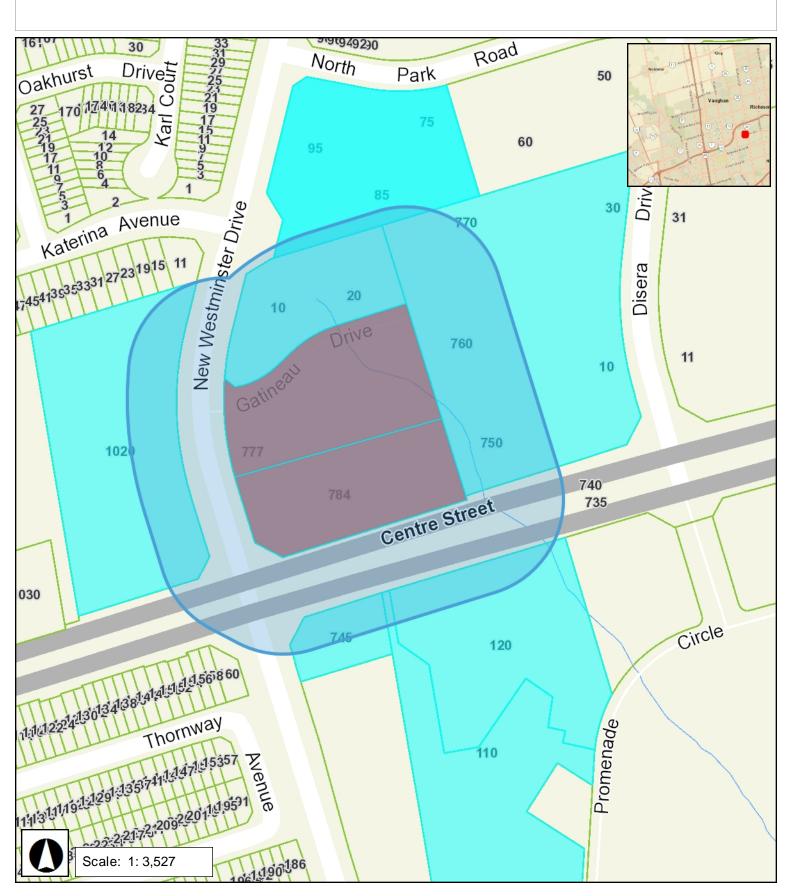
That the payment of Special Area Development charge, if required, is payable to the City of Vaughan before issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Development Charges Act and The City's Development Charge By-law in effect at the time of Building permit issuance to the satisfaction of the Reserves/Capital Department.

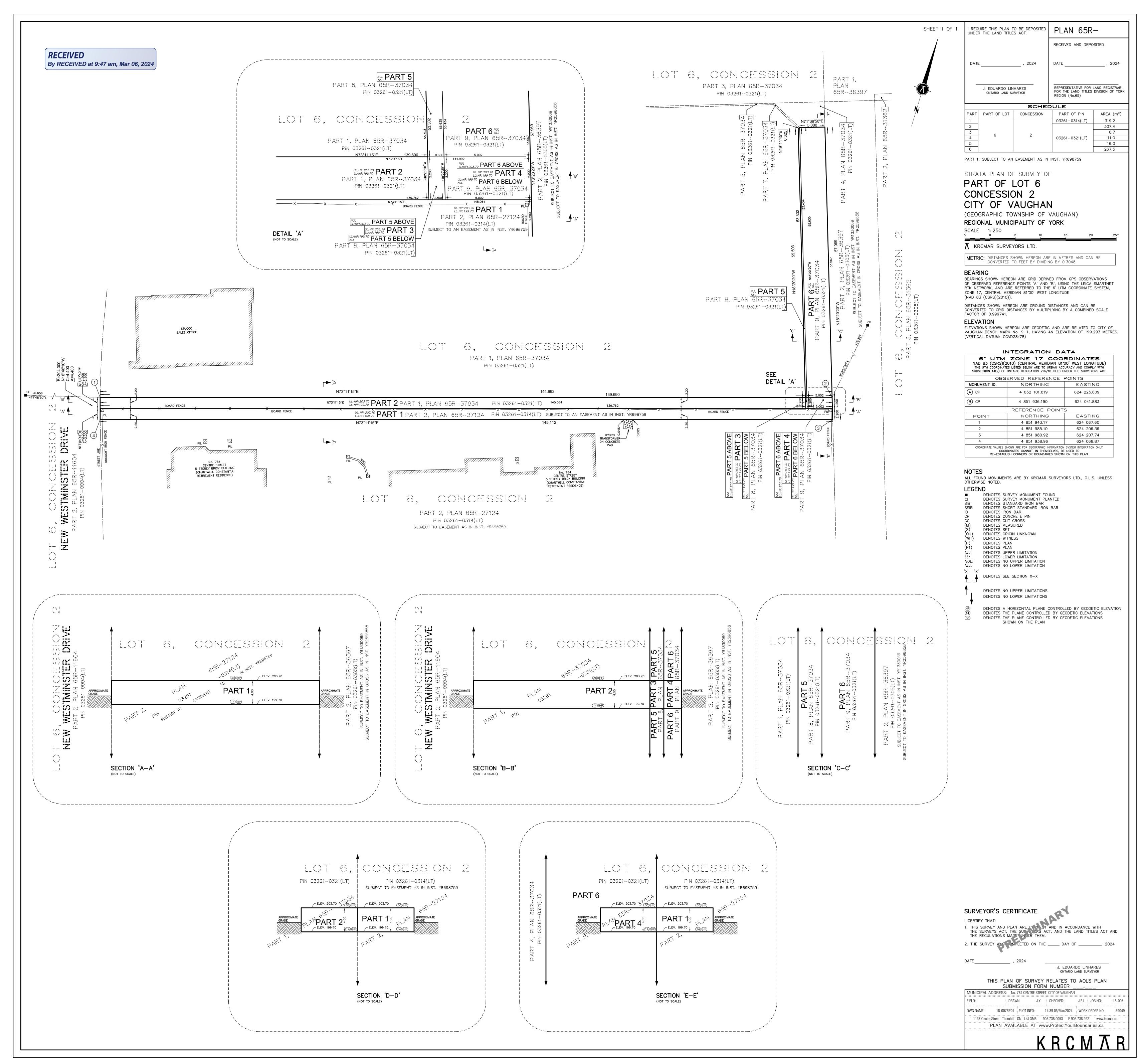
**NOTICE OF DECISION:** If you wish to be notified of the decision in respect to this application or a related Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing you must complete a Request for Decision form and submit to the Secretary Treasurer (ask staff for details). In the absence of a written request to be notified of the Committee's decision you will **not** receive notice.

