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760 Mosley Street/3 Dunkerron Avenue Town of Wasaga Beach

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# Town of Wasaga Beach County of Simcoe

# **APPLICATION FOR**

# OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

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1.0 Introduction

Innovative Planning Solutions has been retained by ADA Custom Homes Ltd. to complete a

Planning Justification Report in support of Applications for Official Plan (OPA) and Zoning By-

law Amendment (ZBA), and Draft Plan of Subdivision to permit the development of 14

townhouses on lands known municipally as 760 Mosley Street and 3 Dunkerron Avenue, and

described as all of Lots 37, 38 and 49, and Part of Lot 48, RP No. 674, in the Town of Wasaga

Beach.

The subject lands have a total area of 0.27 hectares (0.67 acres), with approximate frontages

of 88 metres (289 feet) on 18th Street, 20 metres (66 feet) on Mosley Street and 30.5 metres

(100 feet) on Dunkerron Avenue, in the Town of Wasaga Beach. (Figure 1 provides a Key Map

of the subject lands).

The purpose of this Planning Justification Report is to review the merits of the development

proposal and to provide a planning rationale in support of proposed Applications under the

applicable Provincial, County and Municipal planning policies. The intent of the Applications is

to facilitate the development of the subject site for a total of 14 townhomes in a common

element condominium ownership structure.

This Report will review the Application in the context of the applicable policies found within the

documents noted below to provide the rationale necessary for the approval of the townhouse

development:

Provincial Policy Statement

Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

County of Simcoe Official Plan

Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plan

Town of Wasaga Beach Zoning By-law

The Applications will also be reviewed in the context of other policy documents which provide

direction for future growth and development within the Town of Wasaga Beach.



### Figure 1: Location of Subject Property

# 2.0 Site Description and Surrounding Land Uses

The property is located at the corner of Mosley Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunkerron Avenue, within the central area of Wasaga Beach, approximately 1 block south of Nottawasaga Bay. The property is relatively flat without any significant grade differences or environmental features that require protection. The lands are currently vacant.

The subject lands and surrounding uses are illustrated in Figure 2.

North: Residential

South: Commercial and Residential

East: Residential.

West: Commercial and Residential

\*Subject Lands are outlined in red

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Figure 2: Aerial Photo of Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses
Source: maps.simcoe.ca

#### 3.0 Description of Development

The proposed concept plan is included in Figure 3, and attached as Appendix 1. The development consists of two buildings of 7 townhouse units each, totaling 14 units. The development is proposed to be a common element condominium project. The common element portion of the project is the vehicular access to the individual units, which is via a 6 metre (20 foot) private access driveway, located on the south west side of the property connecting Mosley Street to Dunkerron Avenue. The units will face onto 18th Street and connect to the boulevard via sidewalks leading from the units. The townhouses will be setback approximately 5.5 metres (18 feet), including the 2.5 metre (8.2 feet) road widening dedication, with the front yards landscaped with a deciduous tree and evergreen shrubs (a landscaping plan has been submitted under separate cover) to provide an enhanced and complimentary street view of the property. The height of the buildings will be 10.5 metres (34.4 feet) to offer an appropriate human scale relationship to the street and pedestrians. This relationship and

street presence is further enhanced by the design of the facades which are characterized by

use of brick and veneer, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balconies and roof projections. The design of the townhouse

units place the driveways and garages at the rear of the buildings. Each unit is provided with

private amenity space located in the front and rear of the unit. These design elements are

encouraged by the Town's Urban Design Guidelines (for townhouses). The Guidelines are

discussed in more detail in Section 5.1 of this Report.

Parking is provided at a ratio of 2.0 spaces/unit, with each townhouse provided one space

within the garage and a second in the driveway. Visitor parking is anticipated to be

accommodated off-site in the general vicinity of the subject lands.

The subject lands provide a unique intensification opportunity for the Town, bounded by

collector roads on three sides, with transit service on both 18th and Mosley Streets, and in

proximity to commercial/service facilities and amenities. The development will add to the

diversity of the local housing market, providing a needed housing form and tenure within

Mosley Village that will add to the resident population base, which in turn will contribute to the

vibrancy of this area.

Full municipal services will be provided to the development as sewer and water infrastructure

are available along both 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunkerron Streets. Transit is available on both Mosley

and 18th Streets for easy and convenient access through, and external to, the Town.

Recreational areas and associated amenities are also available in close proximity.

The submitted Applications request approval of both Official Plan and Zoning By-law

Amendment, together with approval of a Draft Plan of Subdivision. The Draft Plan is necessary

to permit a Block Plan that will be further divided later in the process through the Part Lot

Control process to create the individual townhouse lots. Applications for Site Plan Control and

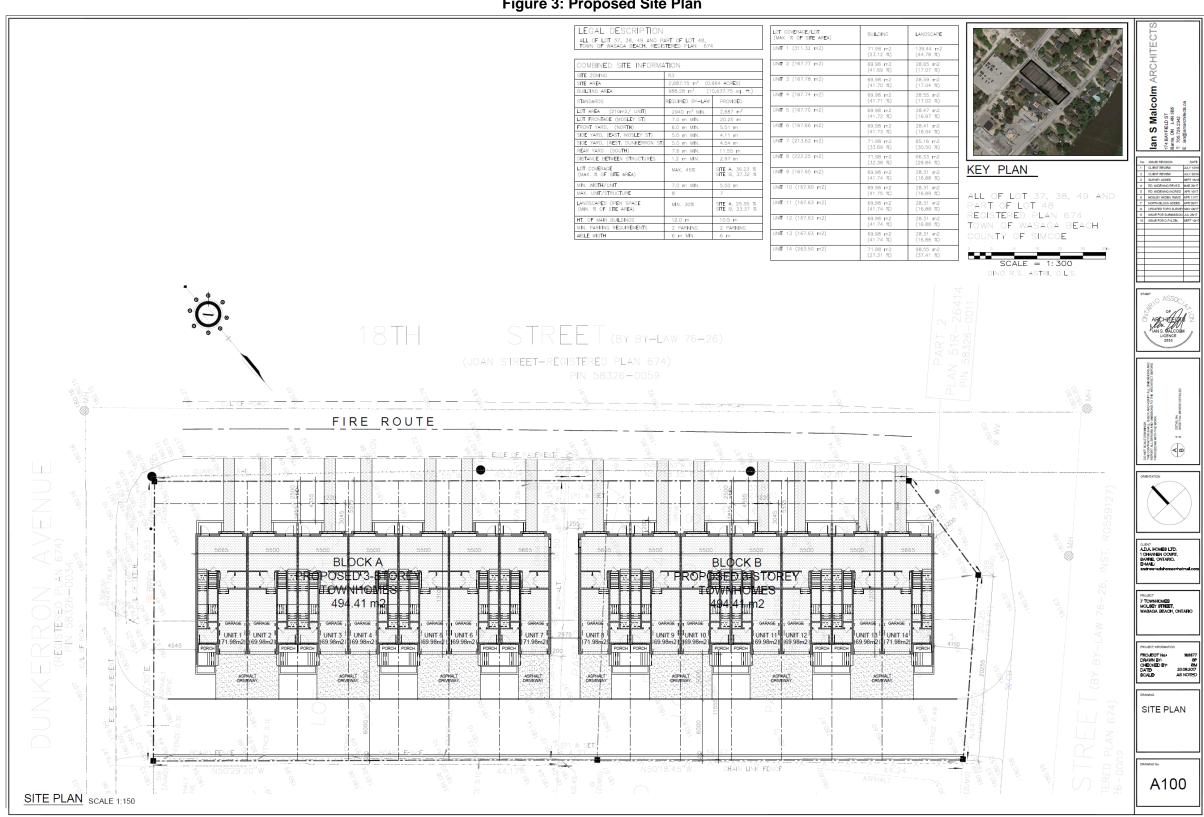
Approval of a Common Element Condominium will also be submitted for the Town's

