Report to Planning and Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members

Planning & Environment Committee

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Subject: Draft Site Alteration By-law

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Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Planning and Development, this report that provides an update on the Draft Site Alteration By-Law **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Executive Summary

Staff are currently undertaking an update on the existing Site Alteration By-law to capture a larger area within the City, as the existing by-law is quite restrictive in its scope. This proposed amendment aims to enhance the protection of natural heritage, and enable site alteration works earlier in the development process, while simultaneously streamlining the permitting process.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

This recommendation will contribute to the advancement of Municipal Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan in the following ways:

Housing and Homelessness by advancing projects that support a well-planned and growing community; faster/streamlined approvals; and protect natural heritage areas and agricultural areas for the needs of Londoners now and into the future.

Climate Action and Sustainable Growth by supporting the protection of soil quality and natural heritage health in London in alignment with the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Background

In alignment with our commitment to a culture of continuous improvement, Staff have been reviewing development processes to enhance service levels within the City. This review supports the City's efforts to reach our housing target goals set forth in the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23), by continuing to streamline development processes.

Following this comprehensive evaluation, several improvements were implemented to streamline development processes throughout 2023 and 2024, with Staff aiming to bring forward an update to the Site Alteration By-law by Q4 2024. Through Staff's review of the existing by-law, several issues were identified as noted below:

- The existing by-law is specific to lands that are within an Environmental Protection Area or on any land that has Draft Plan of Subdivision approval.
- The existing by-law is restrictive for the development process, as it only allows site alteration works if a subdivision agreement is expected within four months of permit issuance.

- The existing by-law does not adequately protect all natural heritage lands from potential deleterious fill placement, grade changes that may impact stormwater runoff, specifically, those that are not within an Environmental Protection Area (ie. Environmental Review and Open Space Place Types within the Official Plan, The London Plan).
- The existing by-law does not adequately enable the advancement of works for development (i.e. Site plans, consents, etc.) to streamline and accelerate the process.

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

2.1 Overview of the Existing Site Alteration Process

Site alteration is an activity undertaken by a developer or landowner to cut and fill soil or place soil at a site to achieve a desired grade without negatively impacting adjacent properties. Landowners are entitled to alter the grade of their land, provided they do not adversely impact adjoining properties, which is a standard condition in the Draft Plan of Subdivision approval.

The current site alteration process is limited to Environmental Protection Areas or lands that are subject to a Draft Plan of Subdivision. Developers that have an approved draft plan of subdivision may request a site alteration agreement from the City as part of the engineering design review. The site alteration agreement allows the developer to proceed with pre-grading of the site prior to executing the subdivision agreement and final acceptance of the engineering drawings. Identified amount of financial security is required as part of the site alteration agreement that is sufficient to restore the site to an acceptable condition, should the subdivider not immediately return to the site to continue development. As part of this process, the developer is required to submit erosion and sediment control plans and tree preservation plans. Once all work is complete, the site alteration agreement is terminated, and security is refunded upon the subdivider entering into a subdivision agreement with the City and posting the associated subdivision security. This process was implemented to facilitate pre-grading activities on draft plan approved parcel to expedite servicing operations once drawing acceptance and execution of the subdivision agreement is complete.

The site alteration agreement process is currently voluntary on the part of the developer, with the intent of allowing developers to gain an earlier start on earth moving while they obtain all the required servicing approvals. Planning and Development staff administers compliance of the agreement including the management of the security.

Areas including site plans, consents, variances, or regrading of sites prior to formal submission of draft plans are currently not include in the scope of this by-law.

2.3 Proposed Updated By-Law and Process

The current exemptions are being reconsidered in the proposed amendment to the existing site alteration by-law. Staff is considering site alterations on all lands within City limits subject to certain exemptions, restrictions, and technical review requirements. Some of these exemptions include minor site alterations, such as gardening or pool and foundation excavations, normal agriculture practices, activities of the City, and routine maintenance within golf courses. Further to this, the by-law will not apply to residential lots smaller than 0.5 hectare. This exemption for residential lots was established based on Staff's review of comparable municipalities, where restrictions ranged from 0.3 to 1.0 hectares. A draft of the proposed site alteration by-law summary is included as Appendix "A" within this report.

