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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 A2024-059

15 Strange Street, Kitchener 1000213586 Ontario Inc.

The GRCA has no concerns with the above-noted application. Please refer to the GRCA comments attached for Site Plan Application SP24/048/S/AA for details.

We received review fees as part of the site plan application, and no further fees are required. A separate fee 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 <a href="mailto:theywood@grandriver.ca">theywood@grandriver.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Trevor Heywood Resource Planner

**Grand River Conservation Authority** 

Encl. GRCA Comments dated June 11, 2024



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Re: Site Plan Application SP24/048/S/AA

15 Strange Street, Kitchener 1000213586 Ontario Inc.

Dear Ms. Alzoor,

Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff have reviewed the above-noted application to add three additional dwelling units into an existing nine-unit building.

## Recommendation

The GRCA has no concerns with the application. A GRCA permit is required prior to construction.

## **Documents Reviewed by Staff**

Staff have reviewed the floor plans (NEO Architecture, revised May 16, 2024) and topographic survey (Guenther Rueb Surveying, dated February 20, 2024) submitted with this application. This follows our review of the previous site plan application (SP23/079/S/AA), which was withdrawn by the applicant.

## **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 the Westmount Creek floodplain. This reach of the floodplain is a two-zone policy area, and the property is entirely within the flood fringe. Residential development is permitted in the flood fringe subject to City and GRCA two-zone floodplain policies. The RFE for the property is 327.66 metres (CGVD 28) / 327.25 metres (CGVD 2013).

The application demonstrates that the renovated floors are not affected by floodwaters, the additional dwelling units are above the RFE, and that safe access is available in the existing parking lot. As such, the GRCA has no concerns with the application. A GRCA permit is required prior to construction.

## **Advisory Comment**

On April 1, 2024, the Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits Regulation under Conservation Authorities Act (Ontario Regulation 41/24) came into effect. GRCA's policies were also revised to conform with the new regulation, and were approved by the GRCA Board on May 24, 2024. While these changes increased GRCA's regulated allowance around the floodplain from 5 to 15 metres, it did not change the applicable City and GRCA floodplain requirements.

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Encl. Resource Mapping

cc: Richard D'Alessandro, NEO Architecture

