

Application A15-23-PC

July 25, 2023

IN THE MATTER OF the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13, as amended and Section 3.7 (b) and Section 7.3 (a), (c), and (f) of the City of Port Colborne Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as amended.

AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands legally known as Registered Plan 843 Lots 22 and 23, in the City of Port Colborne, located in the Third Density Residential (R3) zone, municipally known as 185 Welland Street.

AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the applicant Tuk Developments Inc, for relief from the provisions of Zoning by-law 6575/30/18, as amended, under Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990 C.P 13, to permit a reduced lot frontage, front yard setback, rear yard setback, and driveway width to Part 1, to facilitate a concurrent severance application under application B13-23-PC, notwithstanding the following:

1. That a minimum lot frontage of 15.41m be permitted, whereas the minimum permitted lot frontage is 18m.
2. That a minimum front yard setback of 1.19m be permitted, whereas the minimum permitted front yard setback is 9m.
3. That a minimum rear yard setback of 2.8m be permitted, whereas the minimum permitted rear yard setback is 6m.
4. That a minimum driveway width of 2.59m be permitted, whereas the minimum permitted driveway width is 3m.

That minor variance application **A15-23-PC** be **granted** for the following reasons:

1. **The application is minor in nature** as the requested relief for lot frontage and setbacks appear to suit the building envelope, which retains sufficient driveway, landscaping, and amenity space from the easement and nearby parks, and surrounding parcels on Welland Street and Louis Street are of similar sizes.
2. **It is appropriate for the development of the site** as the proposed variance facilitates the future development of the existing fourplex, and surrounding dwellings and lots are of similar size and nature.
3. **It is desirable and in compliance with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-Law** as the existing fourplex pre-dates Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, and the lot area, frontage, and yard setbacks are not the result of new construction but will bring the property into conformity by ensuring only one dwelling per lot, the provision of adequate parking, and adequate amenity space at the private unit entrances and nearby parks.
4. **It is desirable and in compliance with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan** as the proposed development is consistent with the scale of developments in the neighbourhood and the size of neighbouring lots, and residential uses, lot creation, and intensification are all permitted within the Medium Density Urban Neighbourhood designation of the Official Plan.

NOTE: Public comments were received during the decision-making process.

DATED AT PORT COLBORNE this 19th day of July 2023.

DECISIONS SIGNED:

"Dan O'Hara"	"Angie Desmarais"	"Eric Beaugard"	"Gary Bruno"
Signature of Committee Chair	Signature of Committee Member	Signature of Committee Member	Signature of Committee Member
Dan O'Hara	Angie Desmarais	Dave Elliott	Eric Beaugard
			Gary Bruno

THE LAST DATE ON WHICH AN APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL MAY BE FILED IS:

August 8, 2023

The Decision of the Committee of Adjustment, when not appealed, does not become final and binding until **20 days** from the giving of the notice has elapsed as set out in subsection (21) of Section 53 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal

The applicant, the Minister or any specified person or public body who has an interest in the matter may within 20 days of the making of the minor variance decision (20 days from date of mailing of consent decision) appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) against the decision of the Committee by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee a completed Appellant Form (A1) accompanied by payment of the fee. **A copy of the appeal form is available on the Ontario Land Tribunals website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/forms/appellant-applicant-forms/>**

Cost of the Appeal

The cost of the appeal is \$400 for the first consent, or minor variance application. Each additional appeal filed by the same appellant against connected consent or minor variance applications is \$25.00. Appeal fees must be paid by certified cheque or money order to the **Minister of Finance**.

OLT Process

On an appeal to the OLT, the Tribunal shall, except if all appeals are withdrawn or if the Tribunal dismisses the appeal, hold a hearing of which notice shall be given to the applicant, the appellant, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee and to such other persons and in such manner as the Tribunal may determine. If within such 20 days no notice of appeal is given, the decision of the Committee is final and binding, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the applicant. Where all appeals to the OLT are withdrawn the decision of the committee is final and binding and the Secretary of the Tribunal shall notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the committee who in turn shall notify the applicant.

OLT Dismissal Without Hearing

The OLT may dismiss the appeal and may make any decision that the Committee could have made on the original application. The OLT may dismiss all or part of any appeal without holding a hearing, on its own motion or on the motion of any party if it is the opinion that,

1. The reasons set out in the notice of appeal do not disclose any apparent land use planning ground which the Tribunal could allow all or part of the appeal;
2. The appeal is not made in good faith, or is frivolous, or vexatious;
3. The appeal is only made for the purpose of delay;
4. The appellant has not provided written reasons for the appeal;
5. The appellant has not paid the fee prescribed under the *Ontario Land Tribunal Act*, or;
6. The appellant has not responded to a request by the OLT for further information within the time specified by the Tribunal.

Appeals should be directed to:

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