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Files OZ 06/023 W1

**DATE:** May 24, 2007

**TO:** Chair and Members of Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: June 11, 2007

**FROM:** Edward R. Sajecki

Commissioner of Planning and Building

**SUBJECT:** Information Report

**Rezoning Application** 

To permit two business, professional

and administrative office buildings, excluding medical and real

estate offices

1361 and 1371 Hurontario Street

East side of Hurontario Street, north of Mineola Road East

Owner: Bassem & Mabelle Aboumrad

Applicant: Dirk Blyleven, Beacon Planning Services

**Bill 20** 

Public Meeting Ward 1

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Report dated May 24, 2007, from the Commissioner of

Planning and Building regarding the application to change the Zoning from "R3-2066" (Detached Dwellings) to "R3- Special Section" (Office) to permit two business, professional and

Section" (Office) to permit two business, professional and adminstrative office buildings, excluding medical and real estate

offices under file OZ 06/023 W1, Bassem and Mabelle Aboumrad, 1361 and 1371 Hurontario Street, be received for information.

**BACKGROUND:** In June 2000, the Committee of Adjustment granted a minor

variance application permitting the use of the existing detached dwelling at 1361 Hurontario Street for a consulting engineer's

office for a temporary period of two years subject to certain conditions. The office use has continued to operate even though the minor variance expired in July 2002 and the conditions of the minor variance were never satisfied.

Subsequently, the owners of 1361 Hurontario Street acquired the adjacent property to the immediate north at 1371 Hurontario Street. The two properties are maintained as separate parcels.

In March 2005, the applicant submitted a minor variance application requesting the renewal of the permission granted in 2000 for a consulting engineer's office at 1361 Hurontario Street. The application was subsequently withdrawn due to concerns expressed by the Committee of Adjustment and staff that the applicant had not fulfilled the conditions of the previous variance, including the submission of Rezoning and Site Plan applications to the Planning and Building Department.

The applicant has now filed a Rezoning application to permit the development of two office buildings on the subject properties with a mutual access driveway from Hurontario Street in accordance with the conceptual site plan attached as Appendix I-5.

The purpose of this report is to provide preliminary information on the above-noted application and to seek comments from the community.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Details of the proposal are as follows:

Development Proposal		
Application	November 2, 2006	
submitted:	Deemed complete on January 7, 2007	
Height:	Two storeys for each building	
Lot Coverage:	1361 Hurontario Street – 21.7%	
	1371 Hurontario Street – 22.5%	
Landscaped	1361 Hurontario Street – 53%	
Area:	1371 Hurontario Street – 54%	

Development Proposal		
Gross Floor	1361 Hurontario Street – 347.06 m <sup>2</sup>	
Area:	(3,735.84 sq. ft.)	
	1371 Hurontario Street – 313.22 m <sup>2</sup>	
	(3,371.58 sq. ft.)	
Parking	Parking is required at the rate of 3.2	
Required:	spaces per 100.00 m <sup>2</sup> (1,076.42 sq. ft.) of	
1	Gross Floor Area (GFA). Based on this	
	standard, a total of 21 parking spaces,	
	including 1 parking space for disabled	
	persons are required as follows:	
	1361 Hurontario Street – 11 spaces	
	1371 Hurontario Street – 10 spaces	
	The Zoning By-law does not permit	
	required parking to be provided in	
	tandem format.	
Parking	1361 Hurontario Street – 12 spaces, 8 of	
Provided:	which are in a tandem configuration.	
	(Note: Applicant will be required to	
	provide justification for the proposed	
	tandem spaces and demonstrate that	
	those type of spaces can adequately	
	serve the needs of the site and the use)	
	1371 Hurontario Street – 7 spaces	
	(Note: Applicant has prepared a Parking	
	Utilization Study demonstrating that	
	parking is only required at a rate of 2.2	
	spaces per 100.00 m <sup>2</sup> (1,076.42 sq. ft.) of	
	GFA for the consulting engineer's	
	office)	
	Total parking provided for both parcels -	
	19 spaces.	
Supporting	Planning Rationale and Justification	
Documents:	Report; Arborist Report and Tree	
	Preservation Plan; Parking Utilization	
	Study; and, Storm Sewer Servicing	
	Report.	

