

Item 9(b)

To: Mayor and Members of City of Woodstock Council

From: Justin Miller, Development Planner, Community Planning

Application for Draft Plan of Condominium and Exemption from Draft Plan Approval CD25-01-8 – Woodstock Business Centre Inc.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The purpose of the application is to consider approval of a common element condominium and exemption from the draft plan condominium process to for a new commercial development in the Regional Commercial designation of the City of Woodstock.
- The proposal is consistent with the relevant policies of the Provincial Planning Statement, maintains the general intent of the Official Plan, and complies with the provisions of the City's Zoning By-law.

DISCUSSION

Background

APPLICANT/OWNER: Woodstock Business Centre Inc.

9300 Goreway Drive, Unit 111, Brampton ON L6P 4N1

LOCATION:

The subject property is described as Part of Lot 10, Plan 41M82, Part Lot 9 of RCP 1654, Part 2 of 41R-9080 in the City of Woodstock. The property is located on the northwest corner of Juliana Drive and Montclair Drive, and is known municipally as 200 Montclair Drive.

COUNTY OF OXFORD OFFICIAL PLAN:

Schedule "W-1" City of Woodstock Land Use Plan Regional Commercial Node

CITY OF WOODSTOCK ZONING BY-LAW 8626-10:

Existing Zoning: Special Regional Commercial Zone (C6-13)

PROPOSAL:

An application has been received for approval of a plan of condominium and exemption from the draft approval of condominium process. The application will facilitate condominium ownership of a commercial development consisting of 16 commercial units within 4 buildings.

The subject lands contain 4 buildings, one building containing 7 commercial units, one building containing 6 commercial units, one building containing 2 commercial units and one building containing 1 commercial unit. As indicated by the applicant, each unit will be for the exclusive use of individual owners. All areas outside of the individual units including the parking area, entrance and landscaped open space will be held in common ownership.

The owner obtained site plan approval from the City in March 2023 (SP 8-20-01). Further, an amendment was made to the City's Zoning By-law in June 2024 to permit a veterinarian's office on the subject lands (ZN8-24-08).

The subject lands are approximately 9,480 m² (2.34 ac) in area and currently contain a commercial plaza that is under construction.

Surrounding land uses consist primarily of regional commercial uses to the north, west and east, with industrial uses to the south, and vacant commercial lands to the south on the opposite side of Juliana Drive.

Plate 1, <u>Existing Zoning & Location Map</u>, provides the location of the subject property and the existing zoning in the immediate vicinity.

Plate 2, Aerial Map (2020), provides an aerial view of the subject property and surrounding area.

Plate 3, <u>Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium</u>, shows the location of the commercial units proposed or individual ownership and the common elements.

Application Review

2024 Provincial Planning Statement

Section 2.1(6) of the PPS states that the achievement of complete communities accommodates an appropriate range and mix of land uses, housing and transportation options, employment, public services facilities, recreation and parks, and open space to meet long-term needs. Further, complete communities improve accessibility for people of all ages and abilities and improve social equity and overall quality of life.

Section 2.3.1 of the PPS indicates that settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development and land use patterns within settlement areas shall be based on densities and a mix of land uses which:

- a) Efficiently use land and resources;
- b) Optimize existing and planned infrastructure and public service facilities;
- c) Support active transportation;
- d) Are transit-supportive as appropriate, and
- e) Are freight supportive.

Official Plan

The subject property is located within the Regional Commercial Node designation according to the City of Woodstock Land Use Plan, as contained in the Official Plan. Regional Commercial Node lands are those lands that are intended to provide for a wide range of commercial uses that

meet specialized service and comparison shopping needs. Regional Commercial Nodes, by reason of their size and range of uses, are regarded as major activity centres and may have trade areas that extend throughout large areas of the County.

ZONING BY-LAW:

The subject property is zoned 'Special Regional Commercial (C6-13)" according to the City's Zoning By-Law. The C6-13 Zone permits a wide variety of commercial uses, including a medical clinic, drug store, retail store and veterinary clinic.

AGENCY REVIEW:

A number of agencies were circulated the proposal to create condominium ownership of the development. No circulated agency expressed concerns with the proposed condominium approval.