Site alteration agreements are also being reconsidered with a more streamline permitting process. The amount of securities required is also being reviewed as part of this update.

2.4 Input from City Staff and Development Industry

As part of the review for the updated site alteration by-law, Staff consulted with the Clerk's Office and City Solicitor's Office and no concerns we raised with this approach. In addition, Staff have consulted with the development and consulting industry on this amendment and the feedback to date has been positive, with minor improvements requested.

Further, the identified changes will result in efficiencies within our current development processes, which will allow the development industry to advance permit ready lots in a more consistent manner.

3.0 Financial Impact/Considerations

There is no financial impact to the City of London with this by-law update. This update will result in the City being able to streamline our development approvals, as well as make sure we continue to protect natural heritage features.

Conclusion

The report provides the background and context as part of the draft Site Alteration By-law update. The proposed changes aim to streamline the development approval process while protecting the natural environment.

Staff will continue to consult with the development and consulting industry on this updated by-law and anticipate coming forward to Committee and Council with the updated by-law in 2024.

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Appendix "A" – Draft language for the Site Alteration By-Law

Appendix "A" – Draft language Site Alteration By-Law

The following illustrate the draft language for each of the proposed sections for the Site Alteration By-law

Proposed	Proposed wording
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1 - Definitions	This section provides the meaning of certain terms used throughout the By-Law.
	"Adverse Effect" shall mean one or more of impairment of the quality of the natural environment for any use that can be made of it, injury or damage to property, archeological resources, plant or animal life, harm or material discomfort to any Person, impairment of the safety of any Person, rendering any property, plant or animal life unfit for human use, loss of enjoyment of normal use of property and interference with the normal conduct of a business "City" means the Corporation of the City of London "Council" means the Council of the Corporation of the City of
	"Conservation Authority" means of one or more of the Upper Thames River Conversation Authority or Lower Thames Valley Conversation Authority or Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, whichever Authority or Authorities have authority and jurisdiction over particularized land located in the City.
	"Director, Planning and Development" shall mean the person who holds the position of Director, Planning and Development for The Corporation of the City of London.
	"Drainage" shall mean the movement of water to a place of disposal, whether by way of the natural characteristics of the ground surface or by an artificial method.
	"Dumping" shall mean the depositing of fill in a location other than where the fill was obtained and includes the movement and depositing of fill from one location on a property to another location on the same property.
	Erosion and sediment controls – shall mean temporary or permanent measures implemented to prevent soil erosion and manage sediment in areas of land disturbance required as conditions for the approval of a Site Alteration Permit.
	"Fill" shall mean any type of material deposited or placed on lands and includes soil, stone, rock, concrete, asphalt, sod, or turf, refuse and waste materials.
	"Finished Grade" means the approved elevation of ground surface of lands upon which Fill has been Placed or Dumped, the Grade altered or Topsoil Removed, in accordance with this by-law.
	"Manager, Current Development" means the person who holds the position of Manager, Current Development for The Corporation of the City of London.
	"Manager, Subdivisions and Development Inspections" shall mean the person who holds the position of Manager, Subdivisions and Development Inspections for The Corporation of the City of London. "Officer" shall mean an employee, officer, or agent of the City whose duties include conducting inspections and/or enforcing the City's bylaws, or a police officer with London Police Services.
	"Owner" shall mean the registered owner of land, or their agent, or anyone acting under the direction of the owner and their agent. "Order to Discontinue Activity" shall mean an order made pursuant to Section 7 of this Bylaw. "Permit" shall mean a permit issued by the City pursuant to the
	provisions of this Site Alteration By-Law.

"Qualified Professional" shall mean an individual who has the ability to assume responsibility for the works carried out under this by-law... (Note: this definition will be further reviewed in consultation with the industry).

"Residential Lots" shall mean any parcel of land which includes residential zoning designation under the City's Z.1 Zoning By-Law.