Site Characteristics – 1361 Hurontario Street		
Frontage:	30.48 m (100.00 ft.)	
Depth:	39.31 m (128.97 ft.)	
Net Lot Area:	0.12 ha (0.30 ac.)	
Existing Use:	Consulting engineer's office within a	
	converted detached dwelling operating	
	without appropriate approvals	

Site Characteristics – 1371 Hurontario Street		
Frontage:	30.48 m (100.00 ft.)	
Depth:	39.31 m (128.97 ft.)	
Net Lot Area:	0.12 ha (0.30 ac.)	
Existing Use:	Detached dwelling	

Additional information is provided in Appendices I-1 to I-8.

# **Neighbourhood Context**

The subject properties are located at the southerly end of the Mineola District Special Site 2 policy area. Information regarding the history of these sites is found in Appendix I-1.

Over the last twenty years, many of the existing detached dwellings fronting onto this portion of Hurontario Street have been converted to business, professional and administrative office uses. Despite the conversion to office uses, the properties along Hurontario Street have continued to maintain a residential character. Immediately to the east and west of Hurontario Street are large properties with detached dwellings. Most of these lots contain mature trees and vegetation. Hurontario Street constitutes a major north-south arterial road in the City.

The surrounding land uses are described as follows:

North: Detached dwelling
East: Detached dwellings
South: Detached dwelling

West: Across Hurontario Street is a detached dwelling and a law office within a converted detached dwelling

# Current Mississauga Plan Designation and Policies for Mineola District (May 5, 2003)

"Residential Low Density I" which permits detached dwellings to a maximum of 10 units per net residential hectare (4 units per net residential acre). The site is also subject to "Special Site 2" policies which permit offices in addition to residential uses subject to certain criteria being met. The criteria include:

- ensuring the building maintains a residential appearance which is consistent with the form, design and scale of the surrounding residential area;
- the use must be of a nature and intensity that will have a limited impact on the low density residential character of the area and which results in limited impact on the function of Hurontario Street;
- locating parking exclusively within the front and side yards with a minimal loss of vegetation. However, where such locations result in conflict with City policies, consideration may be given to other locations provided the intent of the policies is maintained;
- to minimize the amount of hard surface area, on-site parking areas should have efficient vehicular circulation and a layout which is suitably screened, preferably with vegetation; and,
- the maximum Gross Floor Area (GFA) for new or modified buildings should not exceed 420 m<sup>2</sup> (4,520 sq. ft.), the maximum lot coverage should not exceed 25% and the maximum building height should not exceed two storeys.

Both proposed office buildings are intended to have a residential character (see Elevations attached as Appendix I-6), conform to the maximum gfa and lot coverage provisions and the proposed site layout shown on Appendix I-5 conforms to the Special Site 2

policies. Accordingly, the application is in conformity with the policies and no official plan amendment is required.

The Special Site 2 Policies for the Mineola District are currently under review. Several focus group meetings have been held and it is anticipated that a report on comments will be considered by Planning and Development Committee in the fall of 2007. In reviewing and evaluating the subject application, staff will have regard for the study and its recommendations in addition to evaluating the applications on the basis of the Special Site 2 policies currently in effect.

There are other policies in the Official Plan which also are applicable in the review of this application including:

### **Development Concept for Hurontario Street Corridor**

Section 4.24.2 of Mississauga Plan indicates that the conversion of the Hurontario Street frontage residential properties to office or mixed residential and office uses will continue to be subject to the policies to maintain the residential character of the street, and enhance the streetscape, recognizing its role as a major corridor and gateway to Port Credit. Future commercial development is intended to be concentrated in existing commercial areas.