consideration later in the process. This Report will provide a review of the proposed

development in acknowledgement that these future processes and approvals will be

necessary.

Figure 3: Proposed Site Plan



# 3.1 Official Plan Amendment Application

The subject lands are currently designated 'Tourism Commercial" and lie within the "Mosley Village" area, as depicted on Schedule 'A-3' to the Town's Official Plan. Figure 4 below illustrates the Official Plan designation of the subject lands and lands in the immediate vicinity.

To facilitate the proposed townhouse development, an Official Plan Amendment is required to redesignate the subject lands to "Residential" to permit the development of 14 townhouses as the current Tourism Commercial designation does not include residential as a permitted use, notwithstanding that Official Plan policies applying to the Mosley Village area encourage residential uses, and due to the proposed development being interpreted as high density. The discussion regarding the requested Amendment is included in Section 4.4.

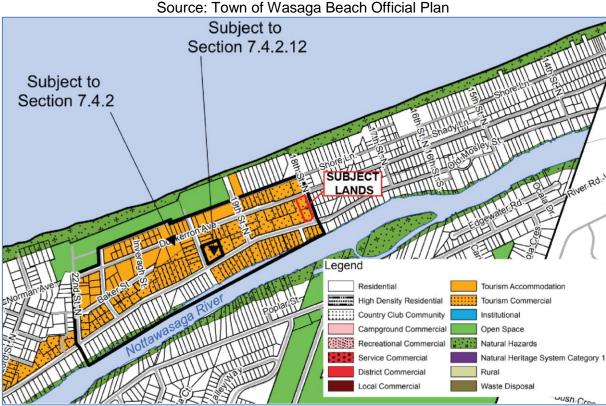


Figure 4: Current Land Use Designation Schedule

## 3.2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application

The subject lands are currently zoned "Tourist Commercial (CT) Zone" by Wasaga Beach Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2003-60. To facilitate the proposed development a site-specific Amendment to re-zone the subject lands to "Residential (R3) exception" is required. Figure 5 below illustrates the current zoning of the subject lands and that of properties within the general vicinity. The ZBA would permit stand alone residential townhouse units, in addition to facilitating variances to other zone provisions as noted below in Section 4.5.

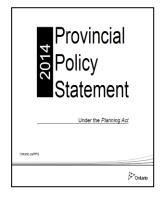
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Figure 5: Current Zoning Schedule
Source: Town of Wasaga Beach Zoning Bylaw

A detailed illustration of the proposed zoning can be seen under Figure 7, and Appendix 3.

#### 4.0 PLANNING POLICY AND ANALYSIS

This Section will outline the applicable planning and development policies impacting this application. Each sub-section will outline the policies and provide a planning analysis with respect to conformity of this application.



#### 4.1 PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Provincial Policy Statement (2014) has been reviewed relative to this proposal with specific attention paid to:

Section 1.1.1 Healthy, liveable and safe communities

Section 1.1.3 Settlement Areas

Section 1.4 Housing

Section 1.6.6 Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities

The proposed development is within the Settlement Area of Wasaga Beach, and is consistent with the policies of Section 1.1.1 of the PPS as the proposed development will: contribute to the range and housing mix within the Town; avoid inefficient expansion to the settlement area; and minimizes land consumption and servicing costs, thus providing an efficient use of existing infrastructure.

Section 1.1.3 of the PPS states that settlement areas will be the focus of growth and development. The proposed townhouse development represents an excellent infill opportunity on an underutilized property within a key district of Wasaga Beach. The proposal is an efficient use of land and resources through an intensification project which will be developed at a density that is supportive of transit, public service facilities, local businesses and amenities.

Section 1.4 of the PPS relates to Housing, with Section 1.4.3 specifically referring to permitting and facilitating all forms of housing required to meet the needs of current and future residents through all forms of intensification which promote housing densities which efficiently use existing land, infrastructure and public service resources.

The community of Wasaga Beach, according to the Town's 2013 Housing Strategy, is comprised mainly of single detached dwellings (88%). Row housing (townhouses) accounted for

approximately 275 households, or 3.6% of the total households within Wasaga Beach at that time. The additional 14 townhouses that are being proposed will add to the diversity of the housing mix, and provide housing options in a high density, mid-rise built form in an appropriate location adjacent to collector roads and transit services, and in close proximity to community and community services. These are two areas which the Housing Strategy identified as gaps within the local housing market.

Lastly, Section 1.6 of the PPS relates to Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities. As has been referred to above, growth and development is encouraged and directed to intensification/infill opportunities which cause infrastructure and public services (also referred to as hard and soft services respectively) to be used efficiently. Being within the Settlement Area, with municipal infrastructure, transit services and police, fire, health, etc. currently offered in the community, the proposed townhouse development at this location meets the objective of this policy.

The proposed development is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.



#### 4.2 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe has been prepared and approved under the Places to Grow Act. The Government of Ontario recognizes that in order to accommodate future population growth, support economic prosperity and achieve a high quality of life for residents of Ontario, planning must occur in a rational and strategic way. The 2017 Growth Plan,

which came into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017,has been reviewed in conjunction with this application with particular emphasis placed on the following;

Section 1.2.1 Guiding Principles

Section 2.2.1 Managing Growth

Section 2.2.2 Delineated Built-up Areas

Section 2.2.6 Housing

The realization of the vision of Places to Grow ("PtG") is based on a number of guiding principles listed in Section 1.2.1. The most applicable of these with respect to the subject Applications are:

Support achievement of complete communities;

Prioritize intensification and higher densities; and

Support a range and mix of housing options.