"Site" shall mean the lands which are the subject of an application for a Permit pursuant to this by-law.

"Site Alteration" shall mean the physical changing of site conditions through the placement or Dumping of Fill, the excavation and/or alteration of soil which may include but is not limited to: the removal of vegetative cover; the compaction of soil; the creation of impervious surfaces; the obstruction of drainage facilities; the modification of watercourses, such servicing work required to support the site alteration activities; or any combination of the aforementioned activities.

"Soil" shall mean material commonly known as earth, topsoil, loam, subsoil, clay, sand, gravel, silt, rock, or fill.

"**Topsoil**" shall have the same meaning as the definition of "topsoil" under section 142(1) of the Municipal Act.

"Watercourse" shall mean a natural or constructed channel through which water flows, but not limited to rivers, streams and municipal or private storm drains

2- Exemptions

This section describes the areas where the provisions of the proposed by-law do not apply.

- 1. Activities of a Municipality, Road Authority, or Crown Agency as defined in the Crown Agency Act.
- 2. Activities authorized pursuant to a building permit issued by the City.
- 3. Any placing or dumping of fill, removal of soil, or alteration of the grade of land exempted pursuant to section 142 (5) of the Municipal Act.
- 4. Normal farm practices as defined in Section 1.1 of the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998, S.O.1998, c.1, as amended or replaced.
- 5. Residential lots under 0.5ha in size (see Note 1 below).
- 6. The routine maintenance activities within established golf courses.
- 7. Emergency repair work performed in consultation with the city, subject to any requirement from the Director, Planning and Development to obtain a permit for the continuation of such work.
- 8. Activities pursuant to Owner executed development agreements, subdivision agreements, consent agreements or any other development agreements pursuant to the Planning Act.
 - Note 1: Exemption 5 shall not apply where site alteration is proposed on any lands within or adjacent to or within 30 metres of the Natural Heritage System/Tree Protection Area as identified in the London Plan.

3-Prohibitions

3.1 Site Alteration – approval required.

Unless otherwise exempted by this by-law, no person shall undertake site alteration without having first obtaining a permit issued by the Director, Planning and Development.

3.2 Site Alteration – in accordance with approval

Where a permit has been issued pursuant to this by-law, no person shall undertake site alteration except in accordance with the plans, conditions, and any other information on the basis of which a permit was issued.

3.3 Failure to Comply

No person shall fail to comply with an Order to Discontinue Activity or a Work Order made under this By-Law. 4.1 A person applying for a permit shall submit the following to

Requirements for An Application of a Site Alteration Permit

- the Director, Planning and Development or designate:
 - 1. a completed permit application. (Note: a fillable Site alteration form is being developed and will be available to replace site alterations agreements).
 - 2. the applicable permit fee calculated in accordance with the Fees and Charges By-Law (XX); to the City in an amount and form acceptable to the City.
 - 3. Site Alteration drawings prepared and sealed by a Qualified Professional for the Site. Site Alteration drawings shall be prepared in accordance the City's Design and Specifications Requirements Manual and all requirements of this By-Law.
 - 4. a cost estimate of the estimated value of the work associated with the proposed site alteration in accordance with the template and the requirements identified in the City's Subdivision and Development Security policy, to the satisfaction of the City; (Note: Site alterations security is being reviewed as part of our forthcoming Security policy update).
 - 5. confirmation that the appropriate archaeological assessments on lands deemed to have moderate to high potentials for the discovery of archaeological resources have been completed to the satisfaction of the province.
 - 6. if located within 120m of the Natural Heritage System, studies or reports may be required to confirm that the Site Alteration is in conformity with the London Plan. Such additional reports or studies to be completed as prescribed in the City's Design and Specifications Requirements Manual to the satisfaction of the

4.2 General Requirements

Every permit that is issued is subject to the General Requirements as attached and identified in Schedule "A" of this by-law.