## **Urban Design Policies for Streetscapes in the Mineola District**

Section 4.24.3.2 of the Mineola District policies state that on lands adjacent to Hurontario Street, the existing mature vegetation, well landscaped appearance and general setbacks will be maintained to reflect area character. As Hurontario Street is a gateway to the District, as well as Port Credit, consideration should be given to: additional tree planting, a sodded boulevard, a bicycle route and right-of-way design that is sympathetic to the character of the area. In addition, open ditch road cross-sections should be maintained as they contribute to the character of the area.

## **Existing Zoning**

"R3-2066" (Detached Dwellings), which permits detached dwellings on lots with minimum frontages of 30.00 m (98.42 ft.),

as well as a resident practitioner subject to certain criteria being met.

# **Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment**

The applicant has requested that the lands be rezoned to the following:

"R3 – Special Section" (Office), to permit two business, professional and administrative office buildings, excluding medical and real estate offices, with the building at 1361 Hurontario Street having a Gross Floor Area of 347.06 m<sup>2</sup> (3,735.84 sq. ft.) and the building at 1371 Hurontario Street having a Gross Floor Area of 313.22 m<sup>2</sup> (3,371.58 sq. ft.).

Eight (8) of the parking spaces provided for 1361 Hurontario Street are proposed in a tandem configuration, and parking for 1371 Hurontario Street is proposed at a reduced rate of 2.2 spaces per 100.00 m<sup>2</sup> (1,076.42 sq. ft.) of GFA. In addition, for 1371 Hurontario Street, a total side yard width of 8.04 m (26.38 ft.) is proposed; whereas a minimum 27% of the lot frontage for two storey buildings or 8.23 m (27.00 ft.) is required.

## Draft Mississauga Zoning By-law

A final report on the new draft Zoning By-law was dealt with by Planning and Development Committee on April 30, 2007. A further addendum report was adopted by Council on May 23, 2007 with the exception of the Harris Farm. The implementing Zoning By-law is anticipated to be passed by Council on June 20, 2007. The draft Zoning for this property is "R3-3" (Detached Dwellings).

The timing of the site specific Zoning By-law to permit the proposed development may be affected by the passage of the new Mississauga Zoning By-law and potential appeals. A recommendation will be included in the supplementary report to address the new Mississauga Zoning By-law.

#### **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

A community meeting has been scheduled by Ward 1 Councillor, Carmen Corbasson for June 6, 2007. A summary of the issues raised by the Community will be outlined in an Addendum Report. To date no written comments have been received by the Planning and Building Department.

#### **DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

Agency comments are summarized in Appendix I-7. In addition to the matter of tandem parking and based on the comments received and the applicable Mississauga Plan policies the following matter will have to be addressed:

# **Mutual Access Agreement**

The two properties are currently both owned by Bassem and Mabelle Aboumrad, however are held in separate names so that the two properties do not merge. This could allow for one property to be conveyed to another owner without any prior consultation with the City. Accordingly, the applicant will be required to register the appropriate agreements and easements on title to ensure that the mutual access will be maintained for both properties in perpetuity.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

# **Development Requirements**

In conjunction with the proposed development, there are certain other engineering and conservation matters with respect to storm water management, access, and environmental issues which will require the applicant to enter into appropriate agreements with the City. Site Plan approval will be required for the proposed development. Site Plan applications have been submitted for both 1361 and 1371 Hurontario Street under files SP 06/231 W1 and SP 06/232 W1 respectively.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Development charges will be payable in keeping with the

requirements of the applicable Development Charges By-law of the City as well as financial requirements of any other official

agency concerned with the development of the lands.

**CONCLUSION:** Most agency and City department comments have been received

and after the public meeting has been held and all issues are resolved, the Planning and Building Department will be in a position to make a recommendation regarding this application.

