

# Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

October 18, 2019

**File:** A/100/19  
**Address:** 7725 Markham Road, Markham  
**Applicant:** GCREF Holding GP Inc.  
**Agent:** MacNaughton Hermesen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited  
**Hearing Date:** Wednesday October 23, 2019

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

The applicant is requesting a variance to permit an additional use in the Select Industrial and Limited Commercial/Special Commercial (M.C. (60%)/SC1) zone of By-law 108-81, as amended, as described below:

**a) Amending By-law 190-91, Section 1.3:**

To Permit an Automobile Service Establishment, whereas the By-law permits automobile service establishments only within an Automotive Service Mall.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Property Description**

The 0.58 ha (1.43 ac) subject property is located on the east side of Markham Road and is south of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The subject property is developed with a one-storey 2,399 m<sup>2</sup> (25,822.62 ft<sup>2</sup>) commercial building, which is occupied as a Staples retail store. The applicant is proposing a one-storey 272 m<sup>2</sup> (2,927.78) 'Automobile Service Establishment' on the southeast portion of the site. The proposed building is for a Mr. Lube facility, which includes four car bay lanes to service motor vehicles with oil changes and minor repairs (See Site Plan, Appendix 'A'). The subject site is accessed from Markham Road via a shared driveway access with abutting commercial properties to the south.

Surrounding land uses include existing shopping centres to the west (across Markham Road) and to the south. A Canadian National railway corridor abuts the subject property to the northeast.

### **Proposal**

The applicant is requesting a variance to permit an 'Automobile Service Establishment' as an additional use on the site, whereas the by-law permits this use only within an 'Automotive Service Mall' (i.e. a building containing two or more 'Automobile Service Establishments'). This minor variance application is related to a concurrent Site Plan Application (File No. 19 126425) which is under review by City Staff and external agencies. The applicant has submitted this minor variance application in response to zoning comments provided through the site plan review that the singular 'Automotive Service Establishment' is not permitted.

### **Official Plan and Zoning**

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on Nov 24/17, and further updated on April 9/18)

The 2014 Official Plan designates the subject property as "Mixed Use Mid Rise" and identifies the site is also within the 'Local Corridor – Markham Road Armadale Corridor' in which the land use objective is to provide for a mixed-use local corridor that functions as a main street integrating a range of housing, employment, shopping and recreation opportunities, at transit supportive densities to serve the adjacent Armadale communities.

The 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation contemplates a range of commercial uses and residential uses, in which the contemplated building types include apartment buildings, multi-storey non-residential or mixed use buildings, stacked townhouses and townhouses.

Contemplated land uses in the 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation includes 'motor vehicle service stations' subject to the land use criteria in Section 8.13.5, which states that such uses 'be used primarily for the retail sale of automotive fuels'. While this is more akin to a gasoline service station, staff note that Section 8.13.5 c) i. also provides for accessory uses, including the 'servicing and minor repairing essential to the operation of motor vehicles' 'within wholly enclosed buildings on a site'.

While the 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation does not specifically permit the Automobile Service Establishment proposed through this variance application, the 2014 Official Plan does contemplate it as an accessory component to a permitted Motor Vehicle Station as described above. Additionally, since the proposed development is a minor addition to an existing commercial property rather than the redevelopment of the site to implement the vision of the 'Markham Road Armadale Corridor' policies, staff are of the opinion that the proposed use does not offend the intent and vision of the Official Plan.

#### Zoning By-Law 108-81

The subject property is zoned 'Select Industrial and Limited Commercial/Special Commercial' (M.C. (60%)/ SC1) under By-law 108-81, as amended, which permits an Automotive Service Mall, amongst other commercial and light industrial uses.

The Zoning By-law defines an Automotive Service Mall as "a building or complex of buildings on a lot intended for occupancy by not less than two automotive service establishments".

The Zoning By-law defines an automotive service establishment as "a public garage used for the retail sale or installation of automotive parts and accessories and general automotive repairs but does not include any premises performing spray painting or repairing of motor vehicle bodies or fenders and does not include gasoline bars, gasoline service stations, mechanical car washes, self-service car washes, car sales, car rental, truck sales, truck rental or recreation vehicles sales establishment", and is a permitted use within an automotive service mall.

The applicant has therefore submitted a variance to permit one automobile service establishment on the subject property.

Through the concurrent site plan review, it has been confirmed that sufficient onsite parking will be available to accommodate the proposed development and existing retail building.