Section 2.2.2 sets out residential development targets for delineated built-up areas to 2031 and

beyond. The County of Simcoe Official Plan has established an intensification target for Wasaga

Beach of 20% - meaning that by 2015 and for each year after 20% of all new residential units

within the Town are to be constructed within the built boundary. The proposed development will

assist in the achievement of these targets through intensification.

Managing Growth policies direct the majority of growth to settlement areas which have existing

or planned infrastructure and can support the achievement of complete communities. "Complete

communities" are defined by PtG as:

"Places such as mixed-use neighbourhoods or other areas within cities, towns and settlement

areas that offer and support opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to conveniently

access most of the necessities for daily living, including an appropriate mix of jobs, local stores,

and services, a full range of housing, transportation options and public service facilities. Complete

communities are age-friendly and may take different shapes and forms appropriate to their

contexts."

For many of the same reasons as were identified through the review/discussion under the

Provincial Policy Statement above, the proposal supports the diversity and range of housing

opportunities and efficiencies of service delivery which are components of complete communities

and are desired outcomes of the implementation of the Places to Grow Act.

Section 2.2.6 relates to Municipalities preparing a housing strategy, which Wasaga Beach

completed in 2013, that supports the principles of the Places to Grow legislation. These principles

have been discussed in the above Sections and it has been demonstrated that the proposed

townhouse development conforms to these objectives.

The proposed townhouse development is consistent with the policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.



### 4.3 County of Simcoe Official Plan

The County of Simcoe Official Plan (December 29, 2016) provides a policy context for land use planning within the Municipalities constituting the County. The County Plan takes into consideration the economic, social, and environmental impacts of land use and development decisions while attempting to achieve a balance between the demands for economic development, community building and environmental conservation. It also provides a framework for coordinated planning by

adjacent municipalities, agencies, and other levels of government.

The following will provide an overview of the applicable policies of the County of Simcoe Official Plan in comparison with the proposed condominium townhouse development.

Section 3.1.1. sets out the planning strategy for the County Plan by centering on four themes. Two of these themes are relevant for consideration in conjunction with the subject Application:

- Directing significant portion of the growth within the County to settlements where it can be effectively serviced; and
- Develop communities with diversified economic functions and opportunities, and a diverse range of housing.

From a high-level perspective, the proposal meets these themes as it will add to the housing diversity with Wasaga Beach, which is a designated settlement area within the County.

Section 3.2.12 of the County Plan requires that Municipalities establish land use policies to ensure that new development within settlement areas: provides for a mix of land uses (including residential); provides for densities and land use patterns supportive of transit service; and provides for a variety of housing types, including affordable housing. The proposed townhouses, which are located on a transit route, will contribute towards the accomplishment of all of these goals.

The subject property is designated Settlement Area in the County of Simcoe Official Plan, but the policies within this Section are largely for guidance to local Municipalities in planning for, and expansion to, settlement areas. The County does not require an amendment to the County Plan when a land use change within a settlement area is approved. The policy guidance provided by the Plan to local Municipalities demonstrates that the objectives of Settlements are: for a compact urban form that promotes the efficient use of land and provision of water, sewer, transportation, and other services; the creation of strong and vibrant mixed use sustainable settlements; development forms and patterns which minimize land consumption and servicing costs; the focus of population and employment growth; and are planned to accommodate a diversity of land uses, including residential and commercial.

These are similar to the objectives of the Provincial Policy Statement and Places to Grow legislation that was reviewed in previous Sections of this Report. As was discussed in these Sections above, the proposed development of a 14-unit condominium townhouse development on the subject property meets the intent of all of these objectives as it provides an infill opportunity, within the Wasaga Beach settlement area, in an area where existing municipal services can be utilized without the need for new ones or extensions to existing ones. The additional population will not only provide more users to existing services, the additional people will also help to create additional demand for local commercial and community services, and potentially lead to the growth in the employment opportunities in these sectors.

The proposed development conforms to the County of Simcoe Official Plan.



## 4.4 TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH OFFICIAL PLAN

The "Tourism Commercial" designation contemplates uses that relate to tourism and the traveling public. Section 7.2.2. of the Official Plan outlines a wide variety of permitted uses which include commercial and retail services, accommodations, entertainment and recreational facilities and open space uses which are encouraged within this designation. This designation however does not permit "stand alone" residential uses, and

as a result an Amendment to the Plan is being requested.

The Official Plan interprets development which have a density range from 37 units/hectare to 74 units/hectare to be high density, and requires a site specific Amendment when a high density development is proposed. A site-specific Amendment is also required to recognize the density of the proposed townhouses (which is in the order of 52 units/hectare).

The subject lands are located in the "Mosley Village" area of Wasaga Beach within which, notwithstanding the Tourism Commercial designation, residential uses are encouraged. The vision for Mosley Village is to develop a village centre theme "around commercial businesses that generally provide a unique variety and spatial arrangement of these uses". Residential uses can either be stand-alone or part of a mixed-use development, and are envisioned to closely surround the commercial area and to compliment the village theme wherever possible.

The development includes a total of 14 condominium townhouses, which will assist in achieving the goals of the Official Plan, including those for Mosley Village, by adding to the range and tenure of available housing within the Town of Wasaga Beach. The provision of greater diversity in housing mix was one of the key recommendations of the 2013 "Your Home, Your Future: Town of Wasaga Beach Housing Strategy", which will be discussed in further detail in Section 5.2.

The policies of this designation strongly encourage a high level of urban design which apply to site planning, streetscaping and landscaping, built form, signage and relationship to adjacent uses. The Town has recently approved Urban Design Guidelines for townhouse and apartment built form against which this proposal will be measured. Section 5.1 of this Report will review the draft Guidelines in further detail.

"Section 5 Residential" contains the key policies guiding new residential developments. Many of the key general Residential objectives have been discussed above. "Section 5.2.6 High Density Residential", provides the policy basis for considering the approval of high density developments. The condominium townhouse development proposes 14 units, which results in a density of approximately 52 units/hectare (21 units/acre) which is interpreted as being "high density" under the policies of the Official Plan. Areas for high density residential uses have not been predesignated by the Official Plan, so when considering a proposed high density development, the

Town is to review proposals in conjunction with criteria contained in the Plan under Section

5.2.6.1. The criteria are outlined below, followed by a discussion of how the proposed

development conforms with each of these.

a) Sites which are well suited to low building coverage and higher densities because of their

amenities or other physical attributes.

The subject lands are located in the built-up area and are relatively flat, vacant of any existing

buildings or vegetation, are considered to be a prime site to accommodate infill development. The

proposed buildings are conducive to the site as they are 3 storeys in height and compatible with

development within the general vicinity. The location of the property is in close proximity to existing

commercial areas, amenities and services, located on two collector roads, and are located on a

transit route, all of which benefit higher density uses.

b) Availability of adequate facilities and services.