4.3 Coordination with The Planning & Development Process

An application for a Site Alteration Permit may be processed concurrently with an application as part of a development application pursuant to the Planning Act. The drawings shall include but not be limited to alterations of grade, servicing, tree removals, and other works deemed appropriate by the City.

The Owner acknowledges that any site alteration for a Site in advance of a Planning Approval shall be entirely at their own risk.

5-Issuance of Permit

5.1 Requirements

The Director, Planning and Development shall issue a permit where:

- 1. the applicant has fulfilled all requirements pursuant to this by-law.
- 2. Site Alteration drawings have been accepted by the city.
- 3. security in a form and amount to be determined by the Director, Planning and Development in accordance with the City's Subdivision and Development security policy (as amended from time to time) to secure performance of the work for which the permit was obtained and compliance with any conditions of granting the permit.
- 4. proof of any other permit that may be required from the city (Tree Protection By-Law, Streets By-Law etc.) or any external agency or person for the completion of work associated with the site alteration.

5.2 Permit - Conditions - standard

Every permit that is issued is subject to the conditions as attached in Schedule "B" of this by-law.

5.3 Permit – special conditions

The Director, Planning and Development may impose special conditions on a Permit that are reasonable to ensure that the proposed site alteration is consistent with the provisions of this bylaw.

5.4 - Permit – accepted site alteration drawings

Drawings accepted pursuant to the issuance of a permit shall form part of said permit.

5.5 - Permit valid – 2 years maximum

A permit issued pursuant to this by-law shall be valid to the expiry date as specified on the permit by the Director, Planning and Development. Unless expressly stated on the face of the Permit, all Permits issued under this By-law shall expire 2 years after issuance. An extension of permit shall be at the discretion of the Director, Planning and Development. A permit shall be considered closed where a Subdivision, Consent or Development Agreement has been registered for the lands which are covered by the permit.

5.6 - Permit issuance - no exemption from other requirement

A permit issued pursuant to this by-law does not preclude the applicant's responsibility to obtain all other approvals which may be required by any level of government and /or agencies.

5.7 - Permit transfer - requirements

If the lands for which a permit has been issued are transferred while the permit remains in effect the new owner of the lands shall either:

- a) provide the City with an undertaking to comply with all the conditions under which the existing permit was issued; or
- b) apply for and obtain a new permit in accordance with the provisions of this by-law.

5.8 - Director, Planning and Development - refer application - comment

The Director, Planning and Development, may refer any application, associated plans and information to municipal staff, public agency, advisory body and/or other qualified professional for comment prior to making a decision.

6-Administration

The administration and enforcement of this by-law shall be performed by the Director, Planning and Development. When the Director, Planning and Development is absent or their office is vacant, the Manager, Subdivisions and Development Inspections shall act in the place of the Director under this by-law and while so acting has and may exercise all the rights, power, and authority of the Director, Planning and Development as delegated by this by-law subject to the same responsibilities and limitations set out in this by-law. When both the Director, Planning and Development and the Manager, Subdivisions and Development Inspections are absent or their offices are vacant, the Manager, Current Development shall act in the place of the Director, Planning and Development under this by-law and while so acting has and may exercise all the rights, power and authority of the Director, Planning and Development as delegated by this by-law subject to the same responsibilities and limitations set out in this by-law.

7-Enforcement

- 7.1 The provisions of this By-Law shall be enforced by an Officer.
- 7.2 In accordance with section 436 of the Municipal Act, an Officer may at all reasonable times enter and inspect any land to which this By-Law has application.
- 7.3 Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.
- 7.4 Subject to section 7.6 of this By-Law, in the event that the City furthers enforcement of this By-Law by prosecution commenced under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act, each contravention of any provision of this By-Law is hereby designated a "continuing offence" pursuant to section 429(2)(a) of the Municipal Act for each day or part of a day that the offence continues.

7.5 Subject to section 7.6 of this By-Law, any Person guilty of an offence, upon conviction under Part III initiated proceedings under the Provincial Offences Act is liable to the City for a fine not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 for each day or part of day that the offence continues, in accordance with section 429(3)2. of the Municipal Act.

