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Committee of Adjustment City of Kitchener 200 King Street West Kitchener ON N2G 4V6 CofA@kitchener.ca

Re: Minor Variance Application A2024-057

Consent Application B2024-016 176 Woolwich St, Kitchener

**Hector Lopez** 

Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff have reviewed the above-noted applications to sever the lot and construct a new dwelling.

## Recommendation

The GRCA has no objection to the applications. A GRCA permit is required prior to construction.

## **Documents Reviewed by Staff**

Staff have reviewed the grading plan (JPE Engineering, revised February 23, 2023) submitted with this application. Staff have also reviewed an environmental impact study (NRSI, April 2024) submitted as part of the related pre-consultation application.

## **GRCA Comments**

The GRCA has reviewed this application under Ontario Regulation 686/21, acting on behalf of the Province regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020), as a public body under the Planning Act, as well as in accordance with Ontario Regulation 41/24 and GRCA's Board approved policies.

Information currently available at our office indicates that the subject lands contain or are adjacent to wetlands. The applicant has submitted an environmental impact study (EIS) which demonstrates that the wetland unit closest to the proposed dwelling qualifies for removal under GRCA policy. In lieu of removal, the EIS has proposed maintaining a small buffer and completing edge plantings and infiltration measures that will maintain and enhance the wetland.

The lot severance creates lot lines outside of the wetland and a recommended buffer.

As such, the GRCA has no objections to the applications. A GRCA permit is required prior to construction.

This is considered a minor consent application. Consistent with GRCA's 2024 approved fee schedule, we will invoice the applicant \$465 for our review. A separate standard development category fee (\$675) will be required for a GRCA permit.

We trust this information is of assistance. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 519-621-2761 ext. 2292 or theywood@grandriver.ca.

Sincerely,

Trevor Heywood

Resource Planner

**Grand River Conservation Authority** 

Encl. Resource Mapping