The lands are generally located within the settlement boundary of Wasaga Beach, and able to

take advantage of existing services. In this regard the site is in close proximity to many commercial

business activities, amenities such as parks, open space and Nottawasaga Bay, and where

necessary infrastructure and transit services currently exist.

c) Physical relationship with other adjacent uses.

The proposed townhouses are proposed to be three storeys in height and therefore will be

compatible with the existing built form in the immediate vicinity. Attention has been paid to provide

separation between the buildings, keeping a minimum of 11.6 metres separation between the

townhouse buildings and the property line with the adjacent hotel (which is also well setback from

the same property line). Fencing will also be utilized to help with the transition between the two

buildings.

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d) Impact of traffic on street network.

A Traffic Brief has been prepared in support of this Application, and has been submitted under

separate cover. The Brief concludes as a result of the introduction of the 14 townhouse units that:

no additional infrastructure improvements are necessary; the proposed access for the site

provides the necessary capacity; and the additional traffic generated by the proposed

development is expected to have a negligible impact.

e) The eventual community structure;

It is assumed that the community structure will continue to evolve in much the same manner as it

has to-date; development growing outward from the built-up area in a planned and phased

manner, while infill development projects will be accommodated within the built boundary. The

general make-up of the immediate vicinity of the site, with tourist accommodations and

commercial facilities being located in proximity to the site, is not anticipated to be altered as one

of the attractions are the beach areas which are located to the west of the subject lands. The

location of the proposed townhouse condominium project will continue to be well positioned in

close proximity to these amenities and services.

f) Location of other high density uses.

The Town of Wasaga Beach is generally comprised of low and medium density residential uses.

There are no existing readily identifiable high density uses in the immediate area of the subject

lands (although there appear to be in other areas of the Town).

High density uses are only to be permitted in areas which are provided with municipal sanitary

and water services, and are limited to one or two access points to/from a collector or arterial

street. The proposed development meets both of these requirements as the property is serviced

with both municipal sewer and water, and only two access points are proposed to the adjacent

roadways, which are identified as collector roads.

Section 5.3.1 of the Official Plan specifies that development will not be approved if it causes an

undue extension of public services or if an undesirable pattern of growth preventing orderly,

compact growth is caused. Neither of these are the case as the proposed townhouses are located

on an infill lot and fronting onto roads which have municipal services currently existing in the

rights-of-way.

There is no parkland proposed as part of this development, as is typically the case where infill

development is being considered. Cash-in-lieu of parkland is a tool that can be utilized by the

Town to assist park development in the vicinity of the subject property.

The policies of this designation strongly encourage a high level of urban design which apply to

site planning, streetscaping and landscaping, built form, signage and relationship to adjacent

uses. The Town has recently released Urban Design Guidelines for townhouse and apartment

built forms against which this proposal will be measured.

Site Plan Control is a tool available for the Town to apply to this development. Among other

matters, it will assist the Municipality in ensuring that the urban design guidelines applicable to

this property are implemented in an appropriate manner.

The policies of the Official Plan encourage development which makes efficient use of such things

as public transit and walking and cycling routes. As mentioned above, the site is located on a

transit route, and the adjacent roads are conducive for walking and cycling traffic.

As was referred to above, the subject lands lie within the "Mosley Village" Area. Mosley Village is

intended to develop "in a village theme having an atmosphere and uniqueness that enhances its

opportunities for growth and prosperity". The vision is for a village center theme around

commercial businesses. Residential uses, particularly medium density, are encouraged in this

area and are encouraged to compliment the village theme wherever possible.

Design considerations in the Mosley Village area may include such things as scale, proportion,

continuity, architectural character and texture of built form to achieve a village theme and

environmentally sustainable themes, orderly transition to lands adjacent to policy area,

relationship of buildings to street where setbacks may be reduced to achieve village theme,

consideration of reduced zoning standards concerning multi unit residential developments that

promote the village concept, and preservation of trees where possible to improve the overall landscaping (including additional planting).

The proposed townhouse development has been shown to conform to all of the relevant policies of the Official Plan. The reasons why an Amendment is required is due to the fact that the Tourism Commercial designation does not include residential as a permitted use, notwithstanding that the Mosley Village area policies encourage residential uses, and to permit a high density development. The proposed Official Plan Amendment is included in Appendix 2. The above review of the Plan's policies indicates that the development proposal meets all of the objectives, and conforms to the applicable policies, of the Residential designation of the Official Plan.

4.5 Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2003-60

Similar to the Official Plan, the proposed development will also necessitate an Amendment to the Town's Zoning By-law. Currently the site is zoned "Tourist Commercial (CT)". As townhouse dwellings are not permitted by the current zoning, an Amendment to the By-law to re-zone the property to "Residential R3 Exception" is being requested. Table 1 below compares the standard R3 requirements to those being proposed by the townhouse condominium proposal.

Due to the subject lands having three street frontages, it is also requested that for the purposes of zoning interpretation that 18<sup>th</sup> Street be deemed to be the "lot frontage". The analysis found below in Table 1 is based on this interpretation.

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Table 1: Required and Proposed Zoning Provisions "Residential Type 3 (R3) Zone"

Provision	Required (R3)	Provided
Minimum Lot Area	2,940 sq. m.	2,687 sq. m.
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NA: :	(210 sq. m./unit)	(192 sq. m./unit)
Minimum Lot Frontage	7m	5.5 m
Min. Front Yard Depth	6 m	3.0 m
Minimum Exterior Side	5 m	4.1 m (Mosley Street)
Yard		
		4.5 m (Dunkerron Avenue)
Minimum Interior Side Yard	6 m	N.A.
Minimum Rear Yard Depth	7.6 m	11.5 m
Minimum Dwelling Unit	65 sq. m	213.5
Area	·	
Min. Landscaped Open	30%	16.88%
Space		
Maximum Lot Coverage	45%	41.75%
Maximum Building Height	12 m	10.5
Minimum Width Per Unit	7m	5.5m
Maximum Units Per	8	7
Structure		
Encroachments for Porch/Verandas	1.2 m in Front or Rear yard	1.2 m
Encroachments for Steps	1.2 m in Front Yard	1.2 m
and Accessibility Ramps		
Distance Between	1.2 m	2.9 m
Structures		
Minimum Parking	2 parking spaces	2 parking spaces
Requirements	. 5 1	
Parking Space (length)	5.5 .	5.0 m
Driveway (side yard	1.0 m	0.60 m
setback)		

(The bolding above is meant to illustrate provisions for which a variance is being requested.)

Attached as Appendix 3 is a copy of the draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment and associated Schedule.

As can be seen from Table 1 and Appendix 3, a total of eight exceptions are being requested. These relate to: lot area; lot frontage; front yard depth; exterior side yard width; landscaped open

space; unit width; length of parking space; and setback of the driveway.

