

Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) Report

DATE: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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TITLE: 1212763 ONTARIO LIMITED C/O FIELDGATE DEVELOPMENTS
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE NO. Z.24.004
10970 WESTON ROAD
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FROM:

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ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

To receive comments from the public and the Committee of the Whole on an application to introduce new site-specific zoning exceptions for the subject lands shown on Attachments 1 and 2, to a Minister's Zoning Order (Ontario Regulation ('O. Reg.') 644/20) that permits a 449-unit residential subdivision, as shown on Attachments 3 to 5.

Report Highlights

- The Owner proposes a 449-unit residential subdivision consisting of single detached dwellings and townhouse dwellings.
- A Zoning By-law Amendment application is required to permit the proposed development.
- This report identifies preliminary issues to be considered in a comprehensive report to be prepared by the Development Planning Department at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Recommendations

1. THAT the Public Meeting report for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. Z.24.004 (1212763 Ontario Limited c/o Fieldgate Developments) BE RECEIVED, and that any issues identified be addressed by the Development Planning Department in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Background

Location: 10970 Weston Road (the 'Subject Lands'). The Subject Lands and the surrounding land uses are shown on Attachments 1 and 2.

Date Pre-Application Consultation Understanding Issued: February 22, 2023.

Date application was deemed complete: N/A – The Application is Incomplete.

A Zoning By-law Amendment Application has been submitted to permit the proposed development.

1212763 Ontario Limited C/O Fieldgate Developments (the 'Owner') has submitted Zoning By-law Amendment File No. Z.24.004 (the 'Application') for the Subject Lands shown on Attachments 1 and 2, to introduce new site-specific zoning exceptions to a Minister's Zoning Order ('MZO') (O. Reg. 644/20) that permits a 449-unit residential subdivision (the 'Development') as shown on Attachments 3 to 5.

Public Notice was provided in accordance with the Planning Act and Council's Notification Protocol.

- a) Date the Notice of Public Meeting was circulated: April 12, 2024

The Notice of Public Meeting was also posted on the City's website at www.vaughan.ca and a Notice Sign was installed along Weston Road and Teston Road in accordance with the City's Notice Signs Procedures and Protocols.

- b) Circulation Area: To all property owners within 150 metres of the Subject Lands, with an expanded polling area including all properties north and northwest of the Subject Lands up to Kirby Road, and properties east of the Subject Lands as shown on Attachment 1, and to the Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association and to anyone on file with the Office of the City Clerk having requested notice.
- c) No comments have been received as of April 23, 2024, by the Development Planning Department.

Any written comments received will be forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk to be distributed to the Committee of the Whole as a Communication and be reviewed and addressed by the Development Planning Department in a future technical report to the Committee of the Whole.

Previous Reports/Authority

The following are links to the MZO and previous reports applicable to the Subject Lands:

O. Reg. 644/20: Zoning Order – City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York
[November 6, 2020, O. Reg. 644/20 \(ontario.ca\)](#)

New Community Area – Block 41 Secondary Plan Study Committee of Whole Report:
[January 18, 2016, Committee of Whole \(Working Session\) \(Item 3, Report 4\)](#)

New Community Area – Block 41 Secondary Plan Study Public Hearing Report:
[April 2, 2019, Committee of Whole \(Public Hearing\) \(Item 3, Report 15\)](#)

New Community Area – Block 41 Secondary Plan Study Committee of Whole Report:
[October 7, 2019, Committee of Whole \(Item 1, Report 29\)](#)

Block 41 Block Plan Public Hearing Report:
[February 7, 2023, Committee of the Whole \(Public Hearing\) \(Item 4, Report 08\)](#)

Analysis and Options

The Development conforms with Vaughan Official Plan 2010.

Official Plan Designation:

- “Community Areas”, “Natural Areas and Countryside”, and “Greenbelt Plan Area” on Schedule 1 - Urban Structure by Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (‘VOP 2010’), Volume 1.
- “Low-Rise Residential”, “Mid-Rise Residential”, “Natural Areas”, “Agricultural”, and “Greenbelt Plan Area” on Schedule B - Land Use Plan by the Block 41 Secondary Plan.
- A Neighbourhood Park, and Potential Stormwater Management Facility are also identified on Schedule B – Land Use Plan by the Block 41 Secondary Plan
- The Low-Rise Residential Designation permits residential units, home occupations, private home day care for a maximum of five (5) children, and small-scale convenience retail uses within the following building typologies: detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, townhouse dwellings including stacked townhouses (up to 3-storeys) and back-to-back townhouse dwellings, and public and private institutional buildings.
- The Mid-Rise Residential Designation permits residential units, home occupations, and small-scale convenience retail uses within the following building typologies: mid-rise buildings, public and private institutional buildings, townhouse dwellings including stacked townhouse dwellings, back-to-back townhouse dwellings, and low-rise buildings.
- The Natural Areas Designation prohibits development and/or site alteration except for natural area management, conservation and flood erosion control, transportation, infrastructure and utilities, and low-intensity and passive recreational activities.
- The Agricultural Designation permits farming activities, and farm-related commercial and industrial uses that are small scale.
- The Greenbelt Plan Area permits parks, trails and recreational uses outside of key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features and their associated vegetation protection zones, and also outside of prime agricultural areas.
- The Development conforms to VOP 2010.

