Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment February 16, 2018

File:	B/31/17 and B/32/17
Address:	22 and 24 River Bend Road, Markham
Applicant:	Antonio and Gennaro Bruno
Agent:	JKO Planning Services Inc. (Jim Kotsopoulos)
Hearing Date:	Wednesday February 21, 2018

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

22 River Bend Road

B/15/17

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Parts 7 and 8 with an approximate area of 927.2 sq. m are to be conveyed to the City of Markham.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

22 and 24 River Bend Road (the "subject lands") are located on the north side of River Bend Road, east of Oakcrest Avenue, south of Highway 7 East (see Appendix A – Aerial Photo).

22 River Bend Road has an area of approximately 0.2 hectares (0.49 acres) and a frontage of approximately 29 metres (95 feet). It contains a one-storey single detached dwelling constructed circa 1960, which is not of heritage value. A set of terraced retaining walls exist in the rear yard which provide stepped access to the Rouge River Valley

24 River Bend Road has an area of approximately 0.2 hectares (0.5 acres) and a frontage of approximately 31 metres (101 feet). It contains a one-storey single detached dwelling

constructed circa 1960, which is not of heritage value. Three accessory buildings are located in the rear yard along with an in-ground swimming pool.

The subject lands are located within the Oakcrest/Sabiston community, which is undergoing transition and surrounded on all sides, with the exception to the north, by single detached residential dwellings. Mature vegetation is scattered through the subject lands. A woodland and steep slope associated with the abutting Rouge River Valley exists within the rear yard of the subject lands.

Proposal

The applicant proposes to sever and convey parts of the subject properties (see Appendix B - Draft Reference Plan). The effect of the severances would be to create four lots fronting onto River Bend Road. Two of the lots would have frontages of approximately 14.5 metres and the remaining two would have frontages of approximately 15.3 metres or half the frontages of the original lots. The applicant proposes to construct a new two-storey detached dwelling on each lot (see Appendix C – Supporting Plans).

The remaining parts (Parts 3, 4, 7 and 8) are to be conveyed to the City for environmental protection purposes.

Official Plan and Zoning

<u>2014 Official Plan, as partially approved on Oct 30, 2015, May 26, 2016, Mar 10, 2017, Apr 21, 2017 and Nov 24, 2017 (2014 Official Plan)</u>

The subject property is designated "Residential Low Rise" in the 2014 Official Plan which provides for single detached dwellings. Section 8.2.3.5 in the 2014 Official Plan contains infill development criteria, with the intent being that infill development respects and reflects the existing patterns and character of adjacent development. The 2014 Official Plan includes an area-specific policy for portions of Oakcrest Avenue, Sabiston Drive and River Bend Road, as follows:

"9.19.2 Infill Development

For the "Residential Low Rise" lands shown on Figure 9.19.2, Council may consider a zoning by-law amendment to permit a consent (severance) to create one additional lot generally equal to one half of the area and frontage of lots from the original plans of subdivision for the lands. Where such consents (severances) are permitted, the lot frontage(s) and lot area(s) of the proposed new lot(s) shall be deemed consistent with the emerging lot sizes on the street where the property is located.

The intent of this Official Plan is to support infill development within this area, but ensure the massing of new dwellings or additions to existing dwellings respects and reflects the pattern and character of adjacent development, where appropriate. Site specific development standards established through individual zoning by-law amendments may address lot coverage, building depth, floor area ratios, height, number of storeys, garage projections and garage widths."

This policy came out of a land use study undertaken by the City for this community in 2010/11 in response to a number of development applications to create new lots.

The rear portion of the subject lands is designated "Greenway - Natural Heritage Network". This is a core element of the "Greenway" system and includes natural heritage and hydrologic features and associated vegetative protection zones. Natural heritage and hydrologic features are generally intended to be conveyed into public ownership with the approval of development.