All of the requested variances from the Zoning By-law are associated with efforts to implement intensification effectively. The size of typical infill properties within the "built-up area" of designated settlements are generally smaller and more constricted than development sites in greenfield areas, and therefore offer specific challenges that are not present in these other areas. As was discussed earlier in this Report, the guiding principles for intensification projects include making more efficient use of existing services (infrastructure; community; commercial) while minimizing land consumption by providing increased densities and housing choice. In meeting these principles the proposed townhouse development is unable to achieve all of the performance

standards that are set out in the Zoning By-law.

It appears that the current R3 standards are difficult to be applied effectively to intensification projects; this is assumed based upon the standards themselves, and the number of times the Zoning By-law has been amended to allow reductions to one or more of the current standards for

townhouse and other intensification/infill housing forms.

The variances requested with respect to lot area, lot frontage and front yard and exterior side yard setbacks all impact on the size of lot available for use other than to accommodate the building itself and parking. While these reductions are being requested, the extent of the reductions are regarded as being relatively minor in terms of their impact on the usability of the lot, ability to accommodate landscaping, and enjoyment of the lot. The front yard setback is caused in part also by the required 2.5 metre road widening to 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Wasaga Beach is well served by beaches, parks, trails and gardens in close proximity to the subject lands which offer many and varied recreational amenities and opportunities for residents.

Since the size of the individual yards are requested to be decreased as a result of the requested variances above, the overall area available for landscaped open space as a result also decreases.

For similar reasons as were noted above, while the overall area is proposed to be reduced it is not believed to be a significant impact on the usability and enjoyment of the lot.

A reduction from 7 to 5.5 metres is requested for the required minimum width of the individual

townhouse units. This request is being made so that the an efficient use of the property can be

achieved. A larger unit width would obviously result in fewer units being constructed, and therefore

less efficient use of the services and amenities available in the immediate area for the future

residents of the proposed townhouses.

A 0.5 metre variance for a parking space (5.5 metres to 5.0 metres) and a reduction to the side

yard setback for a driveway from 1.0 metres to 0.6 metres are requested as the property is

relatively shallow and cannot accommodate the current zoning requirements. A 5.0-metre-long

parking space, which in this circumstance would be the driveway for the unit, is sufficient to

accommodate most vehicles. A second space is provided within the garages themselves, which

are approximately 6.0 metres in length and can accommodate a larger vehicle if necessary.

Reducing the side yard setback by 0.4 metres would not have impact on the existing hotel abutting

the development to the south.

A technical Amendment is also requested that would cause 18th Street to be interpreted as the

"lot frontage". Due to the subject lands having 3 street frontages it is beneficial and provides clarity

to designate one of these as the lot frontage for the purposes of zoning interpretation.

These variances are felt to be relatively minor and all contribute to the ability of constructing the

14-unit townhouse condominium building in this location. None of these reductions are considered

excessive, and in fact similar variances seem to be becoming more typical in Municipalities which,

like Wasaga Beach, are encouraging intensification projects and efficient use of lots within the

built-up area, which tend to have area limitations which aren't as prevalent on greenfield sites.

5.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Urban Design Guidelines

The Town of Wasaga Beach has recently approved "Urban Design Guidelines Townhouse and

Apartment Built Form (July 20, 2017)". These Guidelines will be reviewed in much finer detail

during the Site Plan Control review process, however it appears that the proposed townhouse

buildings and the site design incorporate many of the attributes espoused through the draft Urban Design Guidelines. These include:

- Buildings oriented to the public realm;
- Locating garages/parking to the rear of the buildings;
- Providing paths at the front of the building for ease of access to sidewalks;
- Incorporation of porches at the front of the townhouse;
- Appropriate building height/massing to the abutting street; and
- Use of architectural features and elements.

The proposed building includes these and other attributes which are encouraged by the Design Guidelines. The limited areas of the Guidelines which have not been strictly adhered to are mainly due to the configuration of the site. Where this occurs the building/site design strives to meet the general objectives of the Design Guidelines.

### 5.2 Town of Wasaga Beach Housing Strategy

"Your Home, Your Future: Town of Wasaga Beach Housing Strategy" was prepared in 2013 and was reviewed in conjunction with the proposed 14-unit condominium townhouse development.

As was identified above, the proposal will assist the Town in achieving the goals of the Official Plan by adding to the range and tenure of available housing within the Town of Wasaga Beach. The provision of greater diversity in housing mix was also one of the key recommendations of the Housing Strategy, and which will be assisted as a result of the introduction of the proposed condominium townhouse proposal.

The Strategy also contemplates "the creation of medium and higher density developments at select and appropriate locations in the Town such as at sites adjacent to commercial nodes". As has been outlined above, the townhouse development proposal assists in attaining this goal.

The proposal therefore is seen to be complimentary and responsive to the objectives of the "2013 Your Home, Your Future: Town of Wasaga Beach Housing Strategy".

### 5.2 Mosley Village Community Improvement Project Area

The Official Plan includes policies for the "Mosley Village Community Improvement Project Area" ("CIP"). The Project Area's intent is to improve deficiencies like road and infrastructure conditions; pedestrian infrastructure; property maintenance and appearance; and property underuse and vacancy. Although the development of the subject lands is not directly related to this program, the intended outcomes of the Mosley Village Community Improvement Project are assisted with the development of the 760 Mosley Street/3 Dunkerron Avenue property.

#### 6.0 CONCLUSION

The proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Applications would facilitate the development of a 14-unit condominium townhouse building, including a private driveway and parking at the rear of the townhouse units.

The lands are a prime location for an infill project such as this one as they are located in the Wasaga Beach Settlement Area on two Collector Roads that are transit routes, with full municipal servicing available, and commercial facilities, services and amenities in close proximity. The proposed townhouse buildings will utilize the land in an efficient manner and will be compatible with the uses in the immediate vicinity.

The proposed Amendments will permit an increase in density that will allow the development of a 14-unit townhouse building as an addition to the housing stock within the Town. The specific variances to the Zoning By-law being requested are related to standards which are being considered in other Municipalities which, like Wasaga Beach, are encouraging infill development on lots where the standard zoning provisions are difficult, if not impossible, to implement. The requested variances, as were reviewed in the Report above, are not considered "excessive" and in fact are felt to be appropriate for the type of development being proposed, would permit an efficient design and would not compromise the livability, enjoyment and compatibility of the site. For the reasons outlined in this Report the requested variances are considered to be appropriate. While the specific design details will be discussed with Staff in detail as the Applications are processed, in comparison of the proposed site and buildings to the approved Design Guidelines,

it appears that the proposal generally meets the intent and objectives of the Guidelines for townhouse buildings. Where this isn't possible due mostly to site characteristics, the design of the site/building strives to meet the overall goals of the Guidelines.