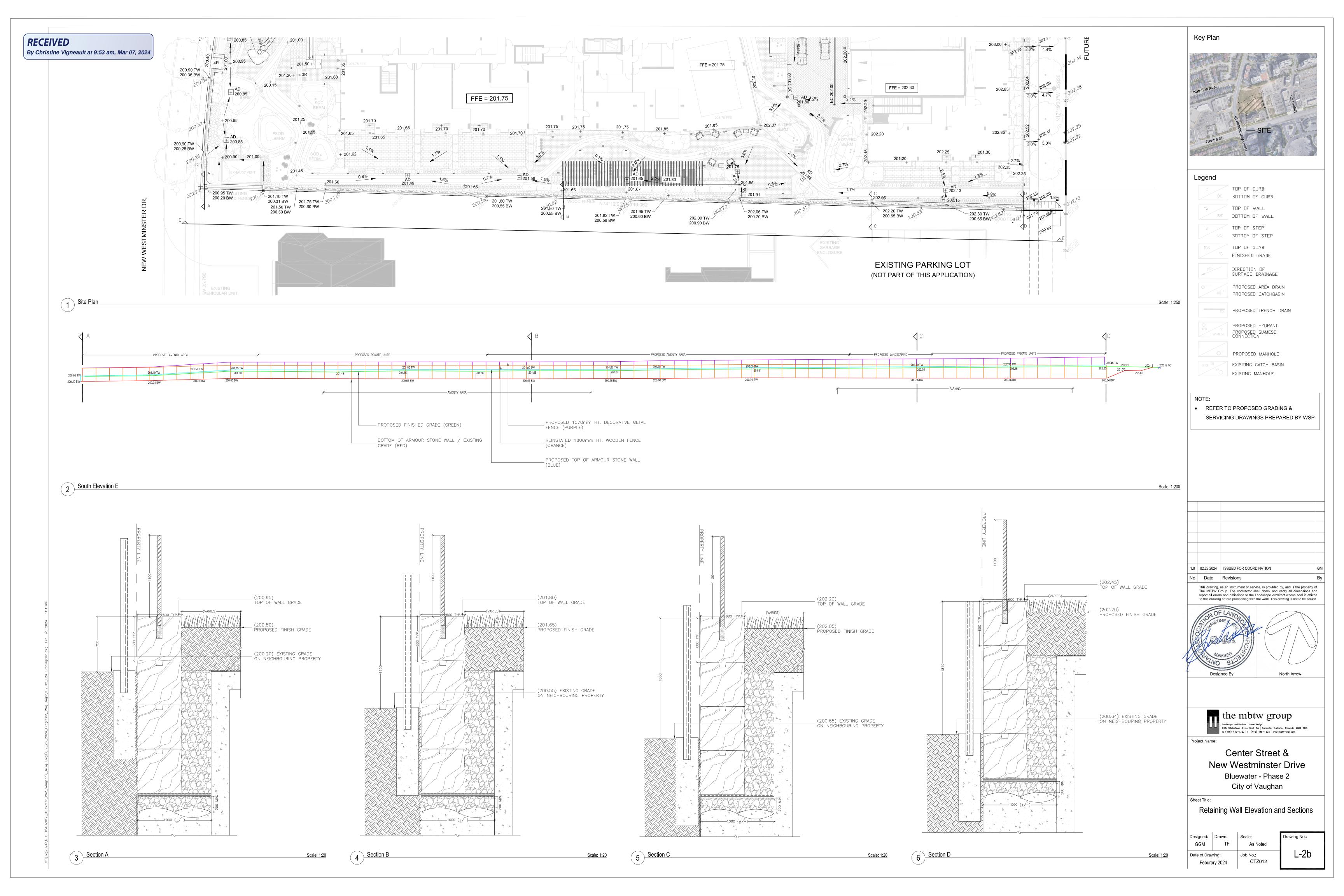
# **SCHEDULE A: DRAWINGS & PLANS**

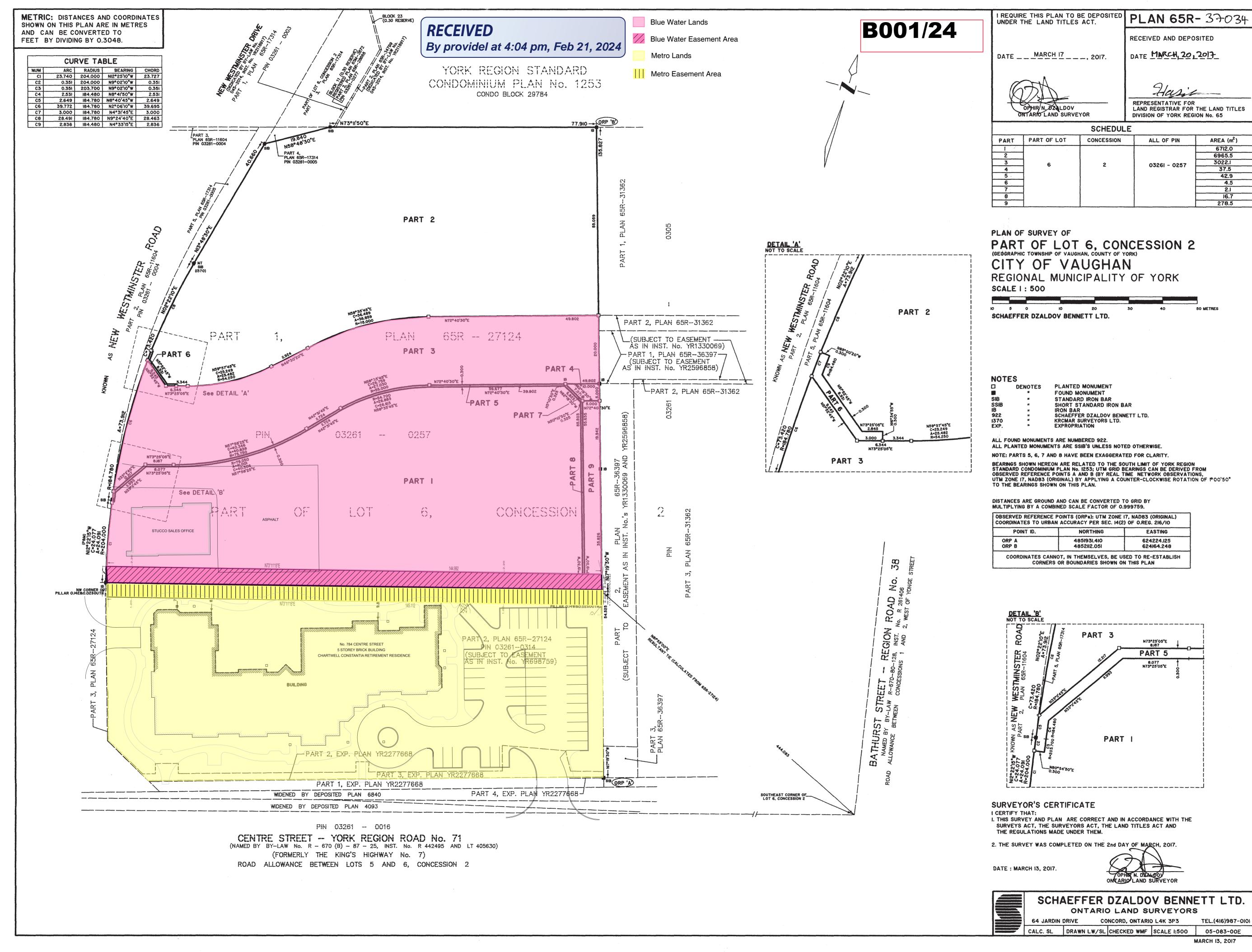


