



Staff Report

Planning & Building Services – Planning Division

Report To: COW - Operations, Planning and Building Services
Meeting Date: April 28, 2026
Report Number: PBS.26.032
Title: Recommendation Report Eden Oak Trailshead – Phase 1 A & B
Holding Removal
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report PBS.26.032, entitled “Recommendation Report Eden Oak Trailshead – Holding Removal”;

AND THAT Council approve the removal of the Holding provision from the subject lands in accordance with Schedule A to report PBS.26.032 thereby allowing the issuance of building permits.

B. Overview

This development is located in Craigleith and includes draft plan approval for 194 residential, mainly townhouse, units.

The developer, Eden Oak, has fulfilled the requirements of the Holding (h27) provision on a portion of these lands.

The proposed Holding removal will allow the issuance of building permits for 85 townhouse units.

The Holding provisions continue to apply to the remainder of the site until such time as the applicant seeks H removal and any further required works, planning approvals and/or agreements are finalized.

C. Background

The subject lands are located in Craigeith north and south of Lakeshore Road East, south of the Georgian Trail (**Figure 1: Airphoto**) and are surrounded alternately by protected open space lands, approved developments and other lands currently designated for a mix of future development and/or open space.

The development is comprised of two parcels, a smaller parcel located on the north side of Lakeshore Road W and the larger development to the south as shown in Figure 1 below. Together, the two sites are approved for a total of 194, mainly townhouse, residential units.

Figure 1: Air Photo



The h27 holding provision on the subject lands requires that the following be fulfilled:

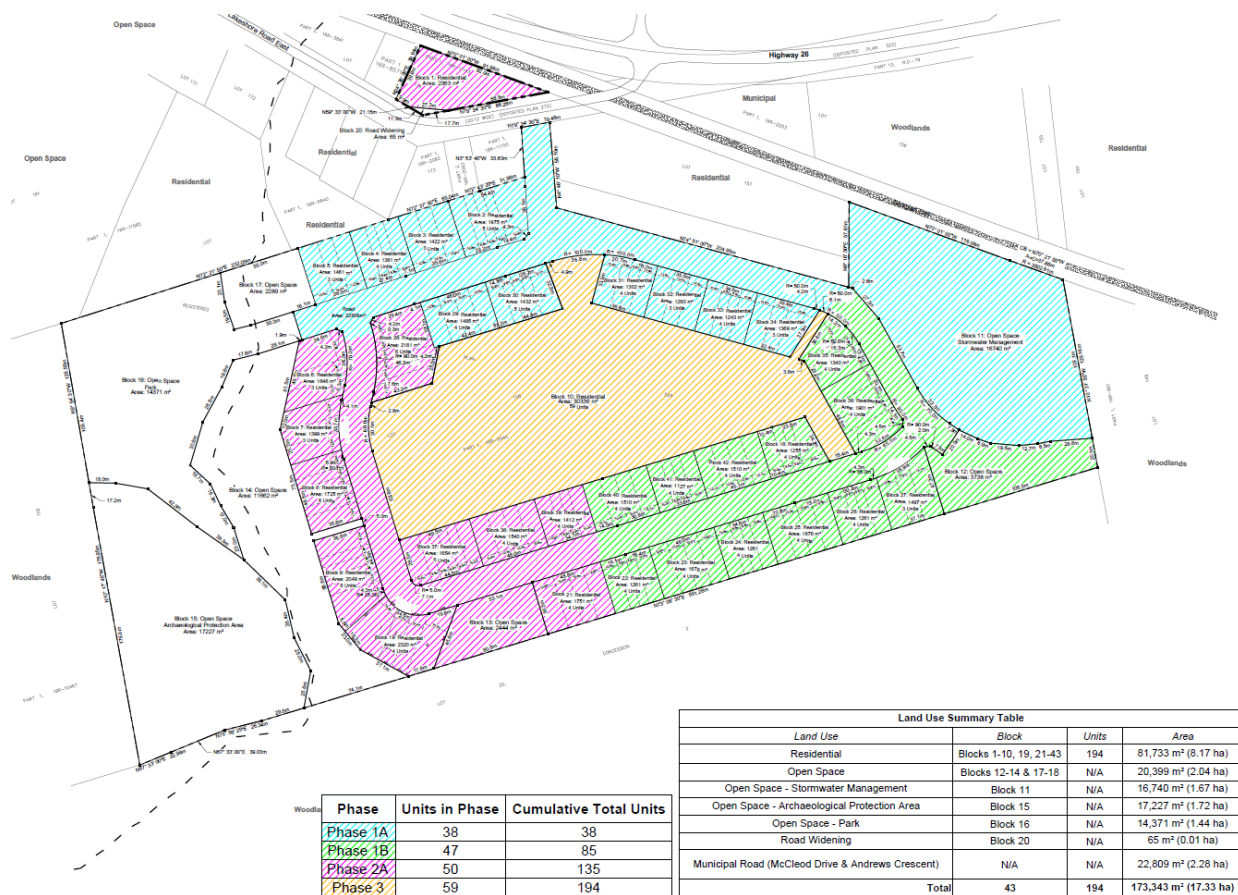
- Execution of a Subdivision Agreement
- Registration of a Plan of Subdivision
- Execution of a Section 37 Agreement
- Substantial completion of External Regional SWM Works or the execution of a suitable agreement for these works (Drainage Works Agreement or equivalent) to the satisfaction of the Town of The Blue Mountains to be lifted from the portion of the subject lands contained in the proposed By-law the following thresholds.

A holding provision is a tool that municipalities use to ensure that certain matters as specified are satisfied before the zoning can come into effect and allow for the issuance of building permits.

Figure 2 below shows the development phasing of the project. The subject holding removal applies to the 85 residential units across Phases 1 A (blue) and 1B (green). Phase 2 (pink) requires completion of secondary emergency exit/access works to meet fire fighting requirements.

Phase 3 (orange) is intended for a condominium townhouse development that carries an h54 holding provision where, in addition to the requirements of the h27 holding provision, site plan approval is also required. Related applications have not yet been filed for this portion of the development.

Figure 2: Phasing Plan



D. Analysis

The applicant has satisfied all of the requirements of the h27 holding provision except for registering the plan of subdivision and agreement on the lands. This report is presented at this time in order to expedite the approval process so that, rather than wait for a future Council

cycle, as soon as registration occurs the Holding removal will come into effect and building permits can be issued. The attached By-law includes provisions that address this timing.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders.

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

No adverse environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

G. Financial Impacts

The approval of this report will allow for the issuance of building permits, construction of residential dwellings and, ultimately, expansion of the residential tax base.

H. In Consultation With

Shawn Postma, Manager of Community Planning

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Adam Farr, planning@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Attachment 1 – Draft By-law

Respectfully submitted,

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