Zoning By-law 122.72, as amended

The subject lands are zoned Hold Single Family Residential [(H)R3] and Open Space (O1) under By-law 122.72, as amended, including site-specific development standards. The hold on the subject lands may not be removed until the issuance by the Secretary Treasurer of a consent to sever under subsection 53 (42) of the Planning Act. Amongst other standards, By-law 2016-103 establishes a minimum lot frontage and area of 14.5 metres and 510 m² on the subject lands.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions have been received as of *February 16, 2018*. It is noted that additional comments may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide comment on this at the meeting.

COMMENTS

The subject property underwent a re-zoning in 2016 to facilitate a severance to create the four proposed building lots. The implementing zoning amendment establishes the minimum lot frontage and area at 14.5 metres and 510 m². The proposed lots conform to the minimum lot frontage and area requirements of the by-law and are consistent with the intent of the area specific policies of the 2014 Official Plan.

Rear Portion of Subject Lands to be Conveyed to the City

The Owner has worked with the City and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to finalize the development limit in the rear yards. In accordance with the 2014 Official Plan and TRCA policy, as a condition of severance approval, staff request the rear portion of the subject lands be conveyed to the City free of all cost and encumbrances (see Appendix B – Draft Reference Plan – Parts 3, 4, 7 and 8).

Site Plan Approval Required

The subject property falls within an area of the City which is subject to site plan approval. Through the site plan approval process, staff will review the proposed elevations, undertake the review of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, require the erection/inspection of tree protection fencing, and require any tree replacements and/or tree replacement fees.

CONCLUSION

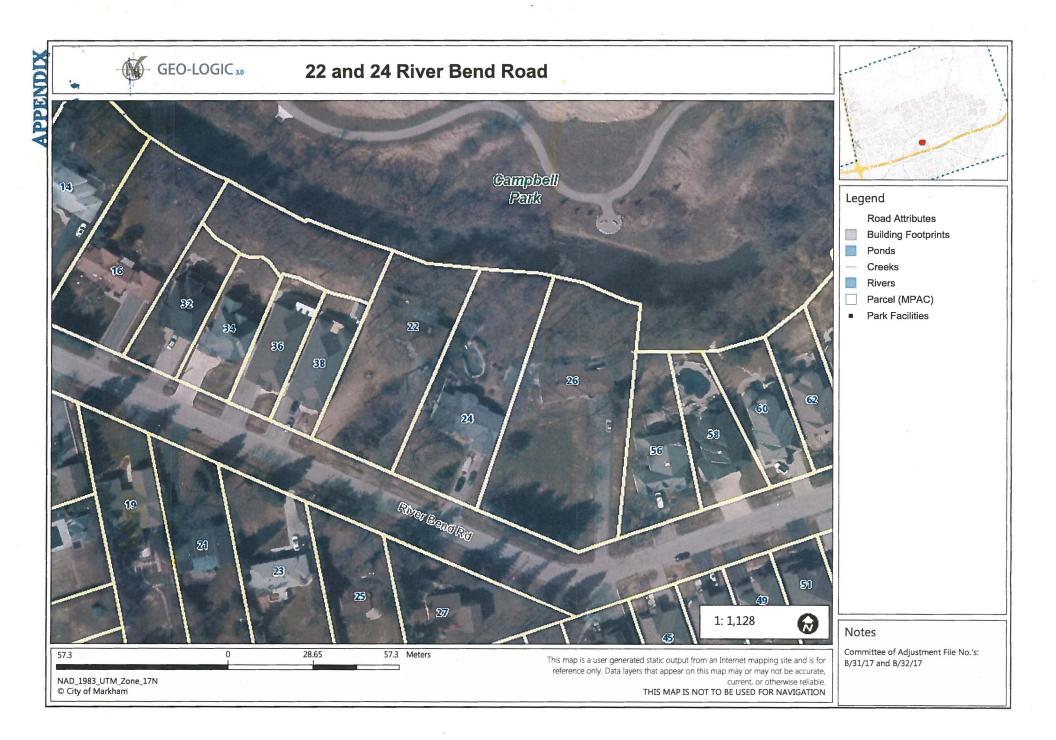
In concluding, staff note the proposal is consistent with the emerging lot fabric and implements the recently adopted site-specific by-law. Staff have had regard for the criteria in Section 51 (24) of the Planning Act for reviewing severance applications. As conditions of severance approval, the Owner is required to provide cash-in-lieu of parkland based on the creation of two additional lots and convey the rear portion of the subject lands free of all cost and encumbrances. Staff recommend the conditions attached in Appendix D.