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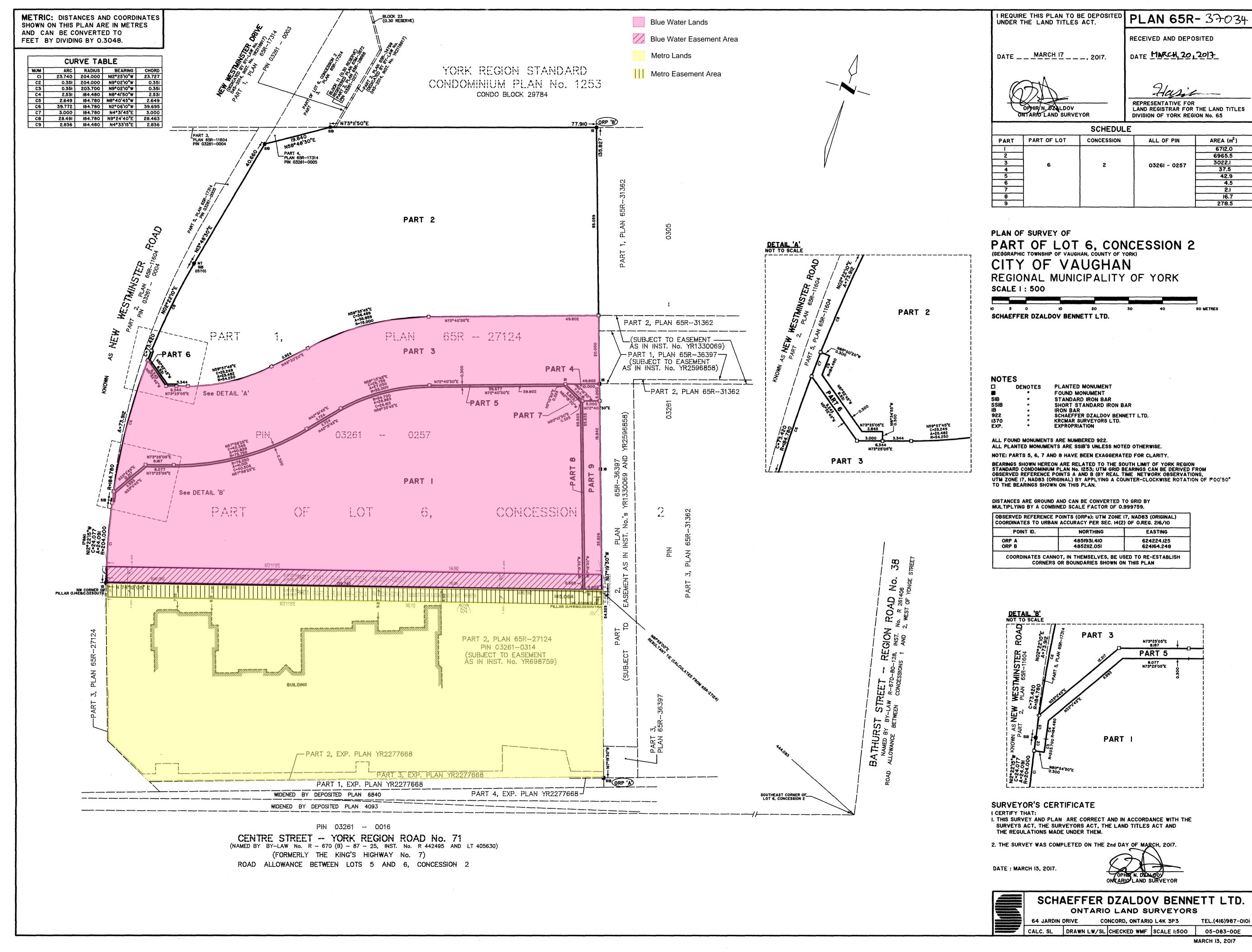