#### **Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken**

The owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has not been conducted. However the applicant has received comments from the building department through their site plan application review process 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.

#### **Automotive Service Establishment**

The applicable zoning by-law permits a diverse range of commercial and light industrial uses including an Automotive Service Mall, which by the zoning by-law definition does not permit a singular Automotive Service Establishment, as proposed. Staff consider this variance to be minor in nature and are of the opinion that the proposed use does not offend the intent and vision of the 2014 Official Plan. Staff are also of the opinion that the approval of the variance will not result in any impact to surrounding properties and have no objections to its approval.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

No written submissions were received as of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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.

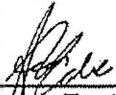
#### **CONCLUSION**

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

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Aqsa Malik, Planner I, East District

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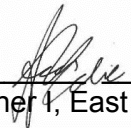
  
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**APPENDIX "A"**

**CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/100/19**

1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains.

CONDITIONS PREPARED BY:

  
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Aqsa Malik, Planner 1, East District

APPENDIX A

PLAN OF SURVEY WITH TOPOGRAPHY OF  
PART OF BLOCK 1  
REGISTERED PLAN 65M-2843  
CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK  
SCALE 1 : 400



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ELEVATION NOTE

ELEVATIONS ARE GEODETIC AND ARE DERIVED FROM THE CITY OF MARKHAM BENCHMARK No. 00819668331, also known as 331-66.

LOCATION :  
STEEL BEAM BRIDGE CARRYING CNR OVER HIGHWAY 48, 2.1KM SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 7 AND 2.1KM NORTH OF METRO TORONTO NORTH LIMITS. TABLET SET HORIZONTALLY IN THE WEST FACE OF EAST ABUTMENT, 61CM NORTH OF SW CORNER, 10.4M EAST OF PAVEMENT AND 70CM ABOVE GRADE.

ELEVATION:  
PUBLISHED ELEVATION = 176.942 metres.

BEARING NOTE

BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE ASTRONOMIC AND ARE REFERRED TO THE EASTERLY LIMIT OF MARKHAM ROAD AS SHOWN ON PLAN 65R-24490, HAVING A BEARING OF N10°12'05"W.

METRIC

DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE IN METRES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO FEET BY DIVIDING BY 0.3048.

LEGEND

- |         |         |                                     |
|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| ■       | DENOTES | SURVEY MONUMENT FOUND               |
| □       |         | SURVEY MONUMENT PLANTED             |
| WIT     |         | WITNESS MONUMENT                    |
| SIB     |         | STANDARD IRON BAR                   |
| SSIB    |         | SHORT STANDARD IRON BAR             |
| IB      |         | IRON BAR                            |
| CP      |         | CONCRETE PIN                        |
| N.S.E.W |         | NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST            |
| OU      |         | ORIGIN UNKNOWN                      |
| 922     |         | SCHAEFFER & DZALDOV LIMITED, O.L.S. |
| P1      |         | PLAN 65R-24490                      |
| P2      |         | PLAN 65R-25403                      |
| MH      |         | MANHOLE                             |
| HYT     |         | HYDRO TRANSFORMER                   |
| ATS     |         | AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL            |
| CB      |         | CATCH BASIN                         |
| FH      |         | FIRE HYDRANT                        |
| WV      |         | WATER VALVE                         |
| MET     |         | METER                               |
| FF      |         | FLOOR FINISH                        |
| SIA     |         | SIAMSESE CONNECTOR                  |
| WHP     |         | WOODEN HYDRO POLE                   |
| GUY     |         | GUY WIRE                            |
| MLS     |         | METAL LIGHT STANDARD                |
| WELL    |         | WELL                                |
| B       |         | BOLLARD                             |
| CP      |         | CONCRETE POLE                       |
| O/H     |         | OVERHEAD                            |
| ⊙       |         | DECIDUOUS TREE                      |
| ⊙       |         | CONIFEROUS TREE                     |
| ■       |         | CONCRETE                            |

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

- I CERTIFY THAT :
1. THIS SURVEY AND PLAN ARE CORRECT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SURVEYS ACT, THE SURVEYORS ACT AND THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THEM.
  2. THE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 13, 2019.

