Report to Planning and Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members

Planning & Environment Committee

From: Scott Mathers, MPA, P. Eng.,

Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development

Subject: Exemption from Part-Lot Control

Application By: Craig Linton (Norquay Developments)

1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road

Meeting on: July 25, 2022

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Planning and Development, with respect to the application by Craig Linton (Norquay Developments) for lands located at 1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road, the <u>attached</u> proposed by-law **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on August 2, 2022 to exempt Blocks 28 & 29, Plan 33M-657 from the Part-Lot Control provisions of Subsection 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, for a period not exceeding three (3) years.

Executive Summary

Summary of Request

This report is for review and endorsement by Municipal Council to exempt Blocks 28 & 29 in Registered Plan 33M-657 from the Part-Lot Control provisions of the Planning Act.

Purpose and the Effect of Recommended Action

Exemption from Part-Lot Control will facilitate the creation of eight (8) single detached dwellings with frontage on Cranbrook Road and Longworth Road.

Rationale of Recommended Action

The conditions for passing the Part-Lot Control By-law have been satisfied and it is appropriate to allow the exemption from Part-Lot Control. The cost of registration of the by-law is to be borne by the applicant, all in accordance with the previous Council Resolution.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

Building a Sustainable City - London's growth and development is well planned and sustainable over the long term.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

The site consists of two vacant blocks within a registered plan of subdivison (Blocks 28 & 29 Plan 33M-657). These blocks were previously graded and serviced for future development and there exists little to no vegetation at present. A large stand of mature trees exists on adjacent lands to the west, and to the north is gently rolling topopgaphy consisting of open fields with scattered patches of vegetation. Further to the west and north is a former gravel pit that is inactive and in the process of being filled in. Single detached homes exist to the east and south within the developed Phases 1 & 2 portions of the Highland Ridge (Crestwood) subdivision.

1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

May 9, 2022 – Report to Planning and Environment Committee – 1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road – Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control - Craig Linton (Norquay Developments) (File No. P-9488).

May 9, 2022 – Report to Planning and Environment Committee – 1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment - Craig Linton (Norquay Developments) (File No. Z-9487).

October 15, 2012 – Report to Planning and Environment Committee – Highland Ridge Subdivision Phase 2 - recommending special provisions for a Subdivision Agreement between the Corporation of the City of London and Highland Ridge Land Corp. (File No. 39T-07503).

November 26, 2007 – Report to Planning Committee – 890 Southdale Road West – Highland Ridge Land Corporation – Crestwood Phase 2 - Application for approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments (39T-07503/OZ-7345/O-7379)

1.2 Planning History

On March 26, 2007, Highland Ridge Land Corporation submitted a draft plan of subdivision application for a 4.7 ha. (11.6 acre) parcel of land located north of Southdale Road W., east of Colonel Talbot Road. A revised plan was submitted for approval on May 29, 2007. The proposed subdivision plan included 28 single detached dwelling lots, two open space blocks and three park blocks, served by an extension of Longworth Road and Cranbrook Road, and a secondary collector road.

Following a public participation meeting at Planning Committee on November 26, 2007, Council adopted Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments for the subdivision on February 5, 2008. On March 6th, 2008, the owner (Highland Ridge Land Corp. appealed the failure by the Approval Authority to draft approve the plan of subdivision within 180 days of submitting the application (the Approval Authority could not make a decision within the prescribed period as the OPA had not yet come into effect).

The Official Plan Amendment (OPA 432) and Zoning By-law Amendment were appealed to the OMB by an area resident, citing concerns with the impact of the proposed development on Provincially Significant Wetlands and woodlands in the area, and flooding in the area. This appeal was subsequently resolved and withdrawn prior to the hearing date. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs was added as a party to the hearing based on concerns that the proposed plan of subdivision could negatively impact the adjacent aggregate operations.