7.6 Notwithstanding sections 7.4 and 7.5 of this By-Law, any Person guilty of an offence, upon conviction under proceedings commenced under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act who has participated in any manner in arranging, planning, organizing, financially supporting, carrying out or permitting, whether implicitly or expressly, the removal the existing ground surface of land without or contrary to a Permit to allow for the placing or dumping of fill without obtaining or contrary to a Permit is liable to the City for a "special fine" in the amount of \$50,000.00 in lieu of section 7.5 fines if the "special fine" amount is greater than the amount the total fine amount the convicted Person would be liable to the City for pursuant to section 7.5 at the time the conviction is entered. The "special fine" is established under the meaning and authority of section 429(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, for the purpose of eliminating or reducing any economic advantage or gain from the contravention of this By-Law.

7.7 As set out in section 431 of the Municipal Act and in addition to any other enforcement, remedy or penalty provided for in this By-Law, where a conviction has been entered in Part III proceedings under the Provincial Offences Act, the court which enters the conviction and/or any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the Person convicted.

7.8 In accordance with section 444 of the Municipal Act and addition to any other fine or remedy authorized by this By-Law, if an Officer is satisfied that this By-Law has been contravened, the Officer may make an order, known as an "Order to Discontinue Activity", requiring the Person who contravened the By-law, or who caused or permitted the contravention, or the Owner of the land on which the contravention occurred, to discontinue the contravention.

7.9 An Order to Discontinue Activity shall set out:

- 1. The Person to whom it is directed.
- 2. The municipal address or legal description of the property on which the contravention occurred.
- The date of the contravention.
- 4. The reasonable particulars of the contravention of the Bylaw.
- 5. The date by which there must be compliance with the Order to Discontinue Activity; and
- 6. The date on which the Order may expire.

7.10 The Order to Discontinue Activity may be served personally on the Owner or Person to whom it is directed or by regular mail to the last known address of that Owner or Person, in which case it shall be deemed to have been given on the third day after it is mailed. Service on a corporation, partnership or other business association can be affected by registered mail to its registered corporate or business address or its publicly advertised address.

7.11 If the City is unable to effect service on the Owner under section 7.10, it shall place a placard containing the terms of the Order to Discontinue Activity in a conspicuous place on the land and may enter on the land for this purpose. The placing of the placard shall be deemed to be sufficient service of the Order to Discontinue Activity.

7.12 In accordance with section 445 of the Municipal Act and in addition to any other fine or remedy authorized by this By-Law, if an Officer is satisfied that a contravention of the by-law has occurred, the Officer may make an order, known as a "Work Order", requiring the

Owner or Person who contravened the by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the Owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to do the work to correct the contravention.

7.13 A Work Order shall set out:

- 1. The municipal address or the legal description of the land.
- 2. Reasonable particulars of the contravention and of the work to be done.
- 3. A deadline, being a specific date, for compliance with the Work Order; and
- 4. A notice that if the work is not done in compliance with the Work Order by the deadline, the City may have the work done at the expense of the Owner and the cost of the work may be recovered as per section 7.17 herein.
- 7.14 The Work Order may be served personally on the Owner or Person to whom it is directed or by regular mail to the last known address of that Person, in which case it shall be deemed to have been given on the third day after it is mailed. Service on a corporation, partnership or other business association can also be affected by registered mail to its registered corporate or business address or its publicly advertised address.
- 7.15 If the City is unable to effect service on the owner under section 7.14, it shall place a placard containing the terms of the Work Order in a conspicuous place on the land and may enter on the land for this purpose. The placing of the placard shall be deemed to be sufficient service of the Work Order.
- 7.16 Where anything required or directed to be done in accordance with this By-Law is not done, an Officer may upon such notice as he/she deems suitable, do such thing at the expense of the Person required to do it, and in so doing may charge an administration fee as outlined within the City's current Fees By-law, as amended, or replaced.
- 7.17 The City may recover such costs, as incurred by the City pursuant to this by-law from:
 - 1. securities provided by the Owner identified in 5.1.3.
 - 2. by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes.
 - a lien on the land upon the registration in the proper land registry office of a notice of a lien.
- 7.18 Costs interest accrues until payment.