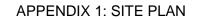
The proposed residential development conforms to the goals and objectives of the Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan, County of Simcoe Official Plan and the Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plan, as well as related land use planning instruments. As such, this Application represents good planning.

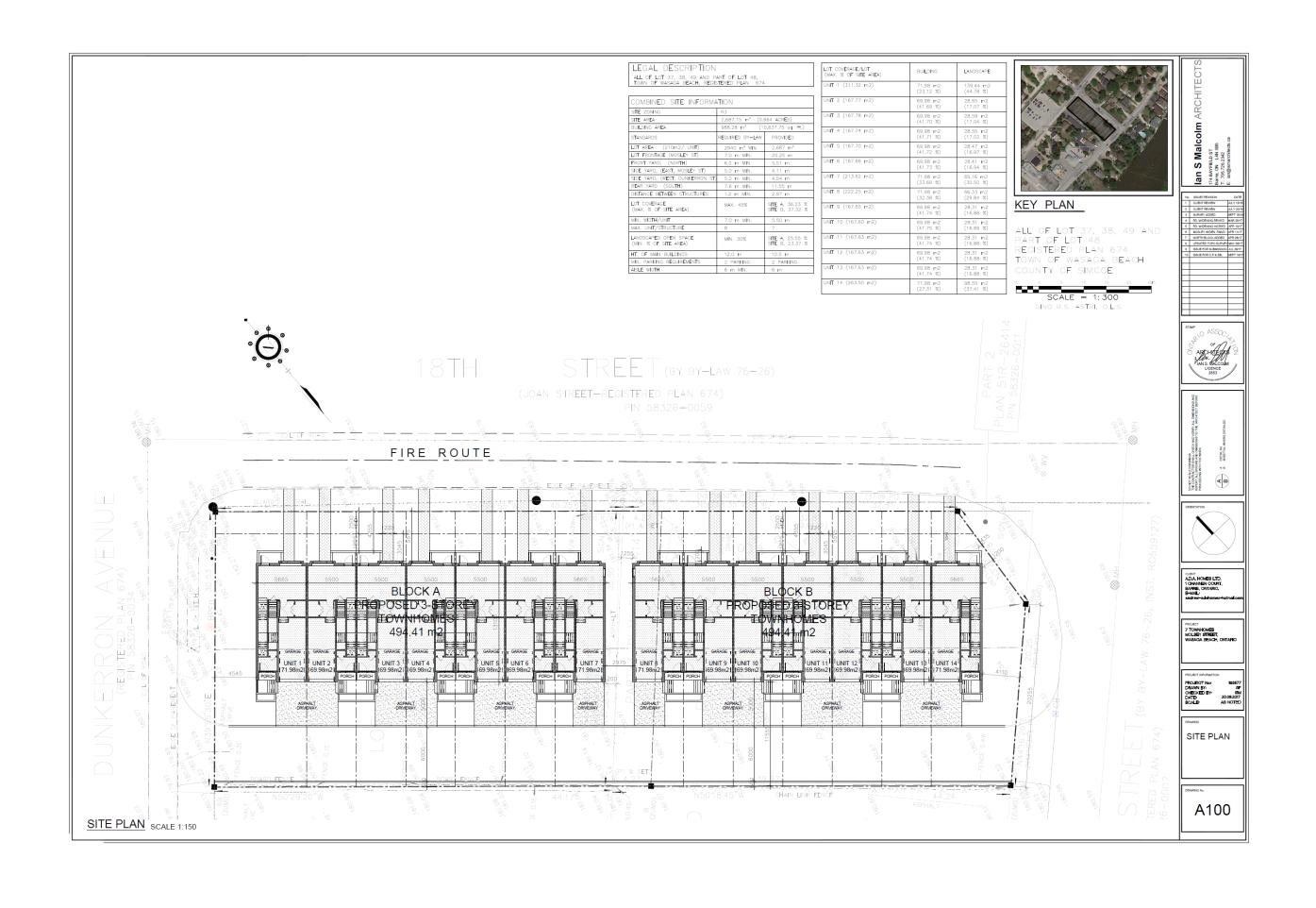
Respectfully submitted,

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ADA Custom Homes ltd. 760 Mosley Street/3 Dunkerron Avenue

**Prepared: September 2017** 

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# **TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH**

¥ •	Schedule "A" constituting Amendment No
of the Official Plan of the Town of	Wasaga Beach, was prepared and adopted by the
Council of the Corporation of the T	Town of Wasaga Beach, by By-law Number 2017
in accordance with the provisions	s of Section 17, 21 and 22 of the Planning Act.
R.S.O. 1990, as amended.	
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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

BY-LAW NO. 2017-

A BY-LAW TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH OFFICIAL PLAN

WHEREAS Section 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13., as amended provides that Council may amend its Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS the policies of the Official Plan of the Town of Wasaga Beach are approved and in force and effect at this time;

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the appropriateness of amending the Official Plan in regard to various lands and land use policies located within the Town of Wasaga Beach, County of Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach deems it necessary and desirable to adopt an amendment to the Official Plan of the Town of Wasaga Beach;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

- 1. THAT the attached explanatory text, policies and Schedule "A" constitute Amendment No. \_\_to the Official Plan of the Town of Wasaga Beach is adopted.
- 2. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the County of Simcoe for approval of the aforementioned Amendment No. \_\_ to the Official Plan of the Town of Wasaga Beach.
- 3. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its final passing, subject to the approval of the County of Simcoe.

READ A FIRST, SECOND	AND THIRD TIME AND	FINALLY PASSED THIS
DAY OF	, 2017.	

	Brian Smith, Mayor
	Andrea Fay, Clerk
<u>CER'</u>	TIFICATION
Certified that the above is a true copy of By-law No as enacted and passed by Council of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach on the day of, 2017.	

# AMENDMENT NO. \_\_

Appendix A

# TO THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH OFFICAL PLAN

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## THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

**PART A – The Preamble** does not constitute a part of this Amendment.

**PART B – The Amendment** consisting of the following text and Schedule "A" and constitutes Amendment No. \_\_to the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plan.

**PART C – The Appendices** attached hereto do not constitute part of this Amendment. These Appendices contain background data, planning considerations and public involvement associated with this Amendment.

### PART A – THE PREAMBLE

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to re-designate the subject lands from "Tourism Commercial" designation to "Residential" designation, and to recognize the development as high density. The Amendment intends to re-designate the lands to permit residential development in the form of a 14-unit townhouse condominium development with a private driveway.