The OMB, in its decision dated June 4, 2009, approved an amended Official Plan amendment, Zoning By-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision which excluded lots within 150 metres of the limits of aggregate extraction. Blocks 28 & 29 of the Highland Ridge Land Corp. (also known as Crestwood West Subdivision - Phase 2) lands have been held out of development since the Phase 2 lands were registered as Plan 33M-657 on April 4, 2013.

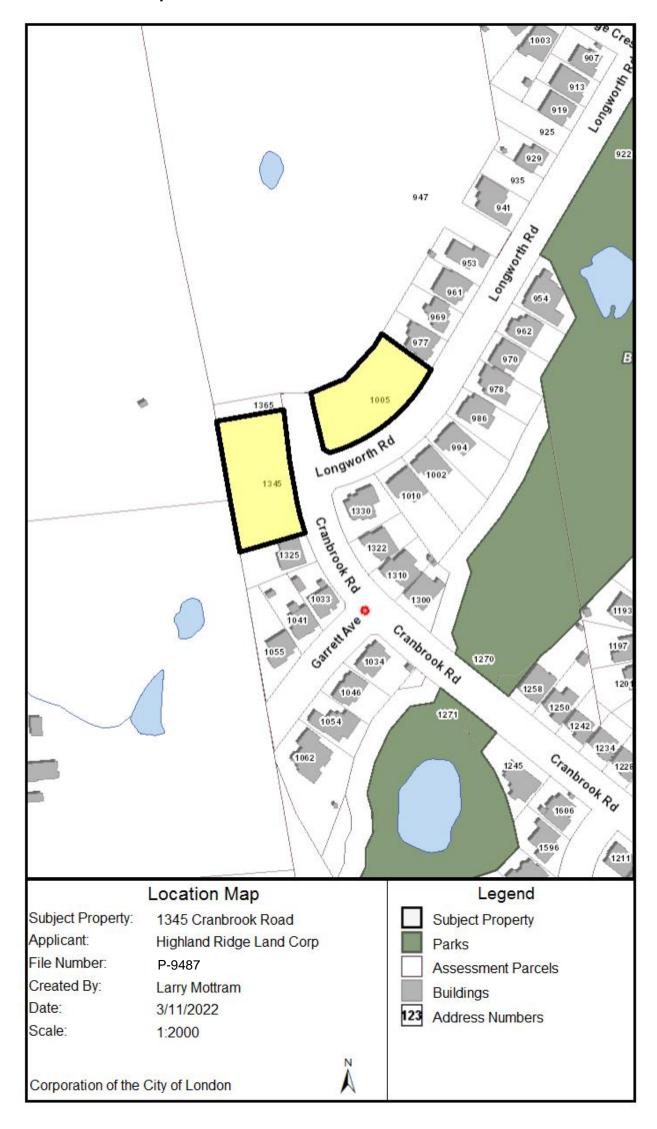
1.3 Current Planning Information

- The London Plan Place Type Neighbourhoods
- Existing Zoning Residential R1 Special Provision (R1-8(10)) and strip of Open Space OS5 along west side of Block 29

