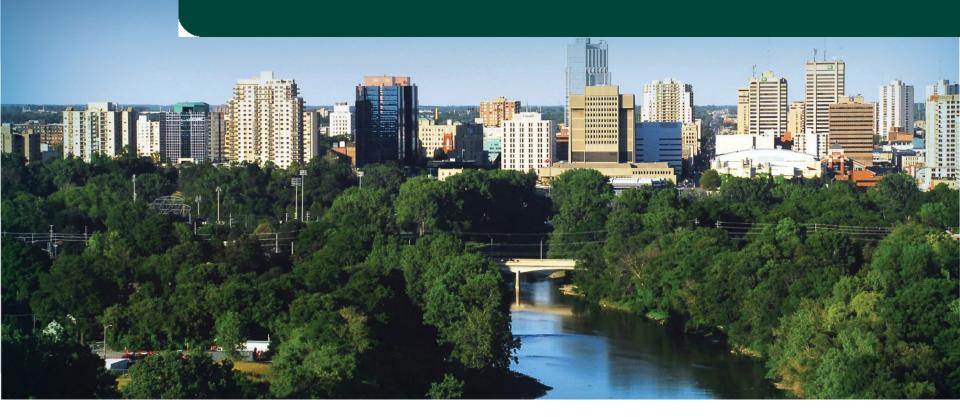


1938 & 1964 Commissioners Road East Victoria on the River – Phase 6



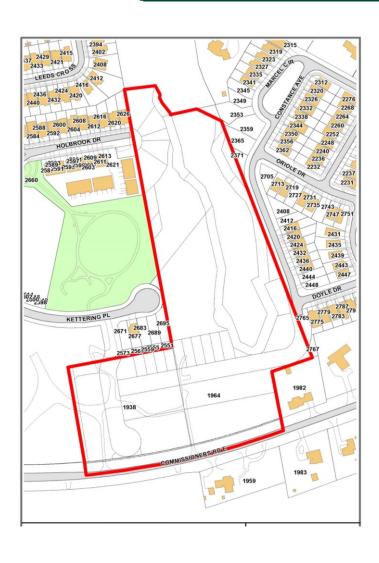
Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment

Applicant: Sifton Properties Limited

File No: 39T-19501 / Z-9015



Development Proposal, Site Location and Context



Proposal:

Residential plan of subdivision consisting of single detached and multi-family dwellings, parkland, open space, and pedestrian pathways, including a ravine crossing; and served by 2 local streets with connections to new subdivision developments to the east and west.

Site Characteristics:

Land Use: vacant Frontage: 239 metres Depth: 438 metres Area: 6.81 hectares Shape: irregular

Surrounding Properties:

North: residential

South: residential and agriculture

East: residential

West: residential, neighbourhood park, and vacant lands for future development



Aerial Photo





Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision





Official Plan & Zoning

The London Plan Place Type:

"Neighbourhoods" and "Green Space"

1989 Official Plan Designation:

"Low Density Residential", "Multi-family, Medium Density Residential" and "Open Space

Special Policies:

"Old Victoria Community Planning Area"

Zoning: Urban Reserve UR4, Open Space OS4, and holding Open Space h-2• OS4



Issues and Considerations

- 1. Natural Ravine and Channel Corridor
- 2. Pedestrian Crossing
- 3. Multi-family Block (Block 44) Specific Policy Amendment
- 4. Pedestrian and Multi-Use Pathway Connections



Natural Ravine and Channel Corridor

- The ravine corridor consists of deciduous forest and swampy wetland type vegetation communities, including patches of skunk cabbage and other groundwater indicator plants.
- Environmental Impact Study (EIS), hydrogeological and water balance assessment, geotechnical and slope assessment, and stormwater management reports have been prepared by the proponent and reviewed by the City and UTRCA.
- Woodland communities and wetland features within the ravine lands have been evaluated and will be protected within an open space block and adjacent open space buffers blocks, as shown on the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and red-line revised draft plan.
- Recommended buffers include a minimum 12 metre buffer along the easterly edge of the natural feature and a minimum 10 metre buffer along the westerly edge. The EMP specifies additional requirements for buffer planting and restoration areas.
- City and UTRCA staff are satisfied that all related environmental reports and studies have advanced to a point where they can be finalized as part of the Design Studies stage, in accordance with the conditions of draft plan approval.



Environmental Management Plan





Pedestrian Crossing

- Oriole Drive was previously identified as a collector road (Neighbourhood Connector). After further review by Council and staff, the Official Plan was amended in 2017 to remove the road crossing and avoid environmental impacts and costs associated with a full public road right-of-way.
- A footbridge at the end of Oriole Drive connecting to Holbrook Drive and a pedestrian pathway connection to the neighbourhood park was proposed as an alternative to a public road.
- Footbridge crossing for Victoria on the River is identified in 2021 Development Charges Background Study Update.
- The Owner to undertake the scoped EIS, detailed engineering and design, and construction/installation of the pedestrian crossing.
- Costs directly related to the project are eligible for reimbursement in accordance with the City's DC By-law.