Planning Analysis

Applications for condominium approval can be dealt with in one of two ways, in accordance with the <u>Condominium Act</u>. The first method generally involves a process similar to an application for draft plan of subdivision where, after appropriate circulation, a proposal receives 'draft' approval which is contingent on the applicant satisfying a number of conditions prior to final approval and registration.

The second process is where the approval of the condominium is exempt from the draft or 'conditional' approval stage and proceeds directly to final approval. The exemption process is intended to apply to proposals that have previously undergone a complete evaluation (i.e. site plan approval) and no further conditions of approval are required by the municipality for the development.

As noted, the development received site plan approval from the City in March 2023 (SP 8-20-01-3), and is subject to the conditions of the development agreement that was entered into with the City of Woodstock as part of the site plan approval process; due to this thorough process, the requested exemption can be considered appropriate.

As the proposal facilitates the development of a commercial development within a fully serviced settlement area, Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposal is consistent with the policies of the PPS.

The proposal is also in keeping with the 'Regional Commercial Node' policies of the Official Plan, and the proposed development creates a multiple unit commercial development. Further, no concerns were raised with respect to compliance with commercial development standards or relevant codes, and the design of the proposed development was approved by the City during the site plan approval process.

Based on a review of the draft plan of condominium it would appear that the proposed development meets the relevant provisions of the 'C6-13' Zone.

Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposal is consistent with the relevant policies of the Provincial Planning Statement, maintains the general intent of the Official Plan, and complies with the provisions of the City's Zoning By-law. As such, the application for draft plan of condominium and exemption from the draft approval process can be supported from a planning perspective.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council of the City of Woodstock advise County Council that the City <u>supports</u> the application for draft approval of a proposed condominium submitted by Woodstock Business Centre Inc. (File No. CD 25-01-8), prepared by Rudy Mak Surveying Ltd., for lands described as Part of Lot 10, Plan 41M82, Part Lot 9 of RCP 1654, Part 2 of 41R-9080, in the City of Woodstock.

And further, that the Council of the City of Woodstock advise County Council that the City supports the application for exemption from the draft plan of condominium approval process submitted by Woodstock Business Centre Inc. (File No. CD 25-01-8), prepared by Rudy Mak Surveying Ltd., for lands described as Part of Lot 10, Plan 41M82, Part Lot 9 of RCP 1654, Part 2 of 41R-9080 in the City of Woodstock, as all matters relating to the development have been addressed through the Site Plan Approval process and a registered site plan agreement with the City of Woodstock.