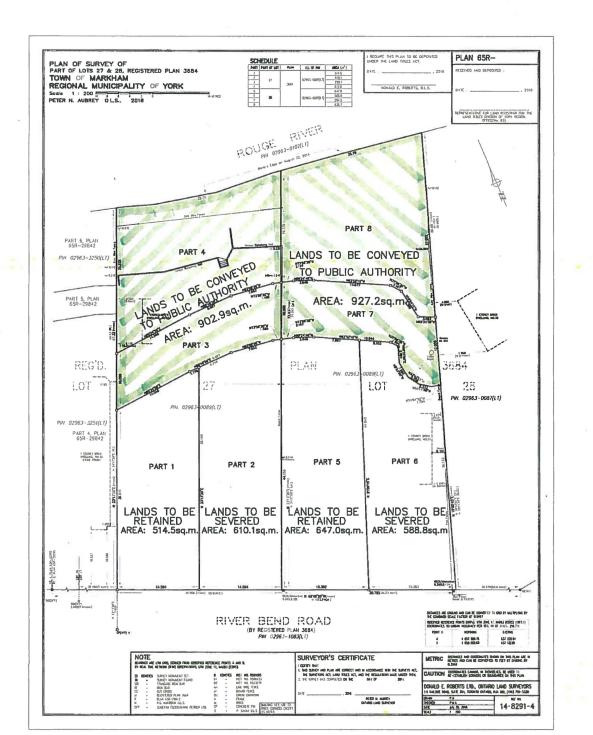
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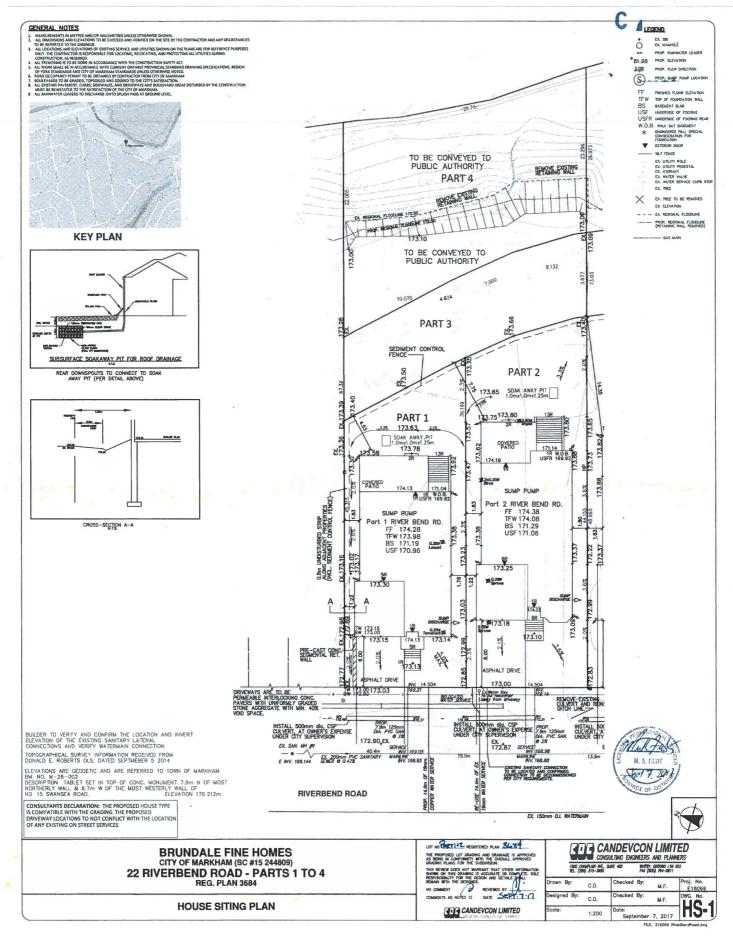
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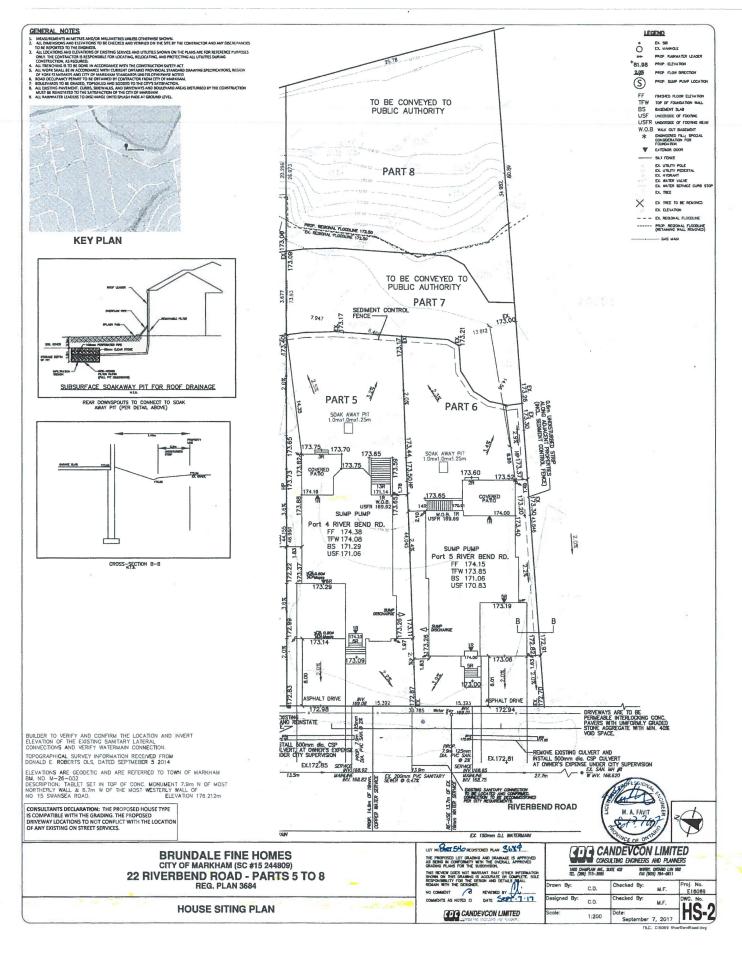




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- 5. Payment of the required Conveyance Fee for the creation of a residential lot per City of Markham Fee By-law 211-83, as amended;
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December 11, 2017

BY E-MAIL ONLY

Mr. Rick Cefaratti Acting Secretary-Treasurer Committee of Adjustment City of Markham 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mr. Cefaratti:

Re: Consent Application - B/31/17 22 River Bend Road, Markham, ON Antonio Bruno (Owner) Jim Kotsopoulos (Agent)

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RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above, TRCA staff have **no objections** to the approval of the above noted application subject to the following conditions:

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I trust these comments are of assistance. Should you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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By copy of this letter, the applicant is advised that the TRCA has implemented a fee schedule for our planning application review services. This application is subject to a \$1,325.00 review fee (2016 TRCA Planning Fees Schedule –Consent/Severance/Land Division – Minor). The applicant is responsible for fee payment and should forward the fee to this office within 60 days of this letter.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above, TRCA staff have **no objections** to the approval of the above noted application subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant successfully obtains a permit under Ontario Regulation 166/06 for the proposed works;
- 2. The applicant remits the outstanding TRCA Planning Services review fee of \$1,325.00 within 60 days of this letter.

I trust these comments are of assistance. Should you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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