



May 31, 2023

via email

GRCA File: A-32-23 – 60 Ontario Street

Trista Di Lullo
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
City of Guelph
City Hall, 1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Dear Ms. Di Lullo,

Re: Minor Variance Application A-32/23
60 Ontario Street, City of Guelph
Watir Holdings Group

Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff has reviewed the above-noted minor variance application.

Recommendation

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has no objection to the proposed minor variance application.

GRCA Comments

GRCA has reviewed this application under the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (Ontario Regulation 686/21), including acting on behalf of the Province regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020), as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 150/06, and as a public body under the *Planning Act* as per our CA Board approved policies.

Information currently available at this office indicates that the subject property is within the floodplain of the Speed River and contains the regulated allowance adjacent to the floodplain. This reach of floodplain is also designated as 'Special Policy Area Floodplain' within the City of Guelph Official Plan. A copy of GRCA's resource mapping is attached.

Due to the presence of the floodplain, the entire property is regulated by the GRCA under Ontario Regulation 150/06 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation. Any future development or other alteration within the regulated area will require prior written approval from GRCA in the form of a permit pursuant to Ontario Regulation 150/06. Any future development within the floodplain on this property must conform to the GRCA Special Policy Area policies and the 'Special Policy Area Floodplain' policies outlined in the City of Guelph Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

The minor variance application requests permission to establish a shared outdoor patio associated with the existing commercial uses on the subject lands. The GRCA has no objection to the proposed minor variance application.

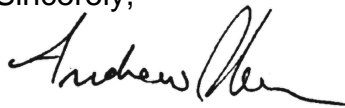
We wish to acknowledge receipt of the applicable plan review fee for our review of the related application A-38/22. As such, a GRCA plan review fee for this application is not required.

For Municipal Consideration

Please be advised that on January 1, 2023, a new Minister's regulation (Ontario Regulation 596/22: Prescribed Acts – Subsections 21.1.1 (1.1) and 21.1.2 (1.1) of the Conservation Authorities Act) came into effect. As a result, non-mandatory technical review services that the GRCA formerly provided under agreement with some municipalities (e.g., technical reviews related to natural heritage and select aspects of stormwater management) will no longer be provided.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 519-621-2763 ext. 2228 or aherreman@grandriver.ca.

Sincerely,



Andrew Herreman, CPT
Resource Planning Technician
Grand River Conservation Authority

Enclosed: GRCA Mapping

Copy: Mike Watt, Watir Holdings Corp. (via email)
Charlotte Balluch, GSP Group (via email)



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Legend

- Regulation Limit (GRCA)
- Regulated Watercourse (GRCA)
- Regulated Waterbody (GRCA)
- Wetland (GRCA)
- Floodplain (GRCA)
 - Engineered
 - Estimated
 - Approximate
 - Special Policy Area
- Slope Valley (GRCA)
 - Steep
 - Oversteep
 - Steep
- Slope Erosion (GRCA)
 - Oversteep
 - Toe
- Lake Erie Flood (GRCA)
- Lake Erie Shoreline Reach (GRCA)
- Lake Erie Dynamic Beach (GRCA)
- Lake Erie Erosion (GRCA)
- Parcel - Assessment (MPAC/MNRF)

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