



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION NO. A-027-2023

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been received by the Town of Innisfil from **Michael Harte**, **Applicant**, on behalf of **Friday Harbour Mid-Rise** (**Phase III**) **Inc.**, **Owner**, for a minor variance from Bylaw 029-105, pursuant to Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

The subject property is described legally as part of Block 1, Plan 51M-997 designated as Part 2, Plan 51R-41452 is known municipally as 415 Sea Ray Avenue and is zoned as "Residential 1 (R1)" and "Agricultural (AG)".

The applicant is proposing to reduce the net minimum width of parking spaces to 2.8 m. The applicant is seeking relief from section 3.10.1.2 of the site-specific Zoning by-law (029-05) which requires a minimum parking space width of 2.85 m.

The Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Innisfil will consider this application in person at Town Hall and virtually through Zoom on **Thursday**, **May 18**, **2023**, **at 6:30 PM**.

To participate in the hearing and/or provide comments, you must register by following the link below or scanning the above QR code: https://innisfil.ca/en/building-and-development/committee-of-adjustment-hearings.aspx

Requests can also be submitted in writing to: Town of Innisfil Committee of Adjustment, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, Ontario, L9S 1A1 or by email to planning@innisfil.ca.

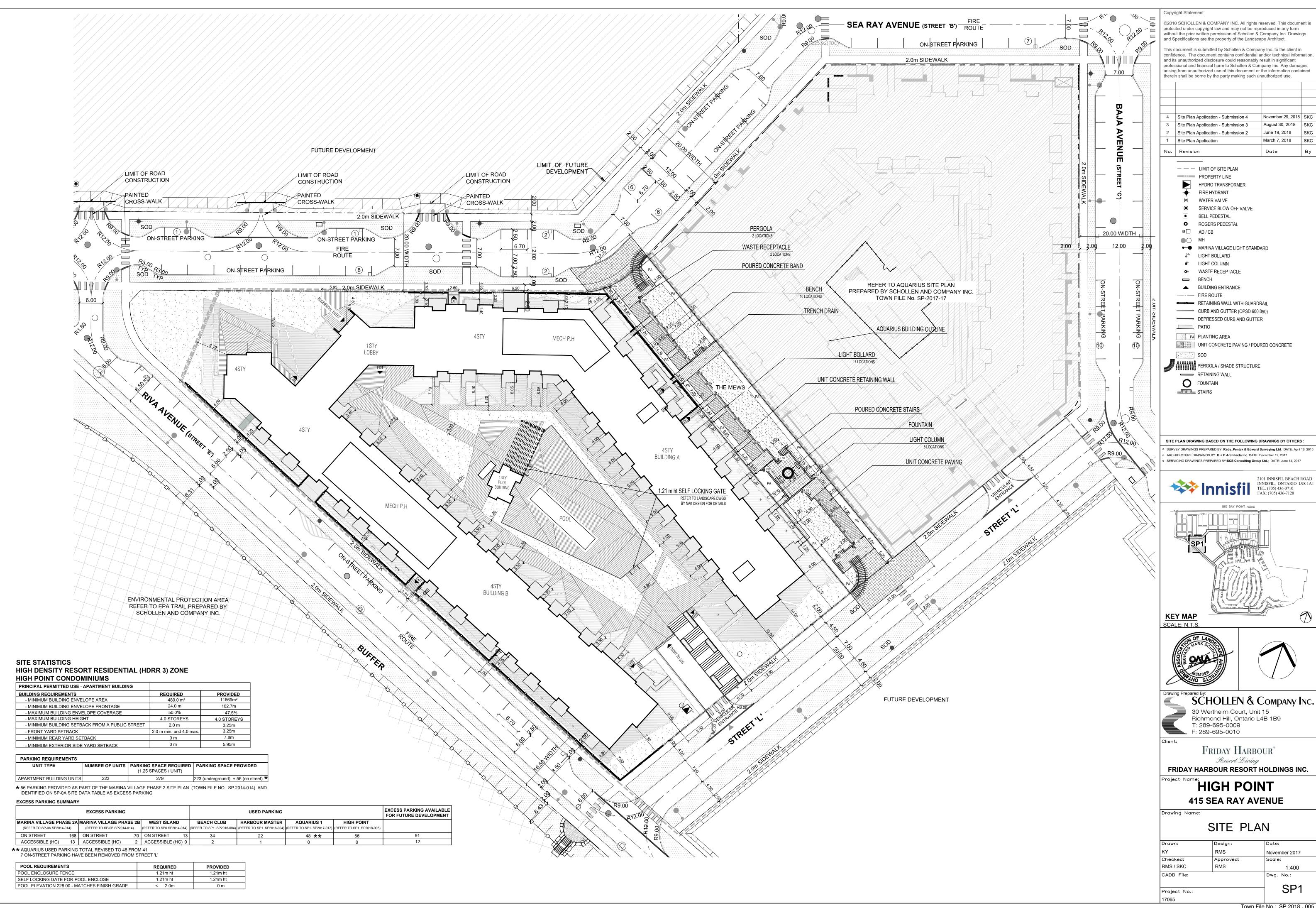
If you wish to receive a copy of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed minor variance, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment by way of email or regular mail. The Notice of Decision will also explain the process for appealing a decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.