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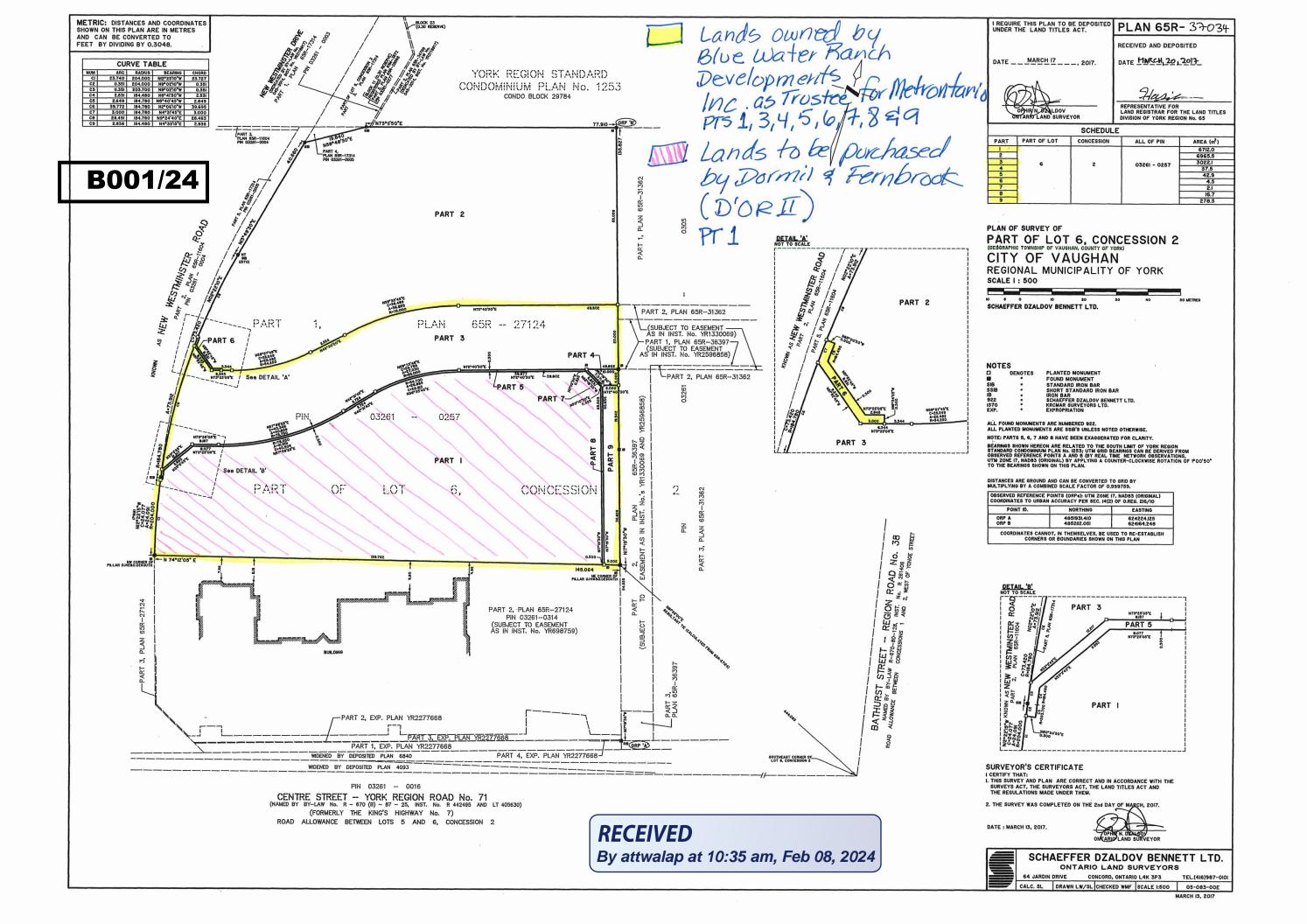


