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GRCA File: A2023-093 - 460 Highland Road West

Marilyn Mills
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment
City of Kitchener
200 King Street West
Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7

Dear Marilyn Mills,

Re: Application for Minor Variance A 2023-093

460 Highland Road West, City of Kitchener McCrory Associates Ltd.

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 contains the regulated allowance adjacent to Schneider Creek, floodplain, and valley slopes. A copy of GRCA's resource mapping is attached.

Due to the presence of the features noted above, a portion of the 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.

The proposed minor variance application requests a reduced side yard setback to facilitate an addition to the front of the existing building. The proposed addition is outside of the regulated area and we do not anticipate any impacts to the adjacent

natural hazard features. As such, the GRCA has no objection to the approval of the minor variance application.

Consistent with GRCA's 2023 approved fee schedule, this application is considered a 'minor' minor variance and the applicant will be invoiced in the amount of \$300.00 for the GRCA's review of this application.

## 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: Stu McCrory, McCrory Associates Ltd. (via email)

Scott Patterson, Patterson Planning Consultants (via email)

