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City of Richmond Hill

Development Planning and Regulatory Services

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

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Attention:

Mr. Kelvin Kwan, MCIP, RPP

Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services

Dear Mr. Kwan,

Re:

Request for Full Servicing Allocation Assignment

Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision D03-04008 [19T(R)-04008]

Parkgate Holdings Inc.

Part of Lot 29, Concession 2, EYS

11211 Bayview Avenue

I am writing to request that the City assign full servicing allocation to the captioned Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision, which was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board pursuant to the Order of The Board dated December 12, 2017 (Case No. PL051128). A copy of the draft approved plan is attached as Attachment 1.

It is my understanding that all of the Draft Approved Plans of Subdivision in the North Leslie Community were only assigned partial servicing allocation, requiring them to be registered and developed in phases, based on the City's current Servicing Allocation Assignment Policy.

As a result, the captioned Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision, which contains 184 units (174 singles and 10 street townhouse units) and a number of reserve blocks for 50 additional units (19 singles, 31 street townhouses), for a total of 234 units, was assigned servicing allocation for 109 units (373 population based on 3.42 ppu). Full servicing allocation assignment would require the assignment for the remaining 125



units (427.5 population based on 3.42 ppu) from the City's available servicing capacity of 50,762 persons available for growth to the end of 2026, as assigned by the Region of York in September 2019.

The justification for the request of full servicing allocation assignment is as follows:

- 1. It is our understanding that the Mattamy (Elgin Mills) Ltd. Plan of Subdivision within the same concession block was afforded full servicing allocation by Council, thereby permitting it to proceed to be registered as one phase. In speaking with Neil Garbe, the former City Manager, regarding our request, his position was that the City has no concern from a capacity perspective and that Parkgate Holdings Inc. should be afforded the same opportunity.
- 2. Based on the current allocation of 109 units, the Parkgate Holdings Inc. plan of subdivision will have to be registered in two phases. Given the phasing alignment of servicing works downstream from the Parkgate site through the Richview 19 Holdings Inc. and the Autumn Hill Investment Ltd. plans of subdivision, the westerly portion of the Parkgate Holdings Inc. plan would constitute the Phase 1 registration, as it is incumbent on downstream servicing and Stormwater Management ponds, as well as road access out to Bayview Avenue through the Richview subdivision. This phased registration would result in temporary conditions and throw away costs that could be avoided with one servicing program and registration (see Attachment 2-Phasing Plan).
- 3. A meeting with staff (Jeff Walters, Erik Loorand, Michael Berger) was held in the Fall of 2019 to discuss the phased registration and servicing implications, as well as to discuss different avenues to permit the entire plan to be serviced and registered in one phase, so that all of the units can be constructed in a seamless fashion without logistical issues arising from having to service the site in two phases. Staff advised that one registration with a Section 118 restriction on the Phase 2 lots was no longer being accepted by the Region of York, and that the only mechanism to permit the entire plan to be registered all at once would be to have full servicing allocation assigned.

At this meeting, staff advised that they preferred that the entire plan be registered in one phase as it simplifies the registered M-Plan vis-vis dedications and conveyances to the City of roads, reserves, walkways and parkland. In addition, servicing the entire site at one time would enable servicing operations to commence from east to west, thereby eliminating conflicts with servicing equipment and vehicles having to navigate through the westerly Phase 1 house construction activities and residents occupying the Phase 1 homes, in order to service the easterly Phase 2 lands, as our construction access is from our existing driveway entrance on Bayview Avenue through the Phase 1 lands.

4. The servicing and registration of the Parkgate Holdings Inc. plan of subdivision all in one phase would advance the required servicing outfalls to the lands to the north (Devon Lane Construction Ltd., Amir-Hessam Limited & 668152 Ontario Limited and Earlglen Investments Inc.) by year end 2020.



Furthermore, with three different house building companies under the Greenpark Group banner (Greenpark, Starlane Homes, GreenYork Homes), the build out the Parkgate Holdings Inc. plan of subdivision can be accelerated, subject to market conditions, which helps facilitate the completion of the North Leslie Community and limit the amount of time that home owners have to deal with servicing and construction issues (noise, dust etc.).

Finally, releasing and delivering all 234 units to the market at once assists in increasing the amount of housing units made available to the market consistent with the Growth Plan and recent Government of Ontario policy initiatives through Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019.

5. The Region of York Committee of the Whole approved the 2019 Water and Wastewater Capacity Assignment to Support Growth report at its September 12, 2019 meeting, which was ratified by York Region Council at its September 26, 2019 meeting. As a result, the City of Richmond Hill was assigned a total new capacity of 31,697 population, which together with the 19,065 unused capacity at year end 2018, results in a total capacity of 50, 762 population for growth to year end 2026.

The Parkgate Holdings Inc. Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision has already been assigned servicing allocation for 109 units (373 population based on 3.41 ppu). Full servicing allocation assignment would require the assignment of 125 units (427.5 population based on 3.41 ppu). Given that the City has an assigned servicing capacity of 50,762 population at September 2019, there is ample capacity available to assign full allocation to the Parkgate Holdings Inc. plan of subdivision.

6. As noted in the September 2019 Water and Wastewater Capacity Assignment to Support Growth staff report:

"The 2019 Capacity Assignment has been developed in consideration of York Region's Fiscal Strategy, in accordance with the approved 10-year Capital Plan. The Fiscal Strategy balances debt management with the need to continue to invest in infrastructure to service growth.

The approved 10 Year Capital Plan aligns with the Fiscal Strategy. Delivery of planned projects in the Plan is contingent on development charge revenues meeting forecasts. Fiscal sustainability is dependent on local municipalities optimizing servicing capacity by distributing it to developments that are ready to proceed to registration or construction. The 2019 Capacity Assignment supports growth to 2026, which in turn generates required development charge revenue to help fund the Region's capital infrastructure investment needs."

Granting full servicing allocation assignment to the Parkgate Holdings Inc. Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision aligns with the Region's Fiscal Strategy, and also accelerates the payment of the City's portion of Development Charges, thereby assisting in the City's Fiscal Strategy and yearly budget.



I trust that the preceding justification in respect of the assignment of full servicing allocation for the Parkgate Holdings Inc. Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision is satisfactory to advance a report to Council for approval.

In the meantime, we are pursuing a Site Alteration Permit with staff to pre-service the entire plan of subdivision area this upcoming summer/Fall 2020, as agreed to by staff at our meeting in the Fall of 2019. A Site Alteration Permit to permit earthworks for the entire plan of subdivision was issued by the City in Fall 2019 and earthworks operations commenced at that time and will re-commence in Spring 2020 as soon as weather and site conditions permit, with completion anticipated by early Summer 2020.

Should you require any additional information or materials, or wish to further discuss our request, please contact me at 905.660.3765, ext. 538, or by email at gdimartino@armlandgroup.com.

Yours truly,

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