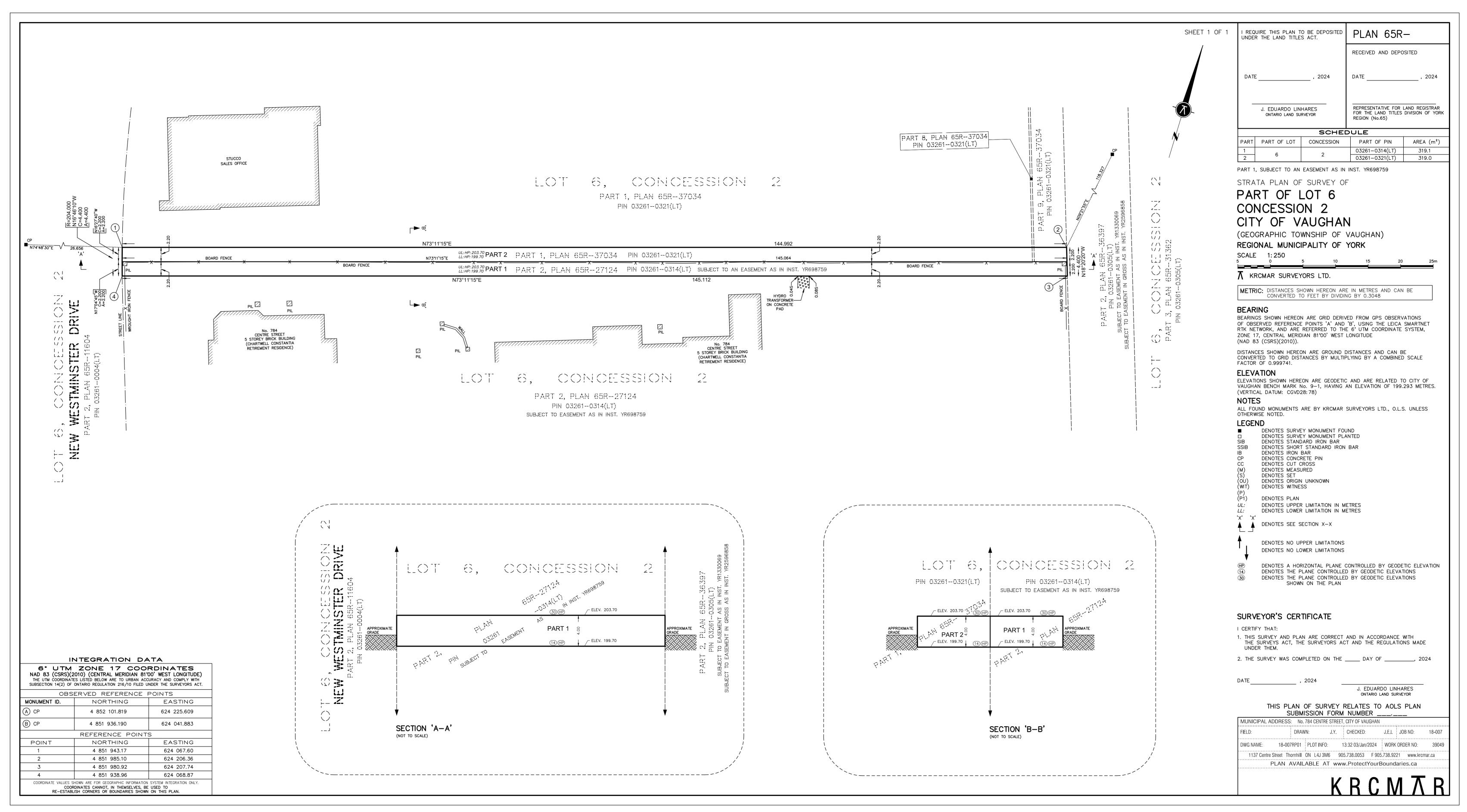
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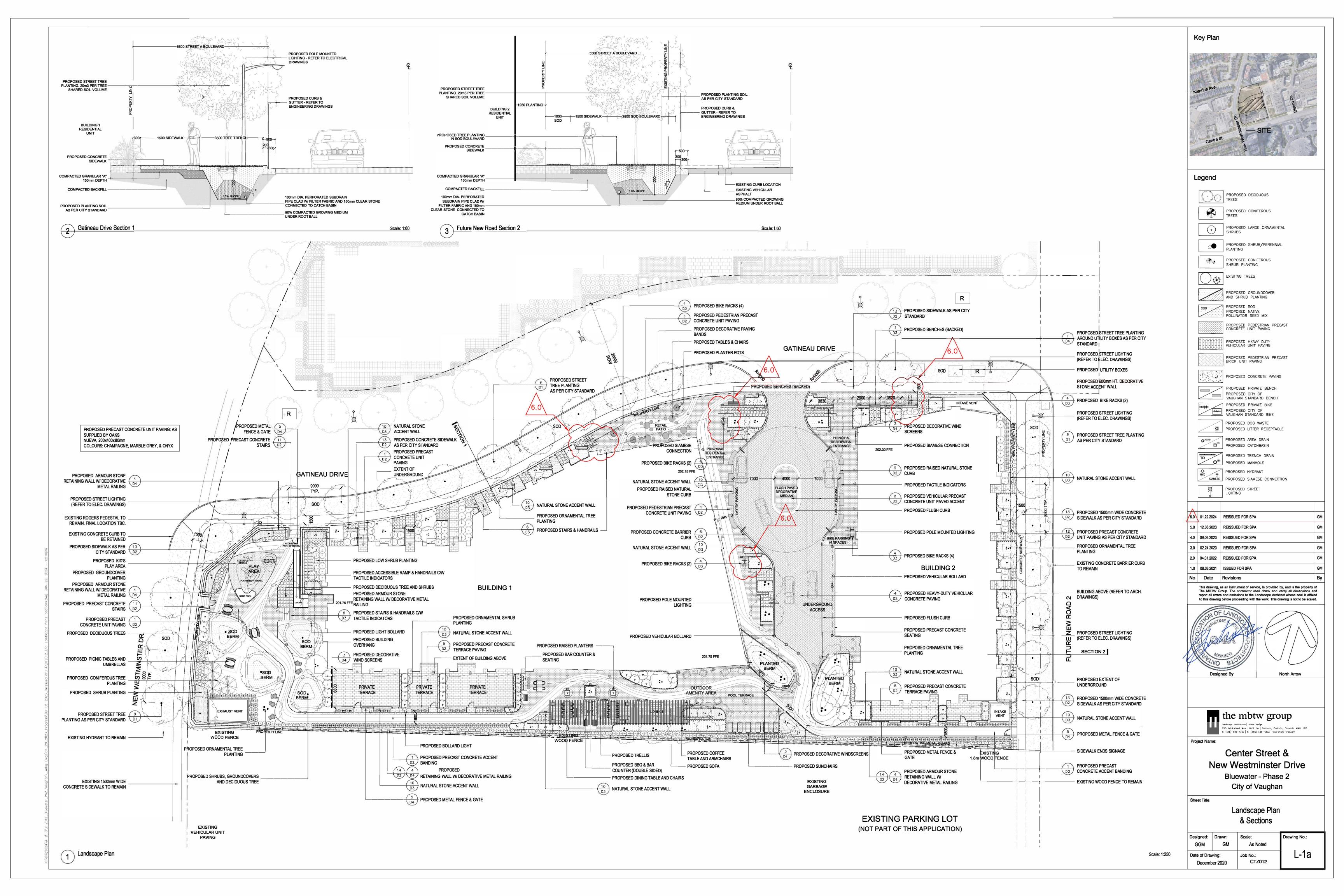
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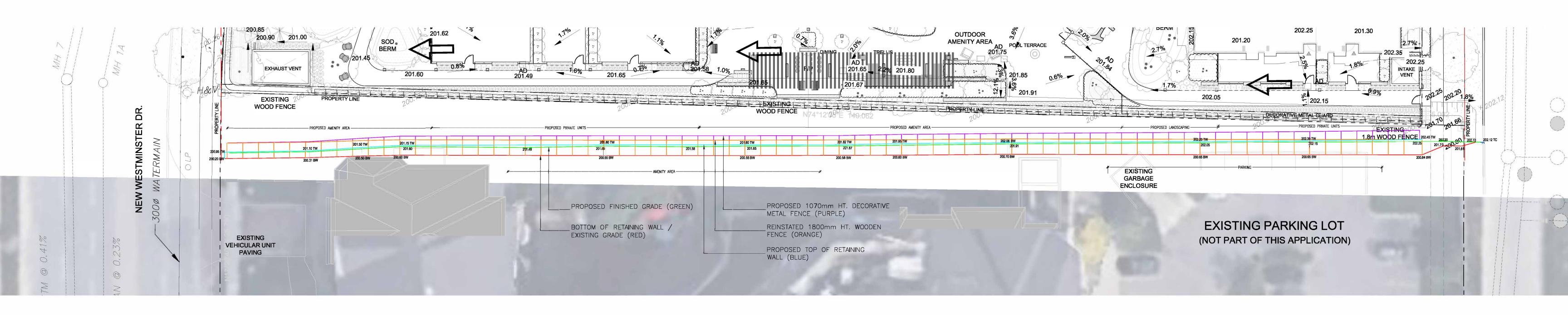
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# SCHEDULE B: COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES, BUILDING STANDARDS & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Department / Agency *Comments Received	Conditions Required		Nature of Comments
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**Date:** February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

Attention: Christine Vigneault

**RE:** Request for Comments

File No.: B001-24

**Related Files:** 

**Applicant:** Blue Water Ranch Developments Inc.

**Location** 555 Nashville Road



#### **COMMENTS:**

	We have reviewed the proposed Consent Application and have no comments or objections to its approval.
X	We have reviewed the proposed Consent Application and have no objections to its approval, subject to the following comments (attached below).
	We have reviewed the proposed Consent Application and have the following concerns (attached below).