Additional information relating to the proposed application is available on the Town of Innisfil website. Accessible formats are available on request, to support participation in all aspects of the feedback process. To request an alternate format please contact Planning Services at planning@innisfil.ca.

Dated: May 2, 2023

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Town File No.: SP 2018 - 005



April 13, 2023

Michael Harte Senior Project Manager, Land Development Geranium Corporation 3190 Steeles Avenue East, Suite 300 Markham, ON L3R 1G9

Via Email: michaelh@geranium.com

RE: Minor Variance Application for Friday Harbour High Point Building

Dear Mr. Harte:

BA Group has been retained by Friday Harbour Mid-Rise (Phase III) Inc. to provide transportation advisory services related to the development of Friday Harbour Resort, located in the Town of Innisfil, and have completed numerous assessments to date.

Friday Harbour, a resort community in the Town of Innisfil, is currently being constructed in phases on the 600 acre site. Currently, the High Point residential building is under construction and near completion. During a recent survey of the completed parking garage, it was found that the widths of some parking stalls were constructed slightly less than the minimum width of 2.85m specified in the Friday Harbour Site-Specific Zoning By-law 029-05. The effective width of some spaces was measured to be approximately 2 to 5 cm narrower than the required 2.85m. As such, a minor variance application is sought to reduce the minimum parking stall width to 2.80m for 18 spaces. This represents 8% of the total number of parking spaces, which is 230 spaces.

The purpose of this letter is to provide a rationale in support of the proposed parking variance. Based on BA Group's review, the proposed variance is appropriate for the following reasons:

1. Site-Specific By-law Requirements Exceed Parent By-law Requirements

The Town of Innisfil Comprehensive Zoning By-law 080-13, which is the parent by-law to the site-specific bylaw 028-05, stipulates a minimum width of 2.75m for each parking space. This indicates that a 2.75m wide parking space is functional for the majority of vehicles in the Town. As the minor variance proposes a larger minimum width of 2.80m per parking space, the proposed dimension is deemed acceptable.

2. Site-Specific By-law Requirements Exceed Other Municipalities

The minimum width requirement set by Zoning By-law 029-05 is greater than the requirements in other nearby municipalities, with most permitting widths between 2.6m and 2.7m. The following list provides the minimum width for each unobstructed parking space in nearby municipalities:

- City of Toronto = 2.6m
- City of Mississauga = 2.6m

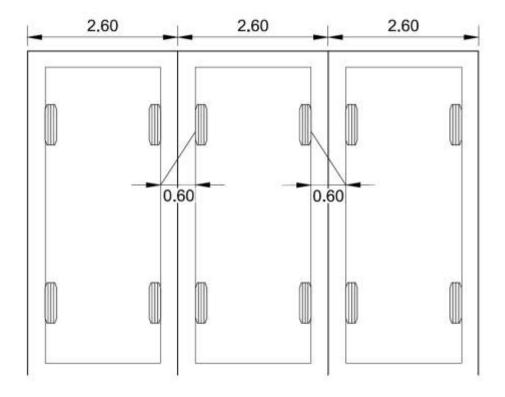
- Town of Newmarket = 2.6m
- City of Vaughan = 2.7m
- City of Barrie = 2.7m
- Town of Oakville = 2.7m
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury = 2.7m

In comparison, the minor variance proposes a minimum width of 2.80m for a small number of spaces. This is a greater width than what is required at other area municipalities and indicates that the parking space will remain functional despite a narrower width than what is prescribed in the Site-specific Zoning By-law 029-05.

3. Proposed Width of Parking Space Can Accommodate Typical Door Swing

An aspect governing the width of a parking space is whether the provided space can accommodate a typical vehicle and its door swing clearance. A typical vehicle is 2.0m wide, with a door opening clearance of 0.60m. This causes the effective width of the parking space to be equal to 3.2m (i.e., 2.0m vehicle width and 0.60m door swing clearance on each side). However, the door swing can be accommodated by sharing the space with the adjacent parking stall. Essentially, if each parking space has 0.3m of buffer along both sides of the vehicle, an open door can use the 0.3m in its own parking stall as well as the 0.3m in the adjacent stall to fully accommodate the total 0.6m opening clearance. Thus, a typical 2.0m wide vehicle can comfortably fit in a 2.6m wide parking stall. As the width of parking stall is proposed to be 2.80m, the door swing can be easily and sufficiently accommodated.

FIGURE 1: VEHICLE DOOR SWING ACCOMODATION WITHIN TYPICAL PARKING SPACE



Therefore, in conclusion, BA Group reviewed the proposed variance and found that it is appropriate per reasons noted above. Specifically, the proposed width of 2.8m is still wider than the requirement in the parent Town of Innisfil Comprehensive Zoning By-law, as well as what is required in area municipalities. The proposed width is also sufficient to accommodate the typical door swing of a vehicle.

I trust the foregoing justification is acceptable. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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