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Municipality of West Grey 402813 Grey Road 4, RR#2 Durham ON, NOG 1R0

ATTENTION: Lorelie Spencer, Manager, Planning and Development

Dear Ms. Spencer,

RE: Zoning Amendment Application Z06.2021 240 Garafraxa Street North Roll No. 420526000118700 Plan 500 PT LOT 19 WGR RP; 16R10764 Parts 3-5 Geographic Town of Durham Municipality of West Grey

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Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) staff has reviewed the above-noted application as per our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020) and as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 169/06 (SVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation). SVCA staff has also provided comments as per our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Municipality of West Grey representing natural hazards, natural heritage, and water resources; and the application has also been reviewed through our role as a public body under the *Planning Act* as per our CA Member approved Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual, amended October 16, 2018.

The purpose of the application to change the zone symbol on the subject lands from I (Institutional) to R2 (Residential). The effect of which would permit the use of the lands as a four-plex dwelling unit within the existing structure.

Recommendation

SVCA staff find the subject application acceptable and elaborate in the following paragraphs.

Site Characteristics

Based on 2015 aerial imagery it is SVCA staff's understanding that the subject property is located on the west side of Highway 6. The property is entirely developed and located generally on a slope from north to east. No obvious indication of poor drainage was identified through the review of aerial imagery.



Watershed Member Municipalities

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of Hanover, Township of Howick, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Bruce, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington North, Town of Saugeen Shores, Township of Southgate, Municipality of West Grey Municipality of West Grey Z06.2021 May 25, 2021 Page **2** of **3**

Delegated Responsibility and Advisory Comments

SVCA staff has reviewed the application through our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020). We have also reviewed the application through our responsibilities as a service provider to the County of Bruce in that we provide expert advice and technical clearance on *Planning Act* applications with regards to natural hazards, natural heritage, and water resources as set out in the PPS 2020, County Official Plan and/or local official plans. Comments below only include features/technical requirements affecting the property.

Natural Hazards:

It is the opinion of SVCA staff that the property is not subject to any natural hazard features. As such, the subject proposal is consistent with Section 3.1 of the PPS (2020).

Natural Heritage:

It is the opinion of SVCA staff that the property is not subject to any significant natural heritage features. As such, the subject proposal is consistent with Section 2.1 of the PPS (2020).

Statutory Comments

SVCA staff has reviewed the application as per our responsibilities as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 169/06 (SVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation). This regulation, made under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, enables SVCA to regulate development in or adjacent to river or stream valleys, Great Lakes and inland lake shorelines, watercourses, hazardous lands and wetlands. Subject to the CA Act, development taking place on or adjacent to these lands may require permission from SVCA to confirm that the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, pollution or the conservation of land are not affected. SVCA also regulates the alteration to or interference in any way with a watercourse or wetland.

A portion of the subject property is within the SVCA 'Approximate Regulated Area' associated with Ontario Regulation 169/06. As such, development and/or site alteration within this area requires the permission from SVCA, prior to carrying out the work.

"Development" as defined under the Conservation Authorities Act means:

- a) the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind;
- b) any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential use of the building or structure, increasing the size of the building or structure or increasing the number of dwelling units in the building or structure;
- c) site grading; or,
- *d)* the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere.

And;

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"Alteration" as per Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 169/06 generally includes the straightening, diverting or interference in any way with a rive, creek, stream or watercourse, or the changing or interfering in any way with a wetland.

To determine the SVCA Approximate Regulated Area on the property, please refer to the SVCA's online mapping program, available via the SVCA's website at http://eprweb.svca.on.ca. Should you require assistance, please contact our office directly.

SVCA Permission for Development or Alteration

If development or alteration including construction, reconstruction, conversion, grading, filling or excavation, is proposed within the Approximate Regulated Area on the subject property, the SVCA should be contacted, as permission may be required.

Summary

SVCA staff has reviewed this application in accordance with our MOA with the Municipality of West Grey and as per our mandated responsibilities for natural hazard management, including our regulatory role under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment is considered acceptable by SVCA staff.

Given the above comments, it is the opinion of the SVCA staff that:

- 1) Consistency with Section 3.1, Natural Hazard policies of the PPS has been demonstrated.
- 2) Consistency with Section 2.1, Natural Heritage policies of the PPS has been demonstrated.

Please inform this office of any decision made by the Municipality of West Grey with regard to this application. We respectfully request to receive a copy of the decision and notice of any appeals filed.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Lauren McGregor Environmental Planning Technician Saugeen Conservation

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cc: Christine Robinson, Authority Member, SVCA (via email) Tom Hutchinson, Authority Member, SVCA (via email)