Alectra Utilities (formerly PowerStream) has received and reviewed the proposed Consent Application. This review, however, does not imply any approval of the project or plan.

All proposed billboards, signs, and other structures associated with the project or plan must maintain minimum clearances to the existing overhead or underground electrical distribution system as specified by the applicable standards, codes and acts referenced.

In the event that construction commences, and the clearance between any component of the work/structure and the adjacent existing overhead and underground electrical distribution system violates the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the customer will be responsible for 100% of the costs associated with Alectra making the work area safe. All construction work will be required to stop until the safe limits of approach can be established.

In the event construction is completed, and the clearance between the constructed structure and the adjacent existing overhead and underground electrical distribution system violates the any of applicable standards, acts or codes referenced, the customer will be responsible for 100% of Alectra's cost for any relocation work.

#### References:

- Ontario Electrical Safety Code, latest edition (Clearance of Conductors from Buildings)
- Ontario Health and Safety Act, latest edition (Construction Protection)
- Ontario Building Code, latest edition (Clearance to Buildings)
- PowerStream (Construction Standard 03-1, 03-4), attached
- Canadian Standards Association, latest edition (Basic Clearances)

If more information is required, please contact either of the following:

Stephen Cranley, C.E.T

Mitchell Penner

Supervisor, Distribution Design, ICI & Layouts (North)

Supervisor, Distribution Design-Subdivisions

Phone: 1-877-963-6900 ext. 31297

**Phone**: 416-302-6215

*E-mail*: stephen.cranley@alectrautilities.com

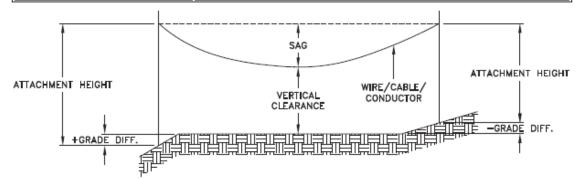
 $\textbf{\textit{Email:}} \ \underline{\textbf{Mitchell.Penner@alectrautilities.com}}$ 





# Construction Standard

	SYSTEM VOLTAGE				
LOCATION OF WIRES, CABLES OR CONDUCTORS	SPAN GUYS AND COMMUNICATIONS WIRES		4.16/2.4kV TO 27.6/16kV (SEE NOTE 1)	44kV	
	MINIMUM	MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCES (SEE NOTE 2)			
OVER OR ALONGSIDE ROADS, DRIVEWAYS OR LANDS ACCESSIBLE TO <u>VEHICLES</u>	442cm	442cm	480cm	520cm	
OVER GROUND ACCESSIBLE TO PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES ONLY	250cm	310cm	340cm	370cm	
ABOVE TOP OF RAIL AT RAILWAY CROSSINGS	730cm	730cm	760cm	810cm	



MINIMUM ATTACHMENT HEIGHT = MAXIMUM SAG

- MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCE (FROM ABOVE TABLE)

- GRADE DIFFERENCE
   O.3m (VEHICLE OR RAILWAY LOCATION)
   SNOW DEPTH (PEDESTRIAN LOCATION, SEE NOTE 3)

#### NOTES:

- THE MULTIGROUNDED SYSTEM NEUTRAL HAS THE SAME CLEARANCE AS THE 600V SYSTEM.
- THE VERTICAL CLEARANCES IN THE ABOVE TABLE ARE UNDER MAXIMUM SAG CONDITIONS.
- 3. REFER TO CSA STANDARD C22.3 No.1, ANNEX D FOR LOCAL SNOW DEPTH VALUES.
- 4. ALL CLEARANCES ARE IN ACCORDANCE TO CSA STANDARD C22.3.

REFERENCES				
SAGS	AND	TENSIONS	SECTION	02

CONVERSION TABLE

METRIC

810cm 760cm

730cm

520cm

480cm 442cm

370cm

340cm 310cm 250cm

IMPERIAL (APPROX)

27'-0" 25'-4"

24'-4" 17'-4"

16'-0 15'-5

12'-4" 11'-4" 10'-4"

# MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCES OF WIRES, CABLES AND CONDUCTORS ABOVE GROUND OR RAILS

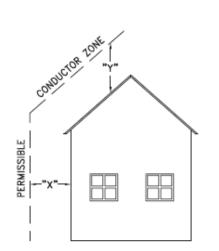
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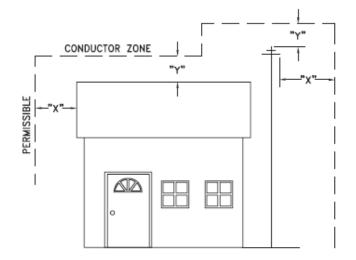
Certificate of This construction Stands requirements of Section 4	ard meets the safety
Joe Crozier, P.Eng. Name	2012-JAN-09 Date
P.Eng. Approval By:	Joe Crozier



# Construction Standard

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VOLTAGE	MINIMUM HORIZONTAL CLEARNACE UNDER MAXIMUM SWING CONDITIONS DIMENSION "X" (SEE NOTES 1, 3 & 4)	MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCE UNDER MAXIMUM DESIGN SAG CONDITIONS DIMENSION "Y" (SEE NOTES 1, 2, 4 & 5)
0-600V AND NEUTRAL	100cm	250cm
4.16/2.4 TO 44kV	300cm	480cm

