

The City of Saint John

Date:	November 14, 2024		
То:	Planning Advisory Committee		
From:	Growth & Community Services		
Meeting:	November 19, 2024		
<u>SUBJECT</u>			
Applicant:	Brad Kierstead		
Landowner:	East Point Properties Ltd.		
Location:	24-32 East Point Way		
PID:	55230445		
Plan Designation:	Regional Retail Centre		
Zoning:	Regional Commercial Residential (CR)		
Application Type:	Subdivision and Variance		
Jurisdiction:	The <i>Community Planning Act</i> authorizes the Planning Advisory Committee to grant reasonable variances from certain requirements of the Subdivision By-law. Terms and conditions can be imposed.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to subdivide a portion of the existing development site to temporarily create a lot for construction financing. The applicant is seeking variances from the Subdivision By-Law to vary the requirement to provide Lands for Public Purpose (LPP) dedication, on the premise that the created lot will be amalgamated back into the parent parcel within two years and to create a lot that does not abut a public street. Approval of the application is recommended subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Advisory Committee grant variances from the requirements of the Subdivision By-law permitting:

- The creation of a new lot not abutting a public street; and
- Relieve the applicant from Land for Public Purposes dedication or Money-in-Lieu dedication for the creation of Lot 24-1 on the following conditions:
 - That Lot 24-1 be amalgamated with the parent parcel, Lot 16-1, within a period of three years from the date of approval or be subject to the requirements of the Subdivision By-law's Land for Public Purposes.

ANALYSIS

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to subdivide Lot 24-1 from the parent parcel, Lot 16-1. Lot 24-1 is intended to exist temporarily, in order to facilitate construction financing. The lot is to be amalgamated back into the parent parcel within two years of the approval date. Lot 24-1 will not abut a public street, but will be accessed by East Point Way, which is a private street,

Site and Neighbourhood

The site is located in East Saint John in the East Point Shopping Centre. The lot fronts on the west side of Retail Drive and East Point Way, which is a private street. The East Point Shopping Centre is generally bounded to the north by retail development and a manufactured housing development and to the south by a mix of commercial and residential development, an electrical substation and undeveloped land.

Subdivision By-law

The Subdivision By-law requires that any newly created lot that does not abut a public street receive approval from the Planning Advisory Committee. East Point Way, which the parent parcel, Lot 16-1, and the proposed parcel, Lot 24-1 abut, is built to the standards of a public street. It is one of many private roads within the East Point Shopping Centre that is characteristic of this type of retail format.

The Subdivision By-law also requires that either land representing ten percent of the area of the proposed subdivision, or a sum of money representing eight percent of the market value of the land of the proposed subdivision be dedicated to the City.

The LPP dedication requirement applies to all lands being subdivided regardless of the zoning. Over the course of developing the East Point site, many subdivision applications have been submitted and approved by the City, however these were under the previous by-law in effect from 1995 to 2016 which did not require a Land for Public Purposes dedication. The approach taken by the current by-law of requiring either a land or money-in-lieu of public purposes dedication for all subdivisions, regardless of zoning classification, is in line with the approach taken by other larger New Brunswick municipalities. This approach serves as an important tool in leveraging resources for community improvements to the City's open space network. The applicant is seeking relief from the requirement to provide money in-lieu of land for public purposes for the proposed subdivision due to the temporary nature of Lot 24-1 through a variance from the requirement.

Lands for Public Purposes and Money-in-lieu Dedications

The amount of money in-lieu is determined based on the assessed value of similar lands in the vicinity of the development and covers only the land portion of the assessment, not buildings and structures.

Given the temporary nature of Lot 24-1, a variance from the Subdivision By-law's requirements for LPP is recommended by Staff. This recommendation is contingent upon the condition that Lot 24-1 be consolidated with the parent parcel, Lot 16-1, within two years of the approval. If the consolidation fails to occur within the timeframe, the subdivision will be subject to the requirements of the Subdivision By-law's Land for Public Purposes.

Conclusion

Staff recommend the granting of the requested variance to create a lot not abutting a public street and the exemption from Lands for Public Purposes requirement on the condition that Lot 24-1 is consolidated with the parent parcel Lot 16-1 within a period of two years following approval.

ENGAGEMENT

Public

In accordance with the Committee's Rules of Procedure, notification of the proposal was sent to landowners within 100 metres of the subject property on November 4, 2024.

APPROVALS AND CONTACT

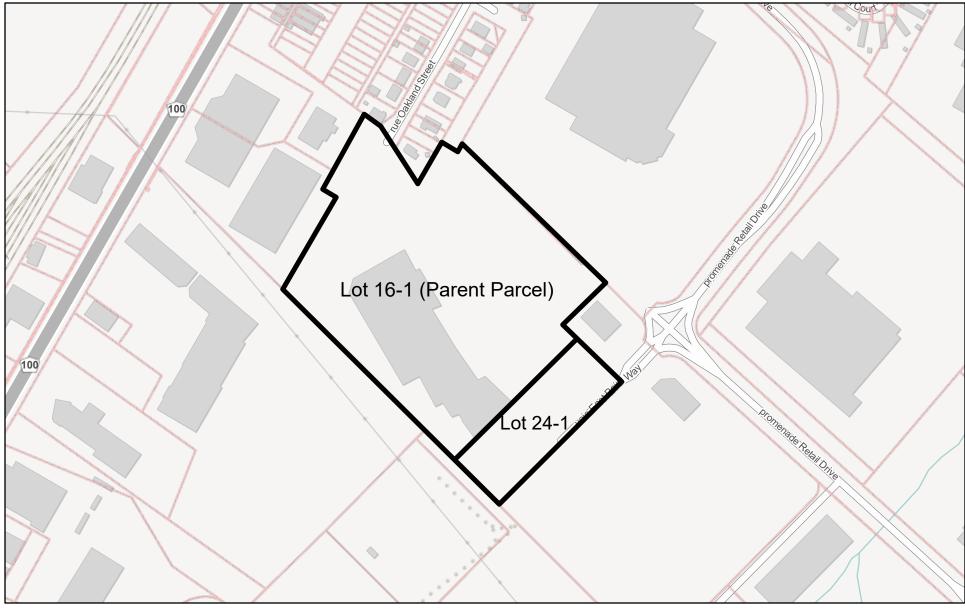
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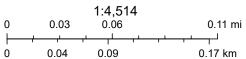
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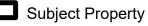
APPENDIX