The lien is in respect of all costs that are payable at the time the notice is registered plus interest accrued to the date payment is made.

7.19 Where the City proceeds pursuant to section 7.16 of this By-Law, an Officer, or any person under his or her direction may enter onto the land and with the appropriate equipment as required to bring the property into compliance with this By-Law.

SCHEDULE "A" – General Requirements

- 1. no Person shall perform a Site Alteration on any lands unless it is done at the request of or with the consent of the Owner of the Land where the Site Alteration is to occur.
- 2. the Owner shall comply with the requirements as outlined in Part 4 of this by-law.
- 3. the Owner shall comply with all relevant legislation including but not limited to Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O., 1990 Haul Routes for the transportation of Fill and Topsoil authorized for placement, dumping or removal at the Receiving Site may be designated to and/or from a Receiving Site by the Director, Planning and Development to minimize damage to the City's roads and minimize interference and/or disturbance to the City's residents and businesses in

- accordance with a Permit or Site Alteration Agreement issued by the City, if applicable;
- 4. All imported Fill and Topsoil, regraded or distributed on a Receiving Site, shall be all in accordance with the requirements of O.Reg. 406/19.
- 5. No person shall undertake any Site Alteration that may adversely affect the quality or quantity of water in a well, pond or watering hole intended for use as a source of water for agriculture or human consumption on a property with an adjoining property boundary, or any other property.
- 6. The existing Topsoil on lands subject to Site Alterations shall be preserved by removing and stockpiling it for use as final cover prior to the performance of any Site Alteration work, as applicable.
- 7. The Director, Planning and Development may restrict the hours of operation and days of operation permitted beyond those restrictions found in this By-Law.
- 8. The Director, Planning and Development may restrict the daily volume of truckloads to ensure adequate Municipal oversight of the operations, ensure traffic safety and to address reasonable concerns regarding quality-of-life issues for residents along the Haul Route and in the vicinity of the proposed Site Alteration works.
- 9. All Fill shall be properly compacted using acceptable engineering practices, as appropriate, unless it is being stockpiled on the Site for future use in accordance with all applicable by-laws and zoning for the City, and grading plans and timelines as approved by the Director, Planning and Development.
- 10. For Site alteration on Agricultural Lands, a soil fertility report, signed by an Engineer/soil scientist, confirming that the Site Alteration will not result in a reduction in the overall soil fertility.
- 11. Such Site Alterations shall not result in:
 - a. interference with natural drainage processes or blockage of a watercourse.
 - b. soil erosion, slope instability or siltation that may cause an adverse effect on downstream lands.
 - c. pollution of a watercourse'
 - d. flooding, ponding, or other impacts on the natural hydrologic cycle.
 - e. A loss or adverse effect on the natural environment, including but not restricted to lands designated as environmentally significant, however expressed in the London Plan or Zoning By-law, including designations of areas as environmentally sensitive, environmental protection, as being of environmental concern and as being ecologically significant; and
 - f. an adverse effect on any fish or wildlife habitat within, or adjacent to the subject site.
 - g. drainage patterns of adjacent properties being adversely disturbed.
 - h. undue dust problems for adjacent properties.
 - i. any existing City Street being fouled with dirt, mud, or debris
 - any existing City Street being used for construction access purposes except those routes designated for construction access by the Director, Planning and Development.
 - k. any on site burning of materials without prior approval of the Fire Department.