- NOTES
  UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A CONDUCTOR BE PERMITTED TO PENETRATE THE ENVELOPE SHOWN BY THE DOTTED LINE.
- THE VERTICAL CLEARANCES ARE UNDER CONDITIONS OF MAXIMUM DESIGN SAG.
- THE HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES ARE UNDER CONDITIONS OF MAXIMUM SWING. WHERE THE CONDUCTOR SWING IS NOT KNOWN A HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE OF 480CM SHALL BE USED.
- BUILDINGS THAT EXCEED 3 STOREYS OR 15M IN HEIGHT, THE MINIMUM HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE OF THE SECONDARY CONDUCTORS SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 300cm WHERE IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR THE RAISING OF LADDERS BY LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
- IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS MULTI-LEVEL GARAGES, WHERE ROOFS ARE NORMALLY USED BY PERSONS AND VEHICLES, THE VERTICAL CLEARANCES OF POWERSTREAM STANDARD 03-1 SHALL APPLY.
- DISTRIBUTION LINES CONSTRUCTED NEAR BUILDINGS SHALL BE BUILT TO AVOID OVERHANG WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WHERE LINES MUST BE CONSTRUCTED OVER OR ADJACENT TO BUILDINGS THE APPLICABLE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CLEARANCES SHALL BE AT CONDITIONS OF MAXIMUM CONDUCTOR SWING AND MAXIMUM SAG. THE ABOVE CLEARANCES ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT PERSONS ON OR IN BUILDINGS AS WELL AS EXTERNAL MACHINERY USED IN CONJUCTION WITH A BUILDING TO COME IN CONTACT WITH CONDUCTORS. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO INCREASE THESE CLEARANCES WHERE POSSIBLE.
- 7. ALL CLEARANCES ARE IN ACCORDANCE TO CSA C22.3 NO.1-06 (TABLE-9).

CONVERSION TABLE		
METRIC	(APPROX)	
	,	
480cm	16'-0"	
300cm	10'-0"	
250cm	8'-4"	
100cm	3'-4"	

# MINIMUM VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES OF CONDUCTORS FROM BUILDINGS OR OTHER PERMANENT STRUCTURES (CONDUCTORS NOT ATTACHED TO BUILDINGS)

This construction Standard meets the safety requirements of Section 4 of Regulation 22/04 Debbie Dadwani, P.Eng. 2010-MAY-05 P.Eng. Approval By: <u>D. Dadwani</u>

Certificate of Approval

ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE: 2010—MAY—05 REVISION NO: REVISION DATE: PSSystem Planning and Standards/Standard Design/PowerStream Standards/PowerStream Standards working fedian/Section 3/3-4/7/WG 03-4 R0 May 5, 2010,4 Adobe POF



To: Committee of Adjustment

From: Bernd Paessler, Building Standards Department

Date: February 16, 2024

**Location:** 777 New Westminster Dr.

CONC 2 Part of Lot 6 PLAN 65R37034 Part 1

**File No.(s):** B001/24

# **Zoning Classification:**

The subject lands are zoned RA5(H) Apartment Residential Zone on Hold and subject to the provisions of Exception 9(1443) under Zoning By-law 1-88, as amended.

#### **General Comments**

The subject consent application is to permit an easement in favour of the lands to the south, and therefore the Zoning By-law requirements for Lot Area, Lot Frontage and Lot Depth are not applicable.

# **Staff Comments:**

#### **Stop Work Order(s) and Order(s) to Comply:**

There are no outstanding Orders on file.

#### **Building Permit(s) Issued:**

A Building Permit has not been issued. The Ontario Building Code requires a building permit for structures that exceed  $10m^2$ .

# **Other Comments:**

None

#### **Conditions of Approval:**

None

\* Comments are based on the review of documentation supplied with this application.

From: <u>Kristen Regier</u>

**To:** <u>Committee of Adjustment</u>

Cc: <u>Prabhdeep Kaur</u>

Subject: [External] RE: B001/24 - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:10:20 PM

Attachments: <u>image002.png</u>

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Hello,

The subject property at 777 New Westminister Drive, Vaughan is not located within TRCA's Regulated Area. TRCA's Planning and Regulatory policy interests are not impacted.

As such, TRCA has no comments on the application.

Best,

#### Kristen Regier, MA (she / her)

Planner

Development Planning and Permits | Development and Engineering Services Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

T: 437-880-2129

E: kristen.regier@trca.ca

A: 101 Exchange Avenue, Vaughan, ON, L4K 5R6 | trca.ca



# **Lenore Providence**

Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: B002/24 - 784 Centre Street - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN **Attachments:** 

APPINFO\_B002\_24.xls; APPPLANS\_B002\_24.pdf; MAPB\_B002\_24.pdf; APPCOVLETTER\_B002\_24.pdf;

COMBLDG\_B002\_24.pdf

From: Yushi Ao <yushi.ao@ycdsb.ca> Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 3:57 PM

To: Committee of Adjustment < CofA@vaughan.ca>

Cc: Karyn McAlpine-Tran <karyn.mcalpine-tran@ycdsb.ca>

Subject: [External] Fwd: B002/24 - 784 Centre Street - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CITY OF VAUGHAN

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Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced Consent application. YCDSB staff have reviewed the material provided and have no comments or objections to its approval.

Regards,

Yushi Ao Planner and Project Analyst **Planning Services** York Catholic District School Board yushi.ao@ycdsb.ca

SCHEDULE C: PUBLIC & APPLICANT CORRESPONDENCE				
Correspondence Type	Name	Address	Date Received (mm/dd/yyyy)	Summary
Applicant			02/27/2024	Cover Letter
Public	Eman Dashti	20 Gatineau Drive, Unit 911E	03/04/2024	Letter of Objection



#### **REVISED**

February 27, 2024 VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION Committee of Adjustment 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON, L6A 1T1

Dear Sirs/Madams:

RE: Part Lot 6, Con.2, Vaughan, Parts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 Plan 65R-37034 PIN 03261-0321

Application for Consent to Establish a New Easement

Blue Water Ranch Developments Inc.

#### The Application: Consent to Establish New Easement

As agents for Blue Water Ranch Developments Inc., (herein referred to as "Blue Water") owner of the lands described as Part Lot 6, Con.2, Vaughan, Parts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 Plan 65R-37034 PIN 03261-0321 (the "Blue Water Lands"), Cityzen Development Group is pleased to submit a consent application to the Committee of Adjustment to establish an easement over a 2.2 metre strip running along the southern property line of the Blue Water Lands, in favour of 2022573 Ontario Inc. and Thornhill Retirement Residence Limited Partnership (herein collectively referred to as "Metro"), the owner of the lands located directly South of the Blue Water Lands, municipally known as 784 Centre Street (the "Metro Lands").

The purpose of the proposed easement is to provide access for the maintenance and repair of a retaining wall to be located on the Blue Water Lands adjacent to the northern property line of the Metro Lands (the "Retaining Wall").