Map 1: Aerial Photography Attachment 1: Site Photography Submission 1: Tentative Plan of Subdivision

Subject Site - 24-32 East Point Way





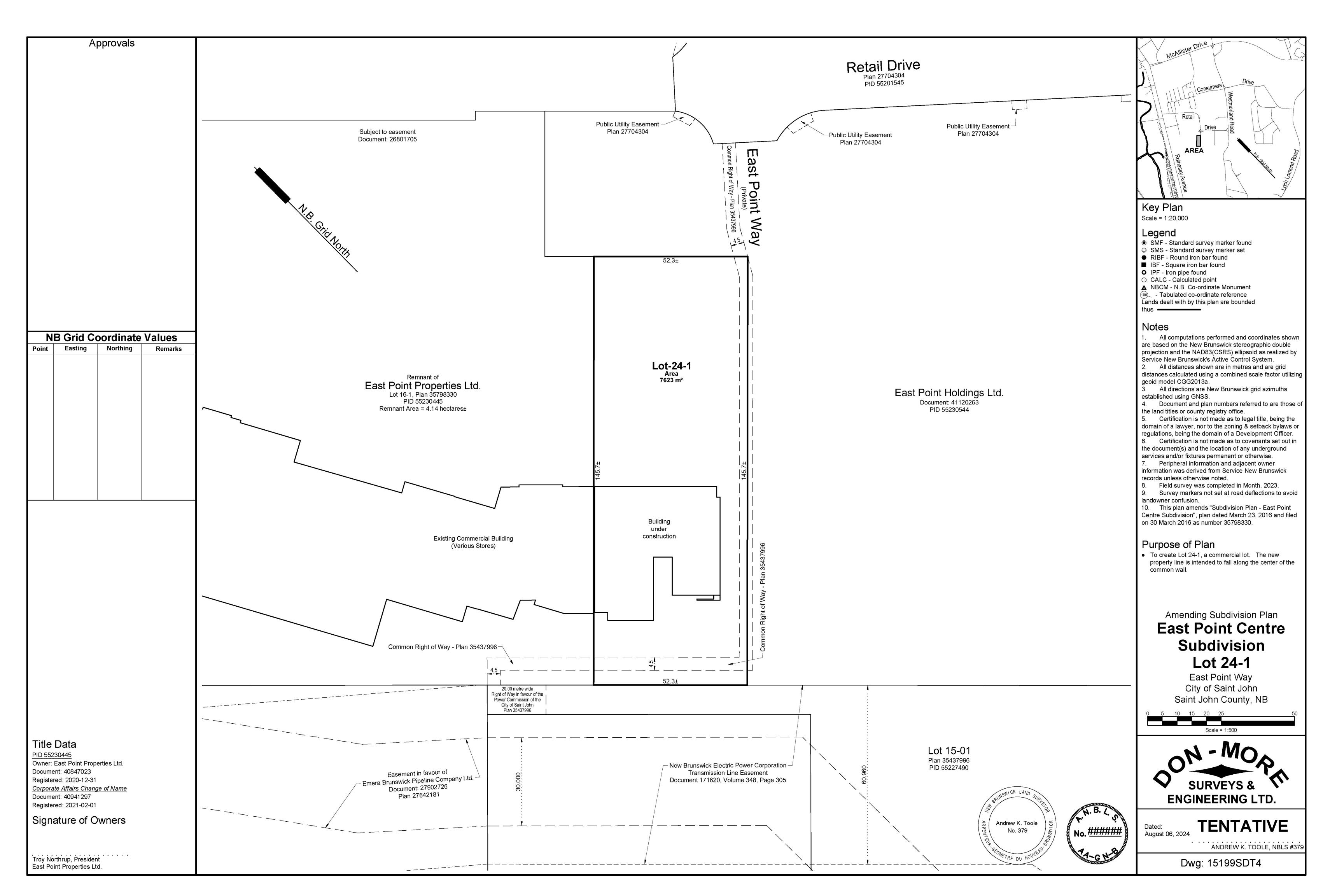


Property Parcels

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Building Under Construction – 24-32 East Point Way (PID 55230445)



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Title Data		
<u>PID 55230445</u> Owner: East Point Properties Ltd. Document: 40847023		Easement in favour of
Registered: 2020-12-31 <u>Corporate Affairs Change of Name</u> Document: 40941297 Registered: 2021 02 01		Easement in favour of Emera Brunswick Pipeline Company Lta Document: 27902726 Plan 27642181
Registered: 2021-02-01 Signature of Owners		
Troy Northrup, President East Point Properties Ltd.		Al