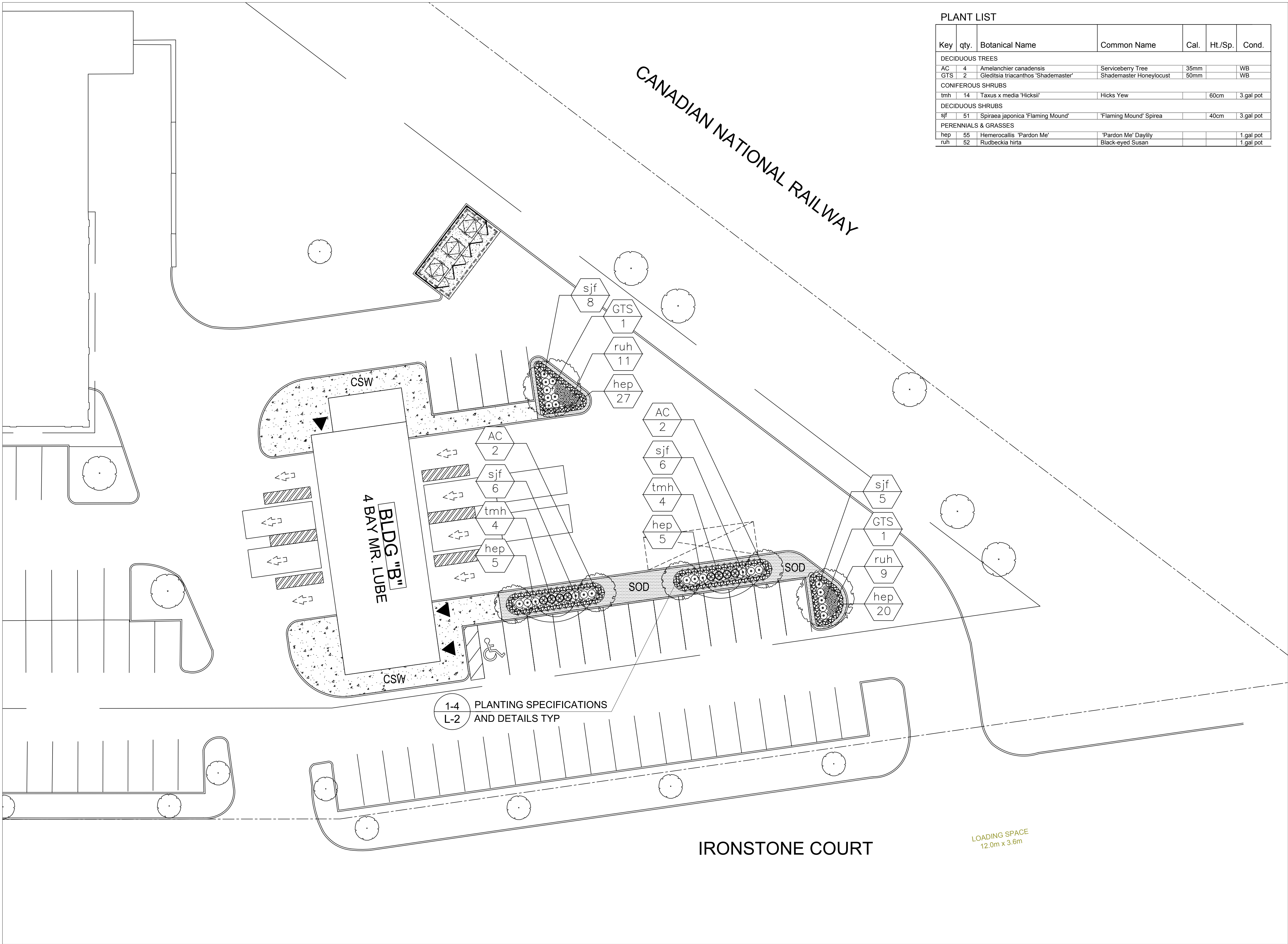
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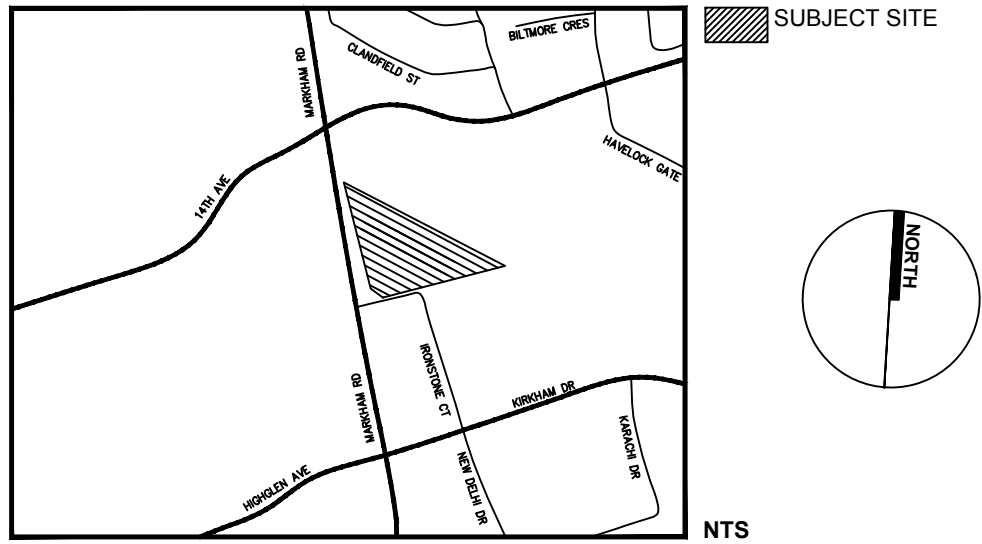