## **LOCATION**

The lands affected by this Amendment are known as 760 Mosley Street/3 Dunkerron Avenue, legally described as Lots 37, 38 and 49, and Part of Lot 48, RP No. 674 in the Town of Wasaga Beach. The lands subject to this Application have an area of 0.27 hectares (0.67 acres), with frontages of 88 metres (289 feet) on 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 20 metres (66 feet) on Mosley Street and 30.5 metres (100 feet) on Dunkerron Avenue.

## **BASIS**

The purpose of this Official Plan Amendment is to facilitate a residential development on the subject lands in the form of a 14-unit common element condominium townhouse development.

The development consists of two buildings of 7 townhouse units each, totaling 14 units. The development is proposed to be a common element condominium project. The common element portion of the project is the vehicular access to the individual units, which is via a 6 metre (20 foot) private road connecting Mosley Street to Dunkerron Avenue. The units will face onto 18<sup>th</sup> Street and connect to the boulevard

via sidewalks from the units. The townhouse facades will be setback approximately 3 metres (10 feet) from the front lot line, with each front yard landscaped with a deciduous tree and evergreen shrubs (a landscaping plan has been submitted under separate cover) to provide an enhanced and complimentary street view of the property. The height of the buildings will be in the order of 10.5 metres (34.4 feet) to offer an appropriate human scale relationship to the street and pedestrians. The design of the units place the driveways and garages at the rear of the units.

The subject lands provide a unique intensification opportunity for the Town, situated as they are bounded by collector roads on three sides, with transit service on both 18<sup>th</sup> and Mosley Streets, and in close proximity to commercial/service facilities and amenities. The development will add to the diversity of the local housing market, providing a needed housing form and tenure within Mosley Village that will add to the resident population base, which in turn will contribute to the vibrancy of this area.

Full municipal services will be provided to the development as sewer and water infrastructure are available along both 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunkerron Streets.

The proposed Applications will permit the subject lands to develop in an efficient and compact form while contributing to the availability of housing options in the Town as desired by Provincial, County and local planning policy.

The subject lands are ideally positioned being inside the "built-up area" of the Town, and located in close proximity to commercial and open space amenities, as well as to services such as transit. The proposed applications will assist the Town toward achieving its residential forecasts.

The development conforms to and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the implementing upper and lower tier planning policies including the Growth Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, the County of Simcoe and Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plans and represents good planning.

### PART B – THE AMENDMENT

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

All of this part of the document entitled "Part B – The Amendment" consisting of the following text, constitutes Amendment No. \_\_ to the Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plan.

## 2.0 DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan of the Town of Wasaga Beach is amended as follows:

- 2.1 That Section 7.4 Exceptions of the Official Plan is hereby further amended by the addition of the following sections:
- "7.4.7 760 Mosley Street/3 Dunkerron Avenue

The lands located at 760 Mosley Street and 3 Dunkerron Avenue, Lots 37, 38 and 49 and part of Lot 48, RP No. 674, Town of Wasaga Beach, and shown on Schedule A-3 shall be subject to the following policy:

- 7.4.7.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Residential designation of the Official Plan, a maximum density of 53 units/hectare is permitted for lands municipally know as 760 Mosley Street and 3 Dunkerron Avenue."
- 2.2 Schedule A-3 to the Official Plan, as amended is hereby further amended by re-designating the lands known as 760 Mosley Street and 3 Dunkerron Avenue, Lots 37, 38 and 49 and part of Lot 48, RP No. 674, Town of Wasaga Beach, from "Tourism Commercial" to "Residential" as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Amendment.

# 3.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

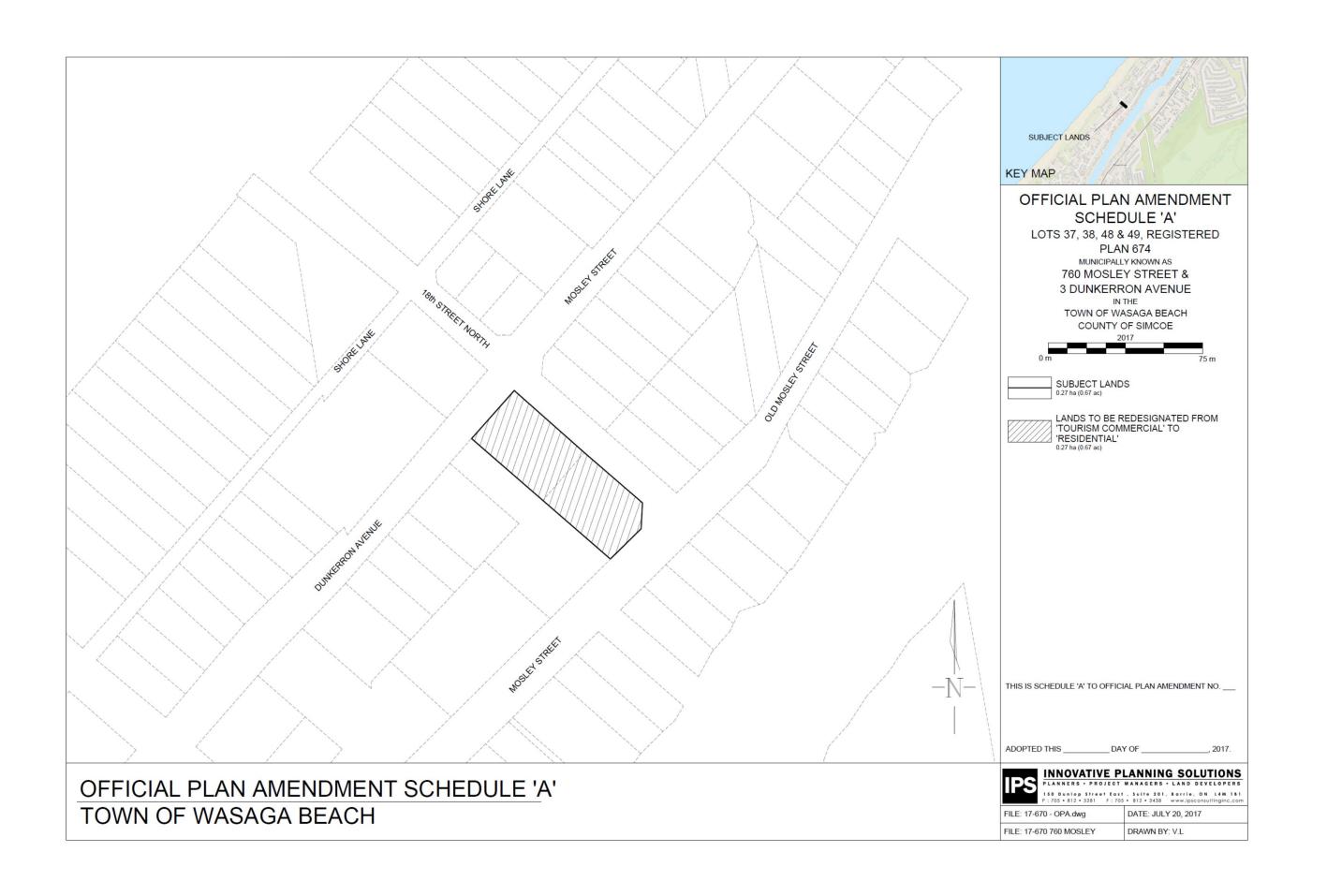
The changes to the Official Plan described in this Amendment shall be implemented in accordance with the implementation policy of the Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plan as contained in Section 6 thereof.