Amendments to the site-specific development standards in O. Reg. 644/20 through Zoning By-law 1-88 are required to permit the Development.

Zoning:

- “Low-Rise Residential Zone” and “Mid-Rise Residential Zone” by O. Reg. 644/20, as shown on Attachment 3, subject to site-specific zoning regulations.
- The Owner proposes to amend site-specific development standards in O. Reg. 644/20, as identified in Table 1 in Attachment 6, to permit the Development shown on Attachments 3 to 5.
- No change to land use or permitted uses in MZO O. Reg. 644/20 are proposed by the Application.

Additional zoning exceptions may be identified through the detailed review of the Application and will be considered in a technical report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Following a preliminary review of the Application, the Development Planning Department has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

	MATTERS TO BE REVIEWED	COMMENT(S)
a.	Conformity and Consistency with Provincial Policies, York Region, and City Official Plan Policies	▪ The Application will be reviewed for consistency and conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (the ‘PPS’), A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, as amended (the ‘Growth Plan’) and the policies of the York Region Official Plan, 2022 (‘YROP’), City of Vaughan Official Plan (‘VOP 2010’) and Block 41 Secondary Plan.
b.	Appropriateness of Amendments to Zoning By-law	▪ The appropriateness of the site-specific exceptions will be reviewed in consideration of the existing and planned sounding land uses.
c.	Block 41 Block Plan	▪ The Subject Lands are located within the Block 41 Block Plan Area. ▪ The Block Plan application for Block 41 is currently under review by the Policy Planning and Special Programs Department. ▪ The Owner will be required to fulfill all cost sharing and other obligations of the Block 41 Landowners Group to the satisfaction of the Trustee for Block 41 Landowners Group and the City of Vaughan, should the Application be approved.
d.	Studies and Reports	▪ The Owner submitted studies and reports in support of the Applications available on the city’s website at

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		https://maps.vaughan.ca/planit/ (PLANit Viewer) and must be approved to the satisfaction of the City or respective approval authority. Additional studies and/or reports may be required as part of the application review process.
e.	Allocation and Servicing	The availability of water and sanitary servicing capacity for the Development must be identified and allocated by Vaughan Council, if the Application is approved. If servicing allocation is unavailable, the lands will be zoned with a Holding Symbol “(H)”, which will be removed once servicing capacity is identified and allocated to the lands by Vaughan Council.
f.	Urban Design Guidelines	- The Development will be reviewed in consideration of City-wide Urban Design Guidelines. - Urban Design Guidelines for the Block 41 Block Plan area have been submitted with the Block Plan Application. Subject to the approval of the Block Plan Application, the Development will be reviewed in consideration of these Guidelines.
g.	Public Agency/Municipal Review	The Application must be reviewed by York Region and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (‘TRCA’), and external public agencies and utilities.
h.	TransCanada Pipeline	The Application has been circulated to TransCanada Pipeline (‘TCPL’) for review, as a TCPL compressor station and pipeline are located within Block 41.
i.	Sustainable Development	The Application will be reviewed in consideration of the City of Vaughan’s Policies and Sustainability Metrics Program. The Development shall achieve a minimum Bronze score of 27.
j.	Traffic Impacts, Road Widening and Access	- The Transportation Impact Study submitted with the Application will be reviewed in accordance with the City’s Transportation Impact Study Guidelines, to the satisfaction of the Development Engineering Department - The Subject Lands are located on Weston Road, an arterial road under the jurisdiction of York Region. York Region will identify any required land conveyances.

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k.	The Application has been Deemed Incomplete	▪ The Owner is required to submit the following material for the Application to be deemed complete: ○ An overlay map of the proposed zones under O. Reg. 644/20 and Land Use Designations; ○ An overlaid map of the proposed subdivision over Block 41 Land Use Designations; ○ A visual illustration of the proposed “Attachment” as per the Draft Zoning By-law; ○ Detailed concept/site plan illustrating applicable zoning regulations of the O. Reg. 644/20 to each unit typology (single-detached and townhouse) proposed; ○ A surveyor’s report showing proposed lot areas, frontages, depth, and areas for each parcel.
l.	Related Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (File 19T-24V002)	▪ The Owner has submitted a related Draft Plan of Subdivision Application File 19T-24V002. ▪ Should the Application be approved, the required conditions will be included to address site access, road alignment and connections, servicing, and grading, environmental, noise, and other municipal, regional and public agency and utility requirements.

Financial Impact

There are no financial requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Operational Impact

Development Planning Staff have circulated the Application to internal City Departments for review.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The Application has been circulated to the York Region Community Planning and Development Services Department and the TRCA for review and comment. Any issues will be addressed when the technical report is considered.

Conclusion

The preliminary issues identified in this report and any other issues identified through the processing of the Application will be considered in the technical review of the Application. Comments from the public and Vaughan Council expressed at the Public Meeting or in writing will be addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

For more information, please contact Laura Tafreshi, Planner, Development Planning Department, ext. 8051.

Attachments

1. Context Map and Expanded Polling Area
2. Location Map and Zoning
3. Draft Plan of Subdivision and Proposed Zoning
4. Draft Plan of Subdivision
5. Landscape Plan
6. Table 1 New Zoning Exceptions to O. Reg. 644/20

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