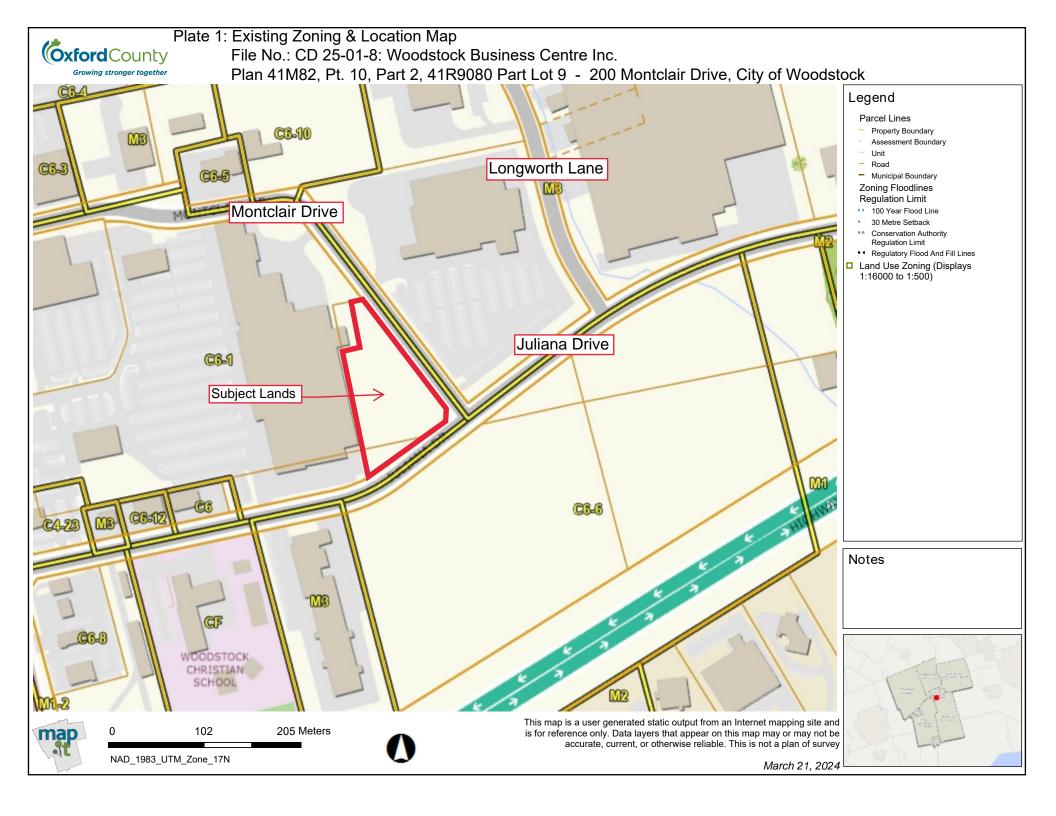
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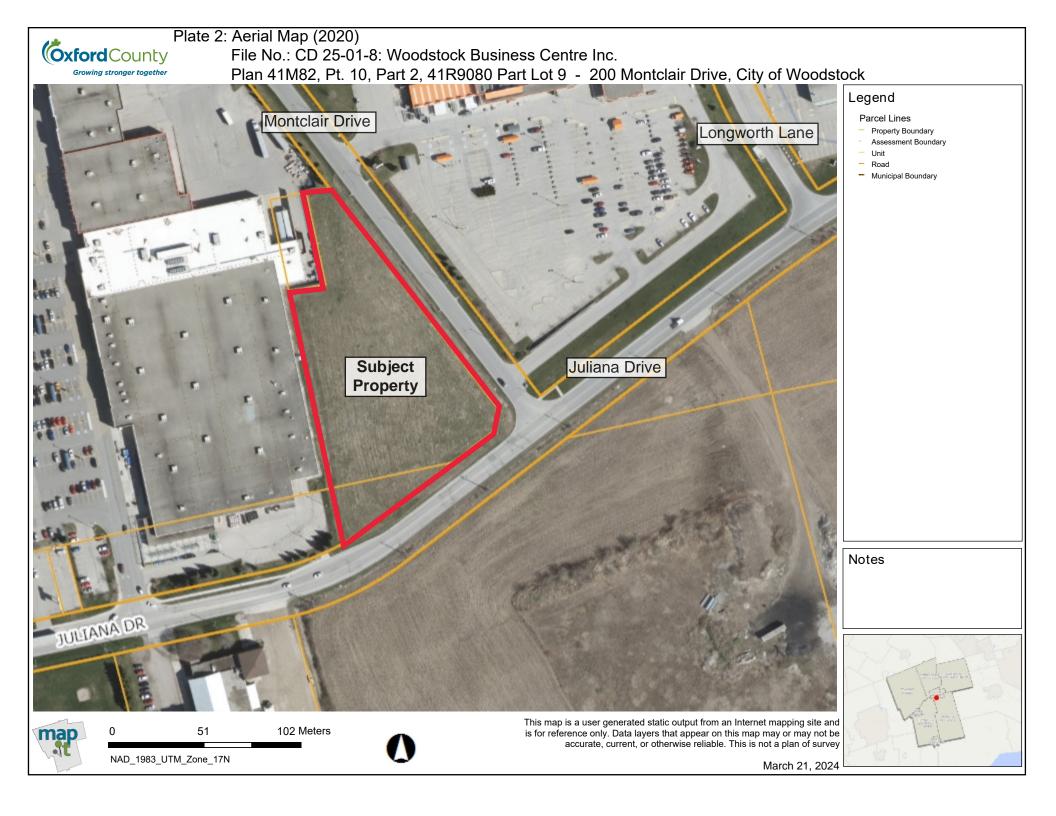
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Plan 41M82, Pt. File No.: CD 25-01-8: Woodstock Business Centre 10, Part 2, 41R9080 Part Lot 9 Inc. 200 Montclair Drive, City of Woodstock

