Appendix B

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Mr. Robert Brown, Manager of Planning Services Planning & Development Services Department The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville 2021 Division Road North Kingsville Ontario, N9Y 2Y9

Dear Mr. Brown:

RE: Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA-20-21 1172 COUNTY RD 20 ARN 371133000000500; PIN: 751720030 Applicant: Cibulka Martin Ltd.

The following is provided as a result of our review of Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA-20-21.The subject parcel is a 1,254 sq. m (13,494 sq. ft.) parcel with an existing building former used by the local Knights of Columbus. The applicant recently purchased the property with the intention of converting the building into a new veterinary clinic. To do so the zoning on the property would need to be amended to a site-specific rural commercial.

DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT THE PROVINCIAL INTEREST IN NATURAL HAZARDS (PPS) AND REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT_

The following comments reflect our role as representing the provincial interest in natural hazards as outlined by Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the *Planning Act* as well as our regulatory role as defined by Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The above noted lands are subject to our Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Ontario Regulation No. 158/06). The parcel falls within the regulated area of the Cedar Creek. The property owner will be required to obtain a Permit and/or Clearance from the Essex Region Conservation Authority prior to any future construction or site alteration or other activities affected by Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

WATERSHED BASED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The following comments are provided in an advisory capacity as a public commenting body on matters related to watershed management.

The subject property may lie wholly or partially within the Event Based Area (EBA) of the Essex Region Source Protection Plan, which



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came into effect October 1, 2015. The Source Protection Plan was developed to provide measures to protect Essex Region's municipal drinking water sources. As a result of these policies, new projects in these areas may require approval by the Essex Region Risk Management Official (RMO) to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to mitigate any potential drinking water threats. Should your proposal require the installation of fuel storage on the site, please contact the RMO to ensure the handling and storage of fuel will not pose a significant risk to local sources of municipal drinking water. The Essex Region's Risk Management Official can be reached by email at <u>riskmanagement@erca.org</u> or 519-776-5209 ext 214. If a Risk Management Plan has previously been negotiated on this property, it will be the responsibility of the new owner to contact the Essex Region Risk Management Official to establish an updated Risk Management Plan. For any questions regarding Source Water Protection and the applicable source protection plan policies that may apply to the site, please contact the Essex Region Risk Management Official.

SECTION 1.6.6.7 PPS, 2020 - Stormwater Management

We are concerned with the potential impact of the quality and quantity of runoff in the downstream watercourse due to future development of this site. We recommend that the municipality ensure through the Site Plan Control process that the release rate for any future development is controlled to the capacity available in the existing storm sewers/drains. In addition, that stormwater quality and stormwater quantity are addressed up to and including the 1:100 year storm event and be in accordance with the guidance provided by the Stormwater Management Planning and Guidance Manual, prepared by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE, March 2003) and the Windsor-Essex Region Stormwater Management Standards Manual.

If this property is subject to Site Plan Control, we request to be included in the circulation of the Site Plan Control application. We reserve to comment further on storm water management concerns until we have had an opportunity to review the specific details of the proposal through the site plan approval stage.

PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE TO PLANNING AUTHORITIES - NATURAL HERITAGE POLICIES OF THE PPS, 2020

The following comments are provided from our perspective as an advisory service provider to the Planning Authority on matters related to natural heritage and natural heritage systems as outlined in Section 2.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the *Planning Act*. The comments in this section do not necessarily represent the provincial position and are advisory in nature for the consideration of the Planning Authority.



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The subject property is within, and/or is adjacent to (within 120 metres of), a natural heritage feature that is identified as a significant wetland under the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

Section 2.1.4 of the PPS, 2020 states - "Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in "significant wetlands..." and "significant coastal wetlands.."

We note that the subject property is adjacent to (within 120 m of) a natural heritage feature that may meet the criteria for significance under the PPS. Section 2.1.8 of the PPS, 2020 states – "Development and site alteration shall not be permitted on adjacent lands to the natural heritage features and areas identified in policies 2.1.4, 2.1.5 and 2.1.6 unless the ecological function of the adjacent lands has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or on their ecological functions."

The demonstration of no negative impact, as required by the relevant PPS policies outlined above, is most effectively accomplished through the completion of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), in accordance with the EIA Guidelines published by ERCA. However, other options may also qualify as an adequate demonstration of no negative impact. Prior to initiating an EIA, the applicant should contact the municipal planning department to request that ERCA provide a Terms of Reference for the study and/or determine appropriate mitigation techniques.

It is therefore recommended that the Application be **deferred** until such time as an EIA has been completed.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

With the review of background information and aerial photograph, ERCA recommends that the Application be **deferred** until such time as an EIA has been completed.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Vitra Chodha, E.P *Resource Planner* /vc



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