**ATTACHMENTS**: Appendix I-1 - Site History

Appendix I-2 - Aerial Photograph

Appendix I-3 - Excerpt of Mineola District Land Use Map

Appendix I-4 - Excerpt of Existing Land Use Map

Appendix I-5 - Concept Plan Appendix I-6 - Elevations

Appendix I-7 - Agency Comments Appendix I-8 - General Context Map

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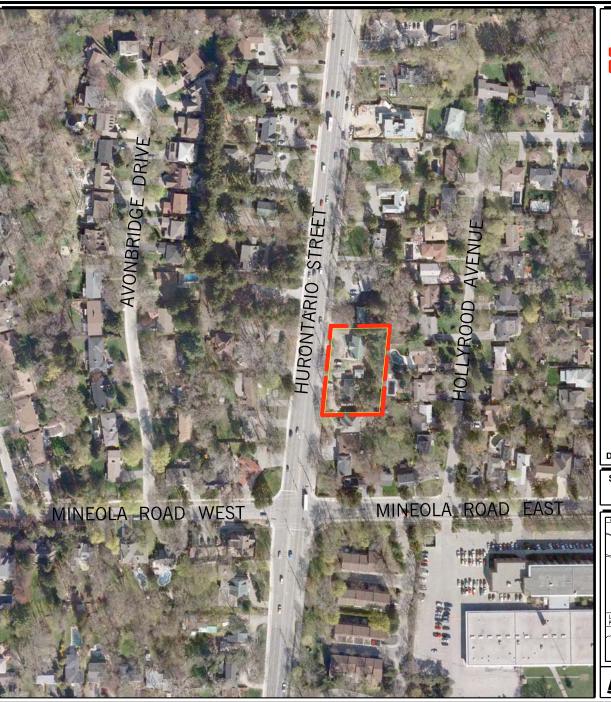
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# **Site History**

- June 22, 2000 A minor variance was granted by the Committee of Adjustment for 1361 Hurontario Street under file 'A' 323/00 permitting a consulting engineer's office within the existing detached dwelling for a temporary period of 2 years which expired on July 31, 2002 and was subject to the following conditions:
  - the decision was personal to Bassem Aboumrad;
  - the submission of an application for site plan approval to the Planning and Building Department;
  - the submission of a Rezoning application to the Planning and Building Department;
  - signage limited to a professional plaque in keeping with the professional character of the surrounding office in the area; and,
  - a maximum of 4 employees.
- May 5, 2003 Region of Peel approved the Mississauga Plan Policies for the Mineola District, designating the subject lands "Residential Low Density I Special Site 2".
- August 11, 2005 A minor variance application submitted in March 2005 under file 'A' 094/05 for 1361 Hurontario Street to renew the permission granted in 2000 for a consulting engineer's office was withdrawn by the applicant based on concerns expressed by the staff and the Committee that the conditions of the previous minor variance were not fulfilled.
- November 2, 2006 Site Plan applications were submitted under files SP 06/231 W1 (1361 Hurontario Street) and SP 06/232 W1 (1371 Hurontario Street) for the proposed office buildings.



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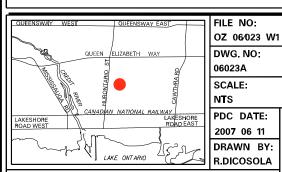
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APPENDIX