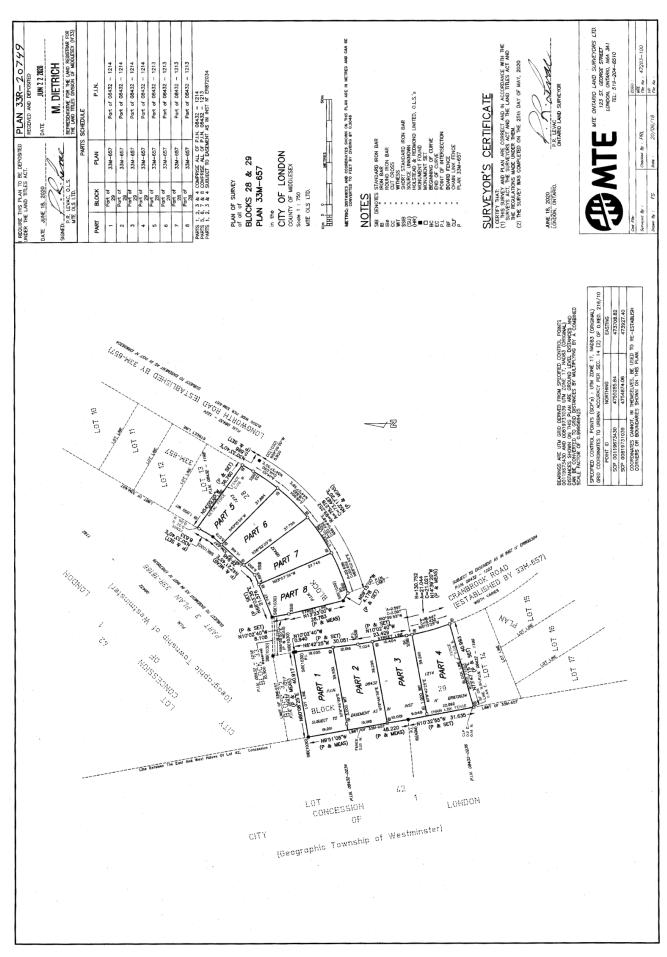
1.4 Site Characteristics

- Current Land Use vacant
- Frontage Block 28 approx. 81 metres on Longworth Road; Block 29 approx. 75 metres on Cranbrook Road
- Depth Block 28 approx. 37 metres; Block 29 approx. 41 metres
- Area Block 28 approx. 3,043 sq.m.; Block 29 approx. 2,585 sq.m.
- Shape Irregular

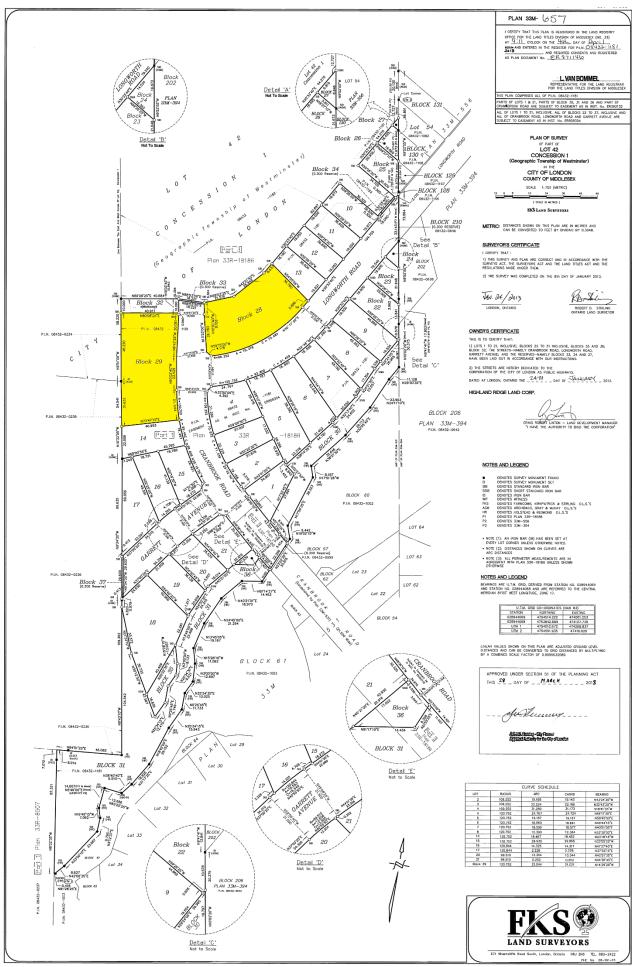
1.5 Location Map



1.6 Proposed Lotting Plan (Parts 1 to 8)



1.7 Highland Ridge Land Corp. Subdivision (Registered Plan 33M-657)



The subject lands are highlighted in yellow.

1.8 Surrounding Land Uses

- North vacant lands for future development
- East residential single detached dwellings
- South residential single detached dwellings
- West open space and former gravel pit

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

2.1 Community Engagement

There is no legislated Community Engagement component to an Exemption from Part-Lot Control. A notice of the request for exemption from part-lot control and a list of standard draft conditions was circulated to internal departments, such as Engineering and Building Division.