PLANT LIST

Key	qty.	Botanical Name	Common Name	Cal.	Ht./Sp.	Cond.
DECIDUOUS TREES						
AC	4	Amelanchier canadensis	Serviceberry Tree	35mm		WB
GTS	2	Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster'	Shademaster Honeylocust	50mm		WB
CONIFEROUS SHRUBS						
tmh	14	Taxus x media 'Hicksii'	Hicks Yew		60cm	3.gal pot
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS						
sjf	51	Spiraea japonica 'Flaming Mound'	'Flaming Mound' Spirea		40cm	3.gal pot
PERENNIALS & GRASSES						
hep	55	Hemerocallis 'Pardon Me'	'Pardon Me' Daylily			1.gal pot
ruh	52	Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan			1.gal pot

KEY PLAN



LEGEND

- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE
- EXISTING DECIDUOUS TREE TO REMAIN
- PROPOSED CONTINUOUS SHRUB / PERENNIAL BED
- SOD SODDED AREA
- C&W CONCRETE PAVING REFER TO DETAIL 4 SHEET L-2
- XXX PLANT KEY
- ###-##-## L-? DETAIL KEY
- PROPERTY LINE

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PROJECT

7725 MARKHAM ROAD  
MARKHAM, ONTARIO

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LANDSCAPE PLAN

DATE

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MARKHAM ROAD  
ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CONCESSIONS 7 AND 8)  
PLAN 02837-G001 (1:1)

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ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS  
DATE: MARCH 13, 2019.

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<u>PARKING REQUIRED:</u>	
<u>RETAIL (EXISTING):</u>	
2,399.05 S.M. @ 1 CAR / 30 S.M.	80 SPACES
<u>RETAIL (MR. LUBE):</u>	
272.48 S.M. @ 1 CAR / 25 S.M.	11 SPACES
<u>TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED:</u>	91 SPACES

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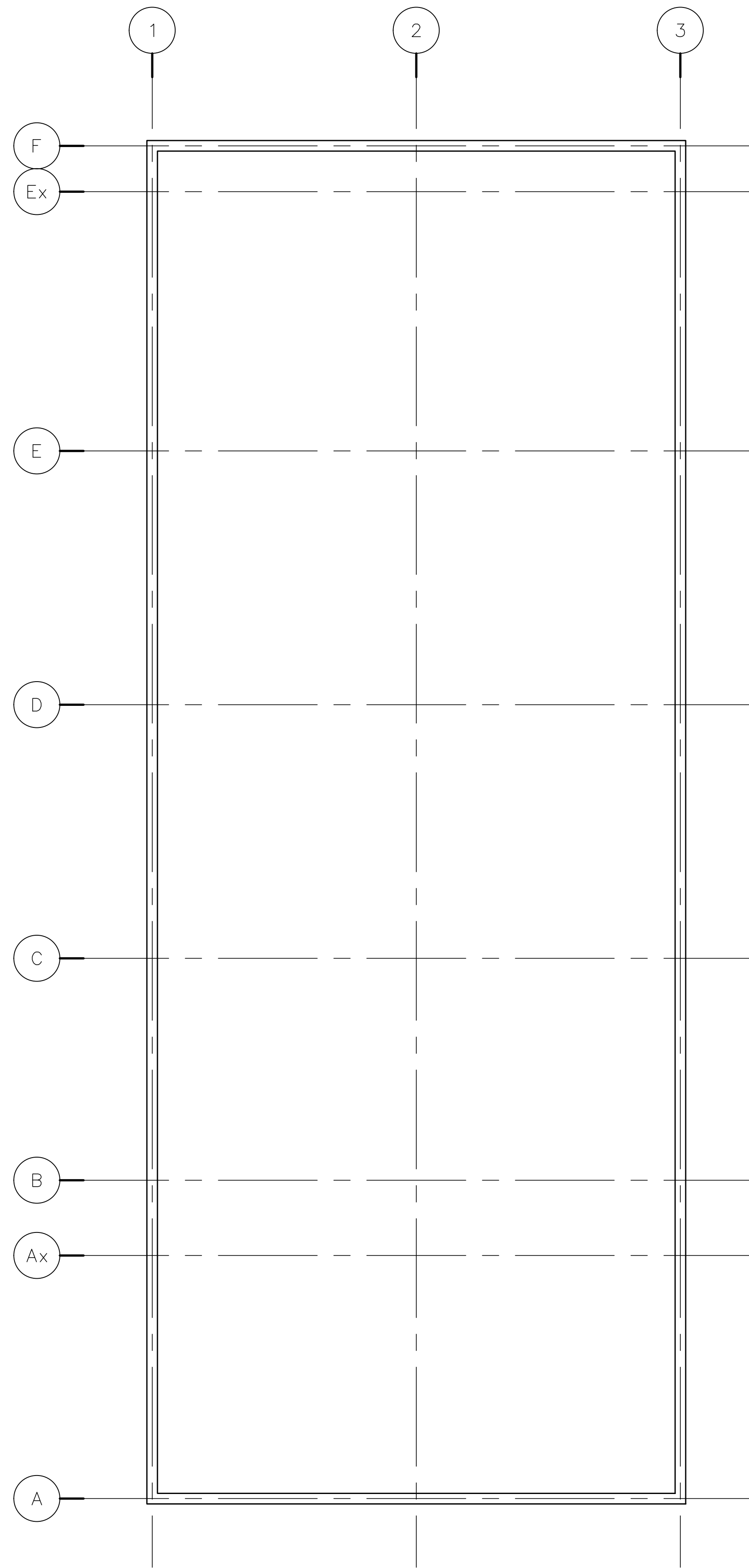



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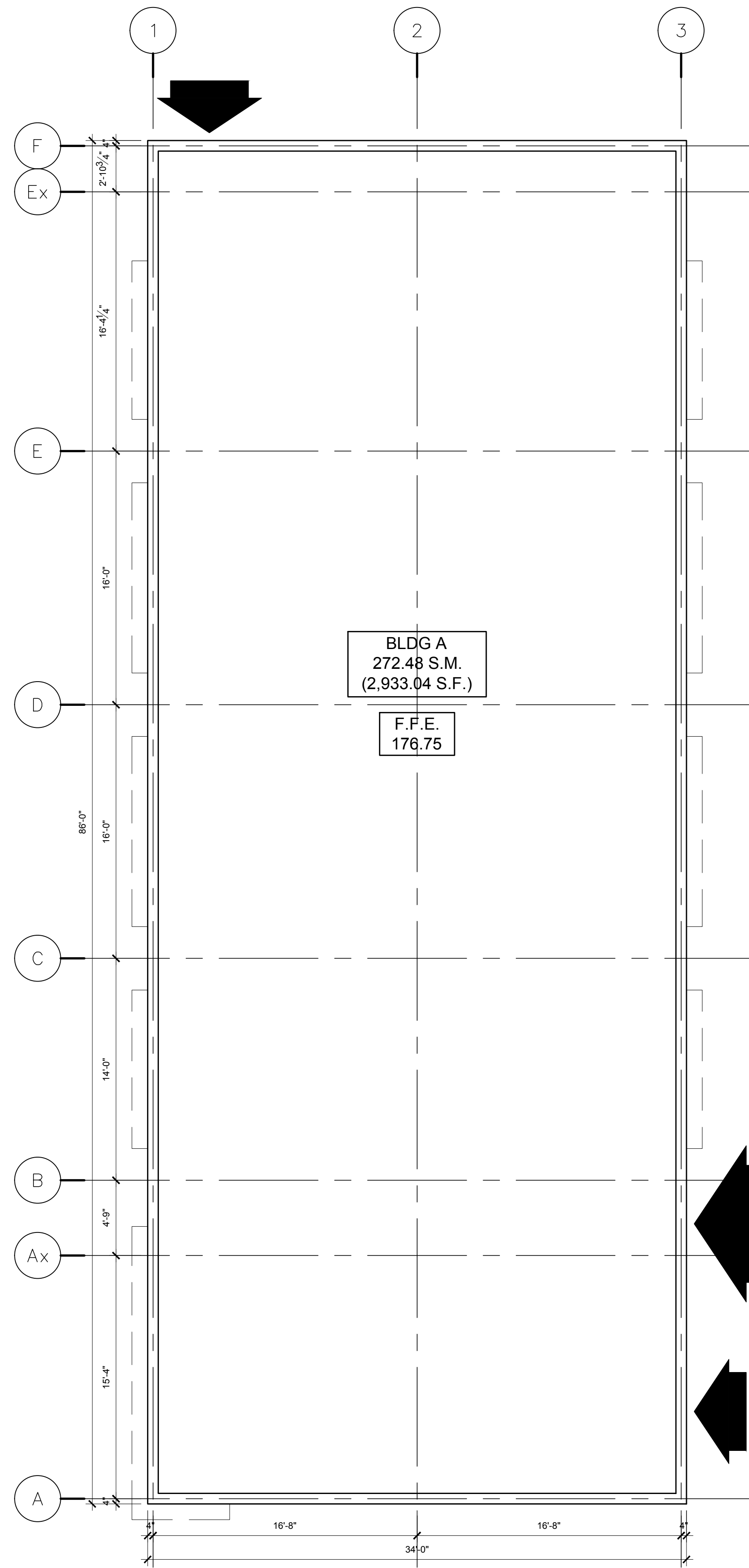
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1 GROUND FLOOR PLAN  
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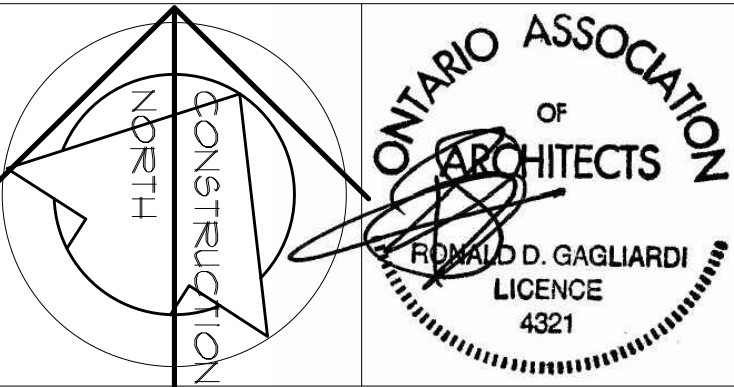
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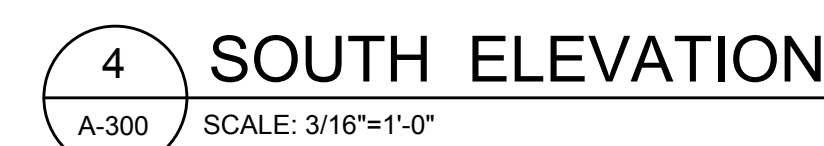
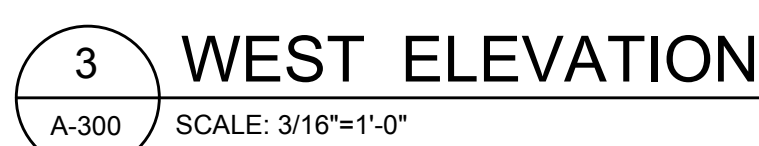
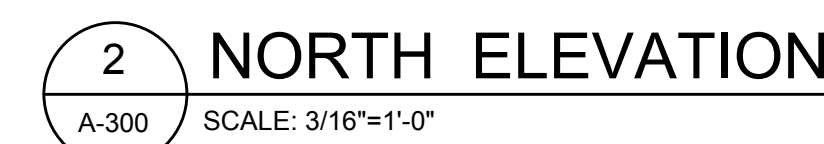
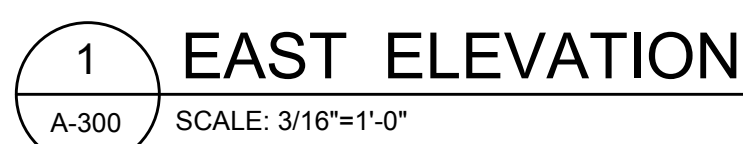
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