# <u>PART C – THE APPENDICES</u>

The following Appendices do not constitute part of Amendment No. \_\_ but are included as information supporting the Amendment.

# Appendix A

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

### **BY-LAW NO. 2017 -**

# A BY-LAW TO AMEND TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2003-60, AS AMENDED

# (ADA Custom Homes)

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 34 and 36 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13, as amended, the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach has passed a comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. 2003-60 for the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND WHEREAS an application to amend By-Law No. 2003-60 has been received with respect to lands known municipally as 760 Mosley Street and 3 Dunkerron Avenue, Town of Wasaga Beach, County of Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS Section 24(2) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, permits Council to pass a Zoning By-law Amendment that does not conform to the Official Plan, but will conform with it if Official Plan Amendment No.\_\_ comes into effect;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it advisable and expedient to amend Zoning By-Law No. 2003-60;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. THAT Zoning By-law No.2003-60 as amended as follows:

That Section 6.4 Zone Exceptions be amended by adding a new subsection following Section 6.4.31, as follows:

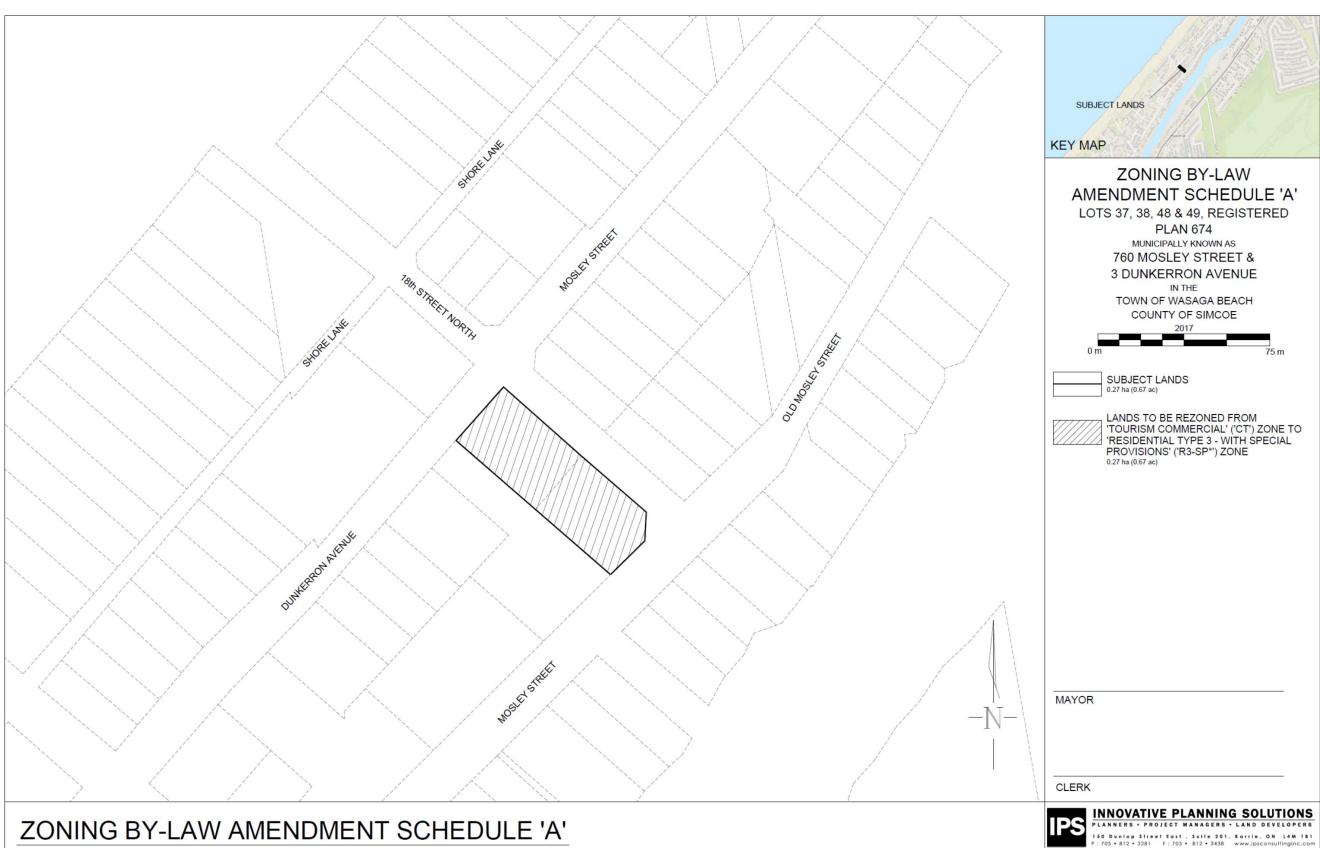
"6.4.32 R3-32 Zone Schedule 'H'

For the purposes of the Zoning By-law the Front Yard for all Street Townhouse Units shall be 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Minimum Lot Area shall be 192 square metres/unit; Minimum Lot Frontage shall be 5.5 metres; Minimum Front Yard Depth shall be 3.0 metres;

Minimum Exterior Side Yard shall be 4.1 metres (Mosley Street) and 4.5 metres (Dunkerron Avenue); Minimum Landscaped Open Space shall be 16 %; Minimum Width per Unit shall be 5.5 metres; Minimum Length of Parking Space shall be 5.0 metres; and Minimum Driveway Setback shall be 0.60 metres.

- 2. THAT Zoning By-law No.2003-60 as amended as follows:
  - a. That Schedule "H" to By-law 2003-60 as amended is hereby further amended by re-zoning Lots 37, 38 and 49 and part of Lot 48, RP No. 674, municipally known as 760 Mosley Street and 3 Dunkerron Avenue, Wasaga Beach, from "Tourist Commercial (CT) Zone" to "Residential Type 3 (R3 32) Zone" as depicted on Schedule A attached hereto, and Schedule "A" attached hereto forms part of By-Law 2003-60 as amended.
- 3. THAT all other respective provisions of Zoning By-law 2003-60, as amended, shall apply.
- 4. THAT this By-law shall come into force and effect in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13.

TH DAY OF, 201	HIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 7.
	Brian Smith, Mayor
	Andrea Fay



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DATE: JULY 20, 2017

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