2.2 Policy Context

In Ontario, the subdivision of land is governed by the *Planning Act*. Under this legislation, lot creation is permitted through the approval of a plan of subdivision, the granting of a Consent (commonly described as a "severance") or, for lots within a registered plan of subdivision, through a by-law exemption from part-lot control. Section 50(28) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, includes provisions to ensure that part of a lot or block within a registered plan of subdivision cannot be transferred without the approval of the municipality. The part-lot control provisions of the *Planning Act* allow a municipality to pass by-laws to remove part-lot control from all or any part of a registered plan of subdivision. Such a by-law has the effect of allowing the conveyance of a portion of a lot or block.

3.0 Financial Impact/Considerations

Through the completion of the works associated with this application fees, development charges and taxes will be collected. There are no direct financial expenditures associated with this application.

4.0 Key Issues and Considerations

On May 24, 2022, Municipal Council resolved that, on the recommendation of the Director, Planning and Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the application by Craig Linton (Norquay Developments), to exempt lands located at 1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road, legally described as Blocks 28 & 29, Plan 33M-657, from Part-Lot Control:

a) pursuant to subsection 50(7) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13*, the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated May 9, 2022 BE INTRODUCED at a future Municipal Council meeting, to exempt Block 28 & 29, Plan 33M-657 from the Part-Lot Control provisions of subsection 50(5) of the said *Act;* it being noted that these lands are subject to a registered subdivision agreement; and further noting that the applicant has applied for a zoning by-law amendment to change the zoning of the subject lands from an Urban Reserve UR2 Zone to a Residential R1 (R1-8) Zone in Zoning By-law No. Z.-1 to permit single detached dwellings;

b) the following conditions of approval BE REQUIRED to be completed prior to the passage of a Part-Lot Control By-law for Blocks 28 & 29, Plan 33M-657, as noted in clause a) above:

(Note: The way in which the conditions were satisfied is indicated in italics below each condition)

i. The applicant be advised that the cost of registration of the said by-laws is to be borne by the applicant in accordance with City Policy;

Acknowledged by applicant's e-mail response dated May 27, 2022.

ii. That appropriate zoning shall be in effect for the subject blocks, prior to passage of the Part-Lot Control By-law;

A zoning amendment was approved by Municipal Council on May 24, 2022 and is now in force and effect (By-law No. Z.-1-223030).

iii. The applicant submit a draft reference plan to the City for review and approval to ensure the proposed part lots and development plans comply with the regulations of the Zoning By-law, prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office;

A draft reference plan has been submitted for review and deposited at the land registry office as Reference Plan No. 33R-20749.

iv. The applicant submits to the City a digital copy together with a hard copy of each reference plan to be deposited. The digital file shall be assembled in accordance with the City of London's Digital Submission / Drafting Standards and be referenced to the City's NAD83 UTM Control Reference;

A digital file of the reference plan to be deposited has been submitted which is referenced to the NAD83 UTM horizontal control network for the City of London mapping program.

v. The applicant submit each draft reference plan to London Hydro showing driveway locations and obtain approval for hydro servicing locations and above ground hydro equipment locations prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office;

Approval has been received for utility design and servicing requirements from London Hydro.

vi. The applicant submit to the City for review and approval, prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office, any revised lot grading and servicing plans in accordance with the final lot layout to divide the blocks should there be further division of property contemplated as a result of the approval of the reference plan;

Revised subdivision lot grading plans and servicing drawings have been reviewed and accepted.

vii. The applicant shall enter into any amending subdivision agreement with the City, if necessary;

The applicant has entered into an amending subdivision agreement.

viii. The applicant shall agree to construct all services, including private drain connections and water services, in accordance with the approved final design of the lots;

Acknowledged by applicant's e-mail response dated May 27, 2022.