Concurrently, we are submitting a companion application for an easement in favour of Blue Water for access to maintain and repair the Retaining Wall from the other side on the Metro Lands.

#### Background

#### Blue Water Development

The Blue Water Lands are the subject of applications for an Official Plan Amendment, a Zoning By-law Amendment, and Site Plan Approval that were originally submitted in August 2021, and further revised on April 28, 2022 (collectively, the "Development Applications" File Nos. OP.21.017; Z.21.032 & DA.21.041).

The Development Applications were appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (the "Tribunal") and subsequently approved in principle, following a settlement hearing held on June 2, 2023 (Case No. OLT-22-004531). As approved, the Development Applications permit the development of two residential towers of 26 and 29 storeys with a total gross floor area of 52,075 square metres (the "Phase 2 Blue Water Development").



The Blue Water Lands have a higher elevation than the Metro Lands to the south. As a result, the design of the Phase 2 Blue Water Development has been modified to include the Retaining Wall on the Blue Water Lands at the boundary of the Metro Lands. As measured on the Blue Water Lands, **the Retaining Wall varies in height from 0.75 m at the west end to 1.81 m at the east end**. We understand that City Staff are generally accepting of the site design including the Retaining Wall, provided maintenance of the retaining wall can be facilitated by an easement between the Metro Lands and the Blue Water Lands.

We note that the Phase 2 Blue Water Development forms part of a larger development scheme that includes the lands north of the Bluewater Lands at 10 and 20 Gatineau Drive (known as the D'Or Condominiums), which formed Phase 1 of the Blue Water residential development. Part 8 and Part 9 on Plan 65R-37034 are required to be transferred to the city upon first occupancy of Blue Water Phase 2, as outlined in the Development Agreement for Phase 1 - there will be a partial release and abandonment of the easement as it relates to Part 8 and Part 9 upon transfer to the Municipality.

#### <u>Specifics of the Proposed Consent Applications</u>

Accompanying this letter is a Draft R-Plan that was prepared by KRCMAR Surveyors Ltd. (undated) in support of this application. The Draft R-Plan identifies the following part on the Metro Lands and the Blue Water Lands respectively:

Part No.	Owner of Part	Easement in Favour Of:	Description
1	Metro	Blue Water	Access to maintain and repair the
			Retaining Wall (concurrent application)
2	Blue Water	Metro	Access to maintain and repair the
			Retaining Wall (this application)

The current application would subject Part 2 identified on the Draft R-Plan to an easement in favour of Metro for the purpose of providing access to maintain and repair the Retaining Wall (the "Proposed Easement"). The concurrent application provides access to Blue Water to maintain and repair the Retaining Wall, as necessary, from the other side on the Metro Lands.

A Rationale in support of the Proposed Easement is provided below.

#### Analysis and Rationale

As noted above, the Proposed Easement is required by City Staff as a condition of its support of the proposed Phase 2 Blue Water Development otherwise approved in principle through the recent Tribunal decision.

As confirmed by the Tribunal, the Phase 2 Blue Water Development (i) has regard to matters of provincial interest in s.2 of the Act; (ii) is consistent with the PPS 2020; (iii) conforms to the Growth Plan; (iv) conforms to the City's OP; (v) conforms to the Region OP; (vi) conforms to the Bathurst and Centre Street: Thornhill Town Centre Area Specific



Policies; and (vi) has regard to the YROP 2022.

The Proposed Easement will not result in any modifications to the approved form of development on either the Blue Water Lands or the Metro Lands, implements the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law amendment approved in principle by the Tribunal, and ultimately satisfies the applicable tests and criteria further described below.

#### Planning Act

Section 53(12) of the Planning Act requires that in considering an application for consent, regard shall be had among other matters, to the criteria included under Section 51(24) regarding the approval of a draft plan of subdivision. The current application has been assessed against and satisfies the relevant criteria under Section 51(24). For example, the Proposed Easement is consistent with the matters of provincial interest listed in Section 2 of the Planning Act. Further, the Proposed Easement is not premature, and is in the public interest given that it is sought to fulfill a condition associated with the site plan and zoning by-law amendment approved in principle by the Tribunal, which was required by the City to ensure proper maintenance of the Retaining Wall.

#### Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement ("PPS") provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development with the overarching objective of enhancing the quality of life for all Ontarians. The Planning Act requires that decisions affecting a planning matter "be consistent with" the policies of the PPS. The proposed easement is consistent with the PPS it will allow for efficient development of underutilized lands within the existing urban area of the City of Vaughan in accordance with the form of development that has been approved in principle by the Tribunal.

#### Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019)

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") provides a framework for implementing the provincial government's vision for building stronger, prosperous communities by better managing growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Planning Act also requires that decisions affecting a planning matter "conform with" the Growth Plan. The Proposed Easement conforms with the Growth Plan insofar as it will allow for the Phase 2 Blue Water Development that provides additional housing options, and will support growth in proximity to existing retail and services, helping to achieve a complete community.

#### Conclusion and Recommendations

Based on the above analysis, the Proposed Easement satisfies the applicable tests and criteria under the Planning Act, is consistent with the PPS, and conforms to the Growth Plan. Furthermore, it implements the form of development and the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments that have been approved in principle by the Tribunal in its recent decision. If approved by the Committee of Adjustment, the application for the Proposed Easement will not result in any modifications to either property other than the creation of the easement over the Metro Lands to provide access to the Retaining Wall for the purpose of maintenance and repair, as required by City Staff in its review of the development application for the Phase 2 Blue Water Development.



#### **Application Materials**

Please find enclosed the following materials in respect of the application:

- 1. Committee of Adjustment Application Form, including executed Authorization Form;
- 2. Draft R-Plan prepared by KRCMAR Surveyors Ltd. (dated January 3, 2024);
- 3. Landscape Plan No. L-1a prepared by the Mbtw Group (dated December 2020);
- 4. Sketch of the Retaining Wall showing elevations relative to the grade of the Metro Lands and the Blue Water Lands.

The Committee's fees in the amount of \$3,381.02 payable to the Treasurer, City of Vaughan, will be submitted via wire transfer once the application has been accepted. If you have any questions or require any additional information or materials in respect of this application, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Kristine Zwicker

Encl.

# **Lenore Providence**

**Subject:** File no. B001/24 - Objection email.

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