# **TREE CONSERVATION REPORT**

# **BLUE SEA VILLAGE MER BLEUE**

## 2159 MER BLEUE ROAD

## **CITY OF OTTAWA**

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# **PROJECT INFORMATION**

- PROJECT NAME: Blue Sea Village Mer Bleue
- OWNER: 2534189 Ontario Limited. Attn: Anne Marie Mangeron
- APPLICANT: Holzman Consultants Inc. Attn: Bill Holzman
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- CONTRACTOR: unknown at this time
- MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2159 Mer Bleue Road, Part of Lot 2, Concession 11 (geographic Township of Cumberland) City Of Ottawa

OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING DESIGNATIONS: Site Zoning As Per Ottawa Zoning By-law 2008-250 Site Designation: Employment Area and Mixed Use Centre, zoned General Industrial, City Of Ottawa

PURPOSE FOR REPORT: in support for an application for official plan amendment and plan of subdividsion.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WORKS: Construction of 7 lot subdivision (mixed use)

OTHER APPLICATIONS AFFECTING SUBJECT LANDS: none

# TREE CONSERVATION REPORT

The subject lands are located on the east side of Mer Bleue Road, south of Innes Road, Ottawa, ON.

The subject lands are triangular in shape coming to a point on the east side and is approximately 5.055 hectares (12.49 acres) in size. The area affected by the proposed site development is 100% of the site.

It is bounded on the west by Mer Bleue Road, south by a hydro corridor and 2 residential and business lots facing Mer Bleue Road. An additional residential lot is located in the northwest corner, with adjacent commercial lots. Fallow lands to the north are designated Employment Area with plans for the expansion of Vanguard Road and connection to this proposed subdivision.

The subject lands were visited by Ruhland & Associates Ltd. on December 06, 2017.

Included in this report: aerial overlain with plan of subdivision, Map #1 – Current Vegetation, Map #2 – Proposed Development and Conserved Vegetation, plus Sketch LD-01 – Tree Preservation Details.

Report to be read in conjunction with the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Muncaster Environmental Planning Inc. November 10, 2017.

# GENERAL

The subject lands consists of fallow field with pioneering species establishing throughout, with the majority being concentrated at the corners adjacent to the residential lots and at the far back triangular corner. Refer to the Environmental Impact Statement for detailed description of vegetation types, health, sizes.

No distinctive trees were found on the subject lands.

#### SURFACE WATER FEATURES

No significant water features. The majority of the subject lands has poor drainage with shallow standing water when visited.

#### STEEP SLOPES

The site is very flat with little or no drainage. No significant slopes were found on site.

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No evidence of larger mammals was found on the site during site reviews. The subject lands are conducive to a range of wildlife such as small mammals, including small predators and a good variety of birds. Refer also to the Environmental Impact Statement.

## SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION / SPECIES

No significant species or species at risk have been found on site during site visits. Refer also to the Environmental Impact Statement.

# **VEGETATION INVENTORY**

## **EXISTING VEGETATION**

The lands consist mainly of fallow agricultural fields with groupings of woody pioneering species. Refer to the Environmental Impact Statement for detailed description of vegetation types, health, sizes.

SOUTHWEST CORNER: (CULTURAL WOODLANDS

Groupings of saplings and young deciduous trees consisting of trembling aspen interspersed with elm. Average size about 25-30cm DBH.).

NORTHWEST CORNER: (CULTURAL WOODLANDS).

Majority of the woody vegetation is located adjacent to the subject lands.

Scatterings of deciduous trees saplings consisting of ash, Manitoba maple, sumac, poplar. Average size about 10cm DBH.

EAST CORNER: (CULTURAL THICKET)

Majority of the woody vegetation consists of Cultural Thicket consisting of Buckthorn, Dogwood, Willow, Hawthorn and Meadowsweet.

FALLOW AGRICULTURAL LANDS: (CULTURAL MEADOWS)

Fallow fields with scatterings of regenerating pioneering species such as elm, basswood, ash, maple, poplar. Dominant meadow species include Canada goldenrod and reed canary grass.

## **DISTINCTIVE TREES**

Distinctive trees (as described in the City of Ottawa tree bylaw 2009-200: 'means any tree with a DBH of 50 centimetres or greater').

No distinctive trees were noted on site.

# VEGETATION CONSERVATION

## VEGETATED AREAS TO BE RETAINED

The majority of the sites will be developed to their maximum extent, retention of vegetation may only occur along property boundaries and east corner, where feasible. Although no significant linkages were noted for this site (Environmental Impact Statement), retention, and/or establishing possible linkages along the north an south property boundaries would be beneficial.

## VEGETATED AREAS TO BE REMOVED

Existing vegetation to be removed includes all vegetation within the proposed subdivision with the exception of possible retention along the north and south properties lines, especially in the east corner.

Refer to aerial showing existing vegetation overlain with proposed subdivision, Map #1 – Existing Vegetation and Map #2 - Proposed Development and Conserved Vegetation Layout.

All removals to be done in accordance with the City of Ottawa tree bylaw 2009-200, Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Muncaster Environmental Planning Inc. November 10, 2017, and this Tree Conservation Report.

# POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Potential grade changes and development extents of the proposed lot footprint(s) may impact vegetation along the north property line in adjacent properties.

Addition of impervious surfaces (e.g. driveways and proposed buildings) could significantly impact the amount of water infiltrating into the site's ground.