ix. The applicant shall obtain confirmation from the City that the assignment of municipal numbering has been completed in accordance with the reference plan(s) to be deposited, should there be further division of property contemplated as a result of the approval of the reference plan prior to the reference plan being deposited in the land registry office;

Municipal addressing has been assigned to each proposed lot satisfactory to the City.

x. The applicant shall obtain approval from the City of each reference plan to be registered prior to the reference plan being registered in the land registry office;

Acknowledged by applicant's e-mail response dated May 27, 2022.

xi. The applicant shall submit to the City, confirmation that an approved reference plan for final lot development has been deposited in the Land Registry Office;

The approved reference plan has been deposited at the land registry office as Plan No. 33R-20749.

xii. The applicant shall obtain clearance from the City that requirements V), VI) and VII) inclusive, outlined above, are satisfactorily completed, prior to any issuance of building permits by the Building Division for lots being developed in any future reference plan;

Acknowledged by applicant's e-mail response dated May 27, 2022.

xiii. That on notice from the applicant that a reference plan has been registered, and that conveyance of the registered part lots has occurred, that Part Lot Control be re-established by the repeal of the bylaw affecting the Lot/Block in question.

The City will enact a by-law to re-establish Part Lot Control upon receiving notice from the applicant that conveyance of all registered part lots has occurred. The Exemption from Part Lot Control by-law is for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

xiv. The applicant shall register on title and include in all Purchase and Sale Agreements for the lot at the northeast corner of Cranbrook Road and Longworth Road, identified as Part 8 on the draft reference plan, a requirement that the purchaser/home builder provide concept plans and elevations prior to the application for a building permit which demonstrate that both elevations facing the streets (the front and exterior side elevations) are designed as front elevations. Both elevations should be constructed to have a similar level of architectural details (materials, windows (size and amount) and design features, such as but not limited to porches, wrap-around materials and features, or other architectural elements that provide for street-oriented design) and limited chain link or decorative fencing along no more than 50% of the exterior side-yard abutting the exterior side-yard frontage, to the satisfaction of the City.

Clause to be included in Purchase and Sale Agreement as acknowledged by applicant's e-mail response dated May 27, 2022.

Conclusion

Municipal Council may pass by-laws to exempt all, or parts of registered plans of subdivision from part-lot control. The applicant has requested exemption from the Part-Lot Control to establish lot lines for the single detached dwellings which is appropriate to allow for the sale of these units to home builders and future homeowners. The conditions required to be completed prior to the passage of a Part-Lot Control By-law have been satisfied, and the applicant has been advised that the cost of registration of the by-law is to be borne by the applicant.

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Note: The opinions contained herein are offered by a person or persons qualified to provide expert opinion. Further detail with respect to qualifications can be obtained from Planning and Development.

CC: Matt Feldberg, Manager, Subdivisions and Development Inspections

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By-law No. C.P.-___

A by-law to exempt from Part-Lot Control, lands located at 1345
Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road, legally described as Block 28 &

29 in Registered Plan 33M-657.

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 50(7) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and pursuant to the application request from Craig Linton (Norquay Developments), it is expedient to exempt lands located at 1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road, legally described as Blocks 28 & 29 in Registered Plan 33M-657, from Part Lot Control;

AND WHEREAS the applicant has applied for a zoning by-law amendment to change the zoning of the subject lands from an Urban Reserve UR2 Zone to Residential R1 Special Provision (R1-8(10)) Zone, and the zoning as amended is in full force and effect;

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

- 1. Blocks 28 & 29 in Registered Plan 33M-657, located at 1345 Cranbrook Road and 1005 Longworth Road, are hereby exempted from Part-Lot Control, pursuant to subsection 50(7) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, for a period not to exceed three (3) years; it being noted that these lands are zoned to permit single detached dwellings in conformity with the Residential R1 Special Provision (R1-8(10)) Zone of the City of London Zoning By-law No. Z-1.
- 2. This by-law comes into force when it is registered at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED in Open Council on August 2, 2022.

Ed Holder Mayor

Michael Schulthess City Clerk