#### SUBJECT:

# **BASSEM & MABELLE ABOUMRAD**



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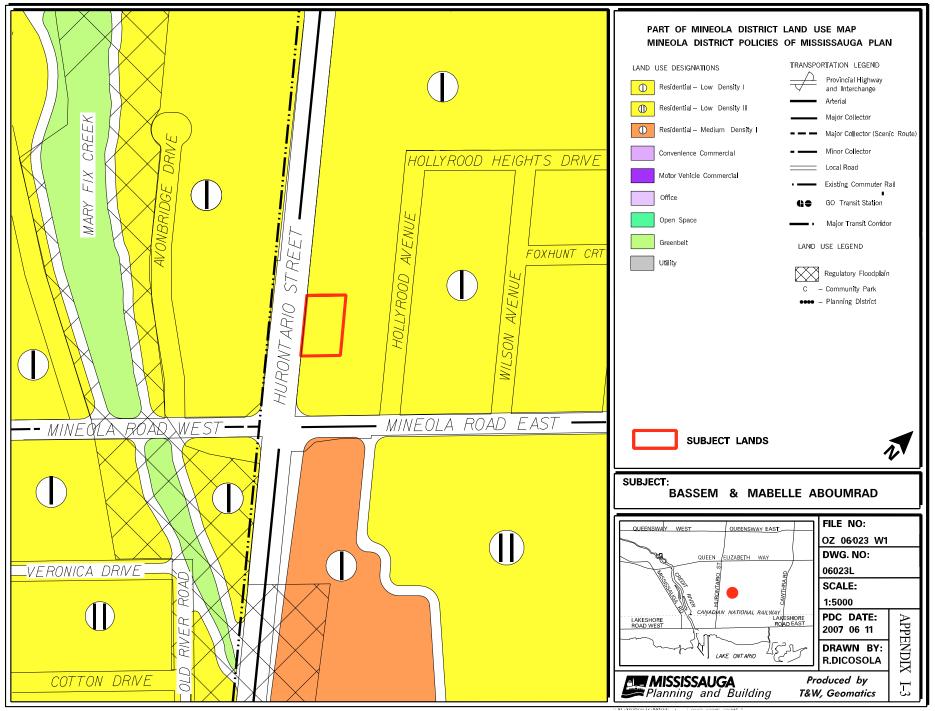
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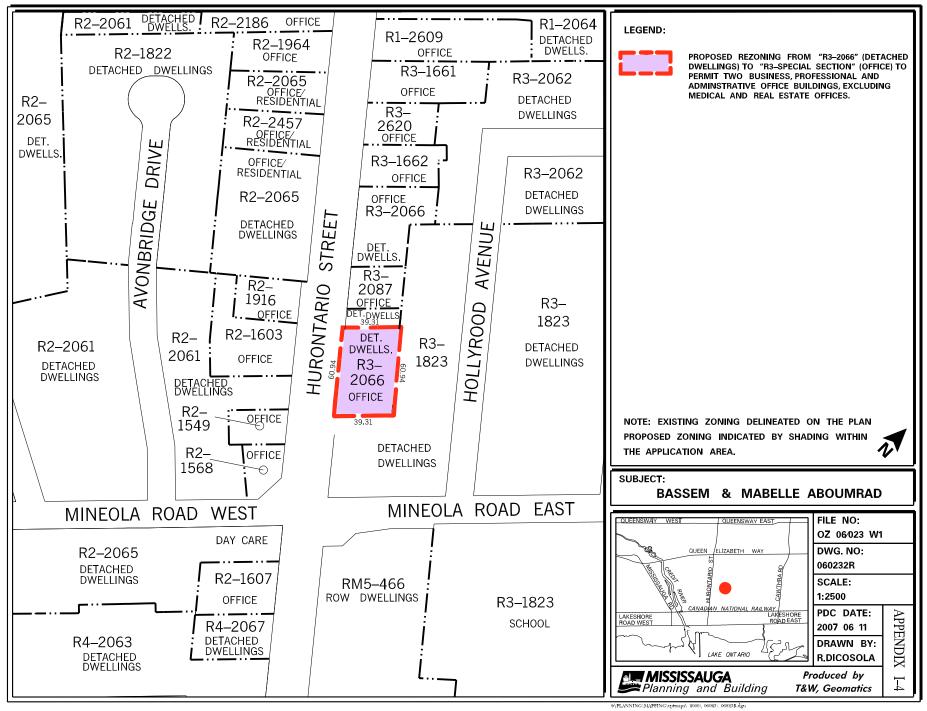
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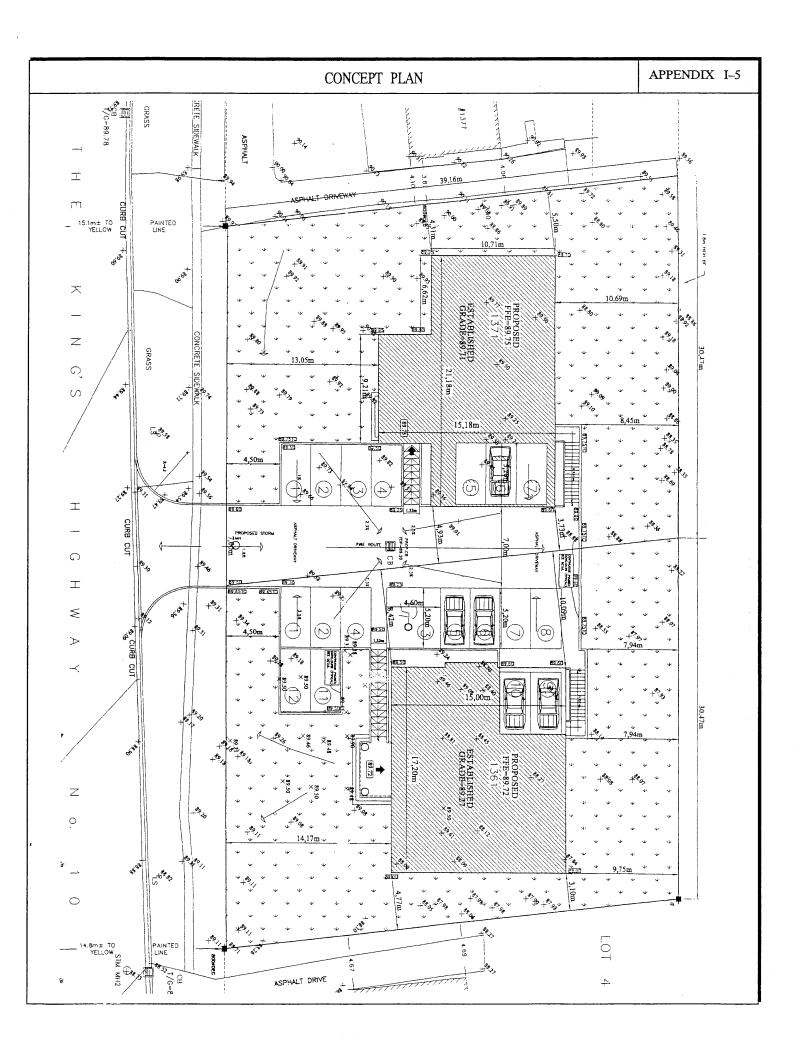
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1361 Hurontario Street