any negative impact on groundwater levels except those which are approved by the Director, Planning and Development. Detrimental effect on the quality and quantity of m. water in a well an Adverse Effect on areas of archaeological n. significance; SCHEDULE The Owner shall meet all requirements of this by-law. 1. "B" - Permit 2. The Owner agrees to complete the works proposed for site Conditions alteration in accordance with the plans accepted by the City Standard of London and attached hereby to this permit. 3. The Owner agrees to assume all risks involved in undertaking the site alteration, and to this end the Owner shall indemnify and save harmless the City from and against all claims arising in undertaking. 4. If archaeological resources are discovered or identified during the Site Alteration, even after the issuance of a Permit, the Owner shall immediately cease all activity on the Site and contact the Director, Planning and Development and take such actions as defined by the Director, Planning and Development or other responsible agency to address, safeguard, and protect the resources. 5. The Owner shall obtain all necessary permits, approvals and/or certificates in conjunction with the site alteration activities (e.g. Hydro One Networks Incorporated, Ministry of the Environment Certificates, City's Tree Protection By-Law Permit, Permit of Approved Works, water connection, water taking, crown land, navigable waterways, approval: Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Ministry of Natural (MNR), Ministry of the Environment, Resources Conservation and Parks (MECP), City, etc.). 6. No construction of municipal services shall commence prior to the execution of a subdivision, consent, or development agreement. 7. No other work shall commence until all pertinent approvals are in place. 8. The drainage patterns of adjacent properties shall not be changed which will adversely affect adjacent properties, Natural Heritage Systems or Tree Protections Areas. a. No on-site burning of material or any other type of burning shall take place without prior approval of the Fire Department and in accordance with the Open-Air Burning By-law - F-9, as amended. 9. Sufficient precautions shall be taken, as outlined in chapter 10 of the City's Design Specifications and Requirements Manual, to prevent erosion resulting from activities associated with this permit, all to the satisfaction of the City. 10. The Owner shall construct erosion and sediment control measures as required during construction to control overland flows from the Site to ensure that mud, silt, construction debris, etc. does not adversely affect abutting properties, all to the specifications of the City. 11. Prior to any work on the site, the Owner shall implement all temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures identified in the accepted site alteration drawings and shall have these measures established all to the satisfaction of the City. The erosion and sediment control measures shall be maintained and operated as intended during all phases of construction.

- 12. In the event that the staging of this site alteration differs to that as set out in the accepted engineering drawings, the Owner shall facilitate an update to drawings as per chapter 10 of the City's Design Specifications and Requirements Manual, all to the satisfaction of the City.
- 13. ESC monitoring reports shall be submitted to developmentinspections@london.ca in accordance with chapter 10 of the City's Design Specifications and Requirements Manual, all to the satisfaction of the City.
- 14. The Owner shall ensure that ESC measures are installed, monitored, and maintained in accordance with chapter 10 of the City's Design Specifications and Requirements Manual, all to the satisfaction of the City.
- 15. Upon completion of the site alteration and grading operations, or in any event prior to entering into a subdivision agreement with the City, the Owner's Qualified Professional shall certify that any recommendations contained in the hydrogeological report were complied with, and any recommended remedial measures to control groundwater levels were implemented.
- 16. Dust suppression measures are to be implemented during construction.
- 17. All existing city streets shall be maintained clear of dirt, mud, and debris.
- 18. Any engineered fill needed to support roads, services, houses, and driveways, shall be placed under the direction of the Owner's Qualified Professional.
- 19. The Owner agrees to protect all topsoil stockpiles within 30 days of completion of the stripping of the topsoil, or as otherwise approved by the city.
- 20. The Owner shall ensure that where the root systems of trees to be preserved are exposed or damaged by construction work, they shall be neatly trimmed, and the area shall be backfilled with appropriate material to prevent drying and desiccation.
- 21. The Owner shall ensure the grades around wooded areas or tree stands shall not be disturbed. If it is necessary to change grades around treed areas to be preserved, the subdivider may be required to take precautions such as dry welling and root feeding. Filling and grading within the drip line of trees shall be done by hand.
- 22. This permit may be closed and associated security released when all the following conditions have been met:
 - a. full compliance with this Permit and/or.
- b. a Subdivision, Consent or Development Agreement has been registered for the Lands.
- 23. The Owner shall install tree protection fencing, per accepted Tree Protection Plan, prior to any work being undertaken on-site, to the satisfaction of the City.