# Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

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Address: 66 Barnstone Drive, Markham ON

Applicant: Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP (Kevin Dias)
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**Hearing Date:** 

The following comments are provided on behalf of the East District Team. The applicant is seeking a Certificate of Validation as the solicitors representing the owners of the subject property have determined a previous transfer of title in 2014 is in contravention of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended (the "*Planning Act*").

### **Proposal**

The subject property, municipally known as 66 Barnstone Drive, consists of two (2) parcels, legally described as below:

- Part Block 110, Plan 65M4193, Part 12, Plan 65R32875, City of Markham, being all of PIN 03060-7555 (LT)
- Part Block 37, Plan 65M4240, Part 26, Plan 65R32875; City of Markham, being all of PIN 03060-7557 (LT)

The purpose of this application is to obtain a Certificate of Validation due to a contravention of Section 50 of the *Planning Act* or a predecessor of it, or of a by-law passed under a predecessor of Section 50, or an order made under clause 27(1)(b) of the Planning Act as it reads on the 25th day of June, 1970, being chapter 296 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960 or a predecessor of it, does not have and shall be deemed never to have had, the effect of preventing the conveyance of, or creation of any interest in the parcel of lands previously described. There is no physical change proposed to the subject property.

#### COMMENTS

When considering an application to validate title, Section 57(6) of the *Planning Act* states that the lands that are subject to the validation certificate shall conform with the same criteria that applies to the granting of consents under Section 53. Staff note that public notice requirements and appeal rights are not applicable to validation of title applications.

Section 57(1) of the *Planning Act* allows a Council authorized to grant consents, or its delegate, being the Committee of Adjustment, the ability the issue a "Certificate of Validation that states that a prior contravention of the subdivision control provisions or of a by-law passed under a predecessor of Section 50 of the *Act* are deemed to have never had the effect of preventing the conveyance of land or the creation of land. In essence, the validation certificate corrects a *Planning Act* breach that has occurred.

The purpose of this application is technical in nature. As such, Staff are of the opinion that this application conforms with the criteria that applies to consents and will continue to maintain the intent of the Official Plan, Zoning By-law, and is compatible with the surrounding context.

## CONCLUSION

Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 57 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended and have no concerns with the proposal as the intent is to retroactively cure a *Planning Act* contravention.

Based on the aforementioned, Planning staff have no objection to the issuance of a Certificate of Validation.

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# APPENDIX "A" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE B/024/22