## MEASURES PROPOSED TO LESSEN IMPACT ON EXISTING VEGETATION

Minimize grade changes and excavation extents along the property lines where existing woody vegetation is to be retained on adjacent property.

#### PROTECTION MEASURES

In accordance with the Municipal Trees and Natural Areas Protection By-law No. 2006 – 279, a protection fence is to be erected at vegetation that is to be preserved and set up along the property lines on the south and west sides of the site, and includes portions of the r.o.w. to the south as indicated on Map #2. The protection fence shall be erected as per Tree Preservation Details, D-L1. The protection fence shall be maintained throughout all phases of the development. No work is to be done within the tree protection fence.

The developer is to provide necessary protection against any construction site runoff into the treed areas.

No storage, vehicular traffic or other construction activities to take place within the treed areas.

#### SPECIFIC PROTECTION MEASURES

All protection measures shall follow Municipal Trees and Natural Areas Protection By-law No. 2006 – 279

#### PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Planting a mix of indigenous deciduous and coniferous tree and shrub plantings along the north and south property lines to enhance possible wildlife linkages and landscape screening.

Planting deciduous street trees along Street 1 and Street 2.

Tree and shrub species to be tolerant of clay soils, with low water requirements and are tolerant of urban conditions. Use of native or horticultural varieties of native species preferred with use of non-native but not invasive used where conditions or lack of suitable species variety warrants.

Species include, but are not limited to: Common Hackberry, Red, Sugar or Black Maple, Basswood, Elm (Dutch Elm Disease resistant), Red and Bur Oak, Tamarack, White Spruce, nannyberry, elderberry, dogwood.

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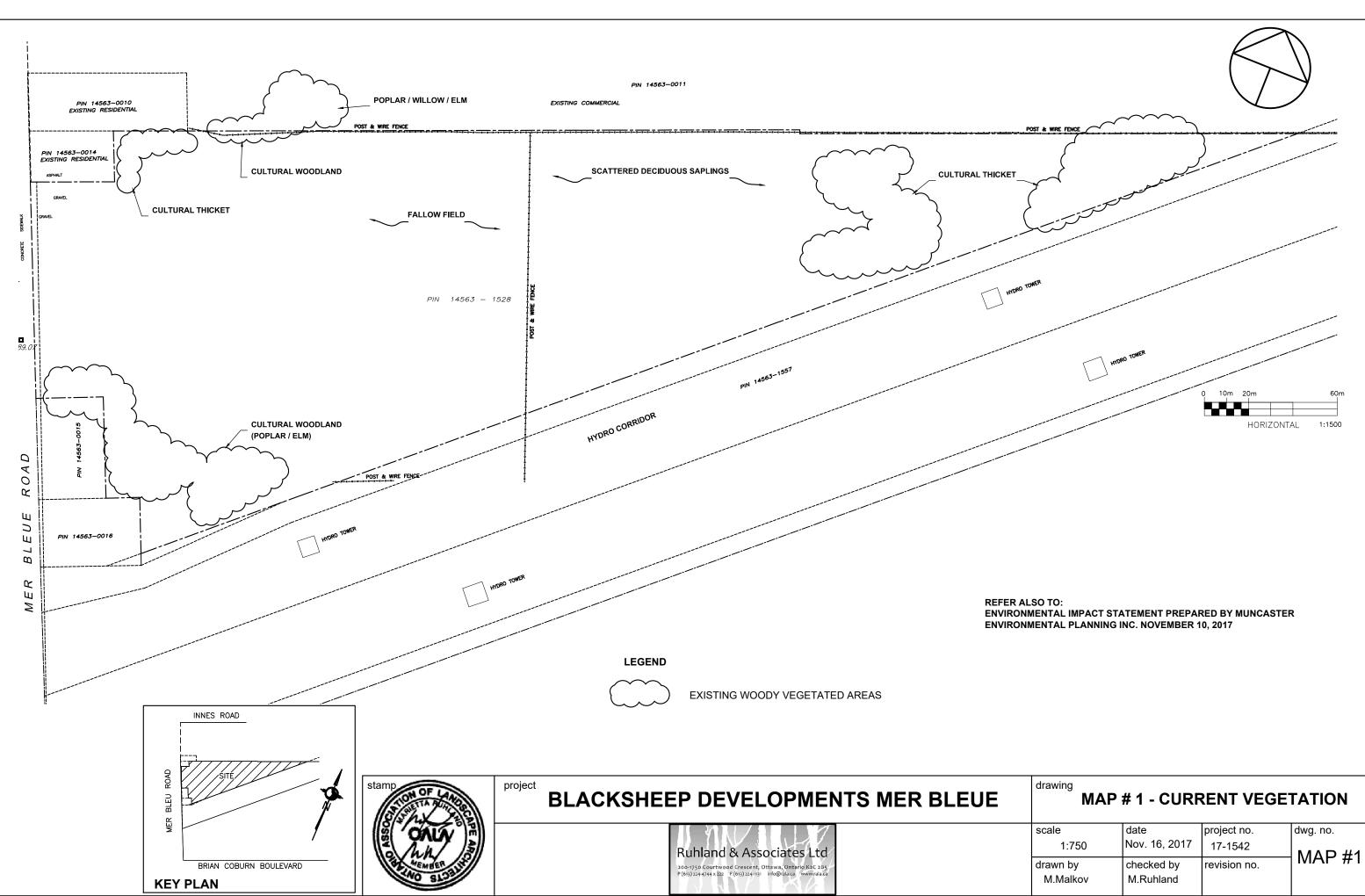
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Mer Bleue

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