1371 Hurontario Street

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# **Agency Comments**

The following is a summary of comments from agencies and departments regarding the application.

Agency / Comment Date	Comment
Region of Peel (February 26, 2007)	The Region has no objection to the approval of the subject application and provides the following comments:
	An existing 450 mm (18 in.) diameter watermain and 250 mm (10 in.) diameter sanitary sewer are located on Hurontario Street.
	Regional staff have reviewed the Storm Sewer Servicing Report regarding this application and found it satisfactory.
	The subject land is not located within the vicinity of a landfill site.
	The applicant is advised that on-site waste collection will be required through a private waster hauler.
City Community Services Department – Planning, Development and Business Services Division (March 2, 2007)	This Department indicated that should this application be approved, prior to by-law enactment, payment for street tree planting and trail signage along Hurontario Street is required.
City Community Services Department – Fire and Emergency Services Division (April 13, 2007)	This Department has reviewed the subject application from an emergency response perspective and has no concerns; emergency response time to the site and water supply availability are acceptable.
City Transportation and Works Department (April 10, 2007)	This Department indicated that they are in receipt of a Storm Sewer Servicing Report, dated October 2006 which is currently under review. Further detailed comments/conditions will be provided prior to the Supplementary Meeting pending the review of the foregoing.

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# **Bassem & Mabelle Aboumrad**

Agency / Comment Date	Comment
Other City Departments and External Agencies	The following City Departments and external agencies offered no objection to this application provided that all technical matters are addressed in a satisfactory manner: Economic Development Office; Canada Post Corporation; and, Enersource Hydro Mississauga.
	The following City Departments and external agencies were circulated the application but provided no comments:  Realty Services; Bell Canada; and, The Trillium Health Centre.