Multi-Family Block (Block 44) Specific Policy Amendment

- Applicant requests a special provision zone for Block 44 to permit a lowrise apartment building up to 16 metres in height, or four (4) storeys.
- In conjunction with the zoning request, staff have included an amendment to add a specific policy to the Neighbourhoods Place Type, and corresponding amendment to the 1989 Official Plan, as the requested special provision applies to a multi-family block having frontage on a neighbourhood street being Kettering Place.
- Site fronts on neighbourhood park and backs onto open space lands consisting of the natural ravine and tributary. Grade slopes down approx. 9 to 10+ metres from Kettering Place towards the top of the ravine.
- On-site stormwater attenuation controls including surface water collection and rear yard infiltration system to be incorporated into the common areas and landscaped open space to maintain surface and groundwater flows to the ravine.
- Topography and adjacent hydro corridor easement pose further constraints and challenges.
- A small-scale, low-rise apartment building alone or in combination with cluster townhouses would be considered appropriate.
- Compatible and a good fit with the existing adjacent low density residential and multi-family developments surrounding the neighbourhood park.



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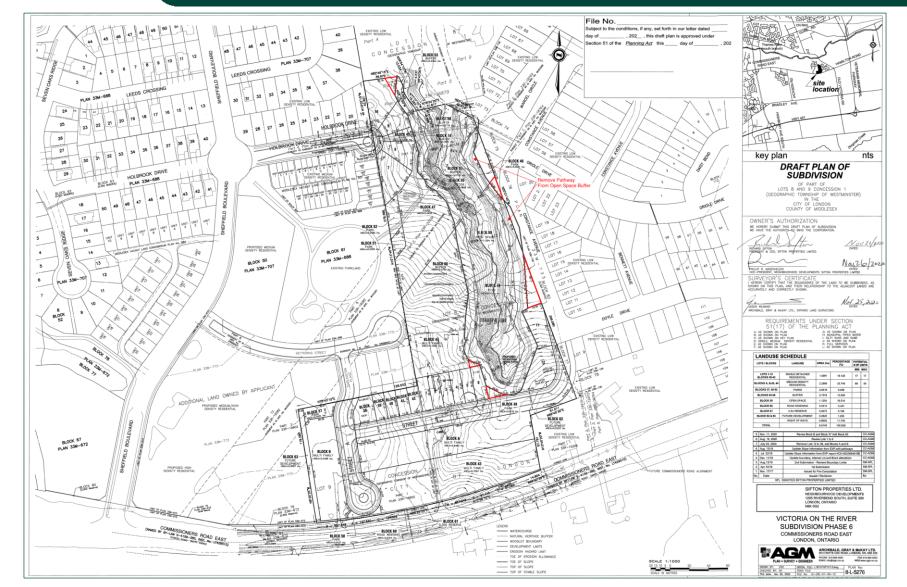


Pedestrian and Multi-Use Pathway Connections

- Existing neighourhood park (Sheffield Park) is well integrated with the subdivision plan through the provision of additional park land and open space, the multi-use pathway system, and public sidewalks and streets.
- The Thames Valley Parkway (multi-use trail) within the Victoria on the River subdivision has already been completed. It is located along the south side of the Thames River, skirts edge of Meadowlilly Woods ESA, and terminates on west side of Sheffield Boulevard at Commissioners Road East.
- TVP planned to extend westward along Commissioners Road to and through the Meadowlark Ridge subdivision and the City-Wide Sports Park.
- Pathway alignment options will be considered in conjunction with future development applications for intervening lands on the north side of Commissioners Road East.

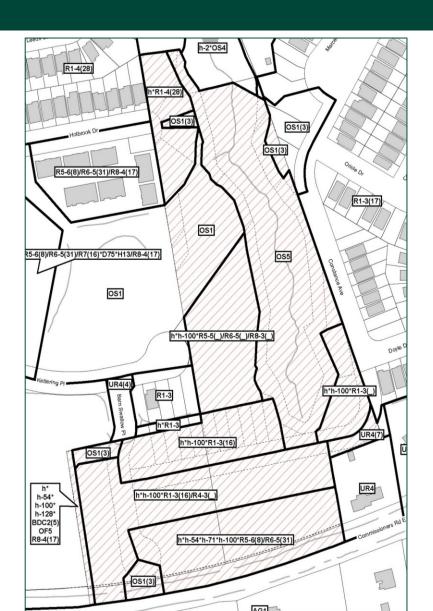


Recommended Red-line Revisions





Zoning Amendment Map





Recommendation

- The development proposal represents Phase 6 of Sifton's Victoria on the River subdivision.
- The recommended draft plan of subdivision, Official Plan and zoning amendments are appropriate and consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, and in keeping with the intent of The London Plan, 1989 Official Plan, and Old Victoria Area Plan.
- Recommend Approval Authority issue draft approval of the draft plan of subdivision, as red-line revised, subject to conditions appended to staff report; and that Council approve the recommended Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments.