

Supplemental Report: Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic of the Blue Ridge Road Cul-de-sac Update

Date: February 20, 2024
To: North York Community Council
From: Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 17, Don Valley North

SUMMARY

This supplemental report is in response to a request from the North York Community Council to provide additional information on the feasibility of permanently closing the cul-de-sac on Blue Ridge Road.

Transportation concurs that general vehicular traffic should be prohibited from entering the cul-de-sac to address safety concerns related to erosion and slope stability at the west portion of the cul-de-sac.

Transportation Services recommends that the northerly portion of Blue Ridge Road, shown in hatching and labeled as "Part 2 on Registered Plan M-1846" in Attachment 1 to the report (February 2024) from the Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services, be designated as a pedestrian way. Establishing a pedestrian way will close this portion of Blue Ridge Road to vehicular traffic, except for bicycles and specified emergency service and/or service vehicles.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council establish and designate as a pedestrian way the northerly portion of Blue Ridge Road shown in hatching and labeled as "Part 2 on Registered Plan M-1846" in Attachment 1 to the report (February 2024) from the Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services.
2. North York Community Council amend Schedule B of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 886, Footpaths, Pedestrian Ways, Bicycle Paths, Bicycle Lanes and Cycle Tracks, by inserting the Location Plan dated February 2024 attached as Attachment 1 to the report (February 2024) from the Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services.

3. North York Community Council amend Schedule XXX: Heavy Vehicles Prohibited to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to rescind the heavy vehicle prohibition at all times on Blue Ridge Road, between Sheppard Avenue East and the north end of Blue Ridge Road, and to insert a heavy vehicle prohibition at all times on Blue Ridge Road, between Sheppard Avenue East and a point 52 metres north of Howard Drive.

4. North York Community Council amend Schedule IV: Former City of North York Winter Maintenance Parking Prohibited to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to rescind the parking prohibition on Blue Ridge Road, between Sheppard Avenue East and the north end of Blue Ridge Road, and to insert a parking prohibition on Blue Ridge Road, between Sheppard Avenue East and a point 52 metres north of Howard Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to implement the appropriate physical measures to designate the northerly portion of Blue Ridge Road as a pedestrian way is \$4,500. The cost of the proposed works is available in the Transportation Services 2024-2034 Capital Budget and Plan.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of November 14, 2023, North York Community Council deferred consideration of a Blue Ridge Road Permanent Closure Update Report (Item NY9.31).

[Agenda Item History - 2023.NY9.31 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

At its meeting of June 28, 2022, North York Community Council authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services to temporarily close the cul-de-sac on Blue Ridge Road and to bring a final report on the permanent closure of the cul-de-sac to North York Community Council by no later than the first quarter of 2023.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.NY33.63>

Transportation Services staff prepared a report, dated February 4, 2022, recommending against the closure of the cul-de-sac to vehicular traffic. At its meeting of February 23, 2022, North York Community Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services to develop a plan to close the cul-de-sac to vehicular traffic.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.NY30.31>

At its meeting of November 4, 2020, North York Community Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services to investigate the permanent stop-up and closure to vehicular traffic of the cul-de-sac at the northerly terminus of Blue Ridge Road.

COMMENTS

As noted in the report titled "Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic of the Blue Ridge Road Cul-de-sac Update dated October 23, 2023, some City Divisions expressed concern with the permanent closure of the Blue Ridge Road cul-de-sac to vehicular traffic. However, Transportation Services' Asset Management staff raised safety concerns stemming from significant erosion of the reverse slope at the northwest corner of the cul-de-sac.

After further review, Transportation Services (Asset Management) staff have advised that, given the significant cost and time required to rehabilitate the upper slope portion, gabion wall, guide rail, and roadway curbside, a cost-effective strategy would be to either permanently close the cul-de-sac or relocate the guide rail further east to secure a stable foundation, leaving the upper portion of the slope in its natural state. The option that contemplates the relocation of the guide rail will narrow the cul-de-sac and is expected to negate the functionality of any potential turn-around facility.

Transportation Services recommends establishing a pedestrian way within the cul-de-sac at the north end of Blue Ridge Road. Designation of the subject section of Blue Ridge Road as a pedestrian way will restrict vehicular access with the following exceptions:

- bicycles
- ambulances, police or fire services vehicles or any other vehicles actively engaged in responding to an emergency; and
- vehicles actually and actively engaged in works undertaken for or on behalf of the City, the Toronto Transit Commission, or a public utility, including utilities providing telecommunications, energy, water supply or wastewater related services.

Staff do not support the permanent closure of the cul-de-sac to vehicular traffic because it would prevent all vehicular access including bicycle, emergency vehicles, and service vehicles.

Six residential properties have frontage on the northerly section of Blue Ridge Road south of the cul-de-sac (44 to 49 Blue Ridge Road). Access to these properties will not be affected by the proposed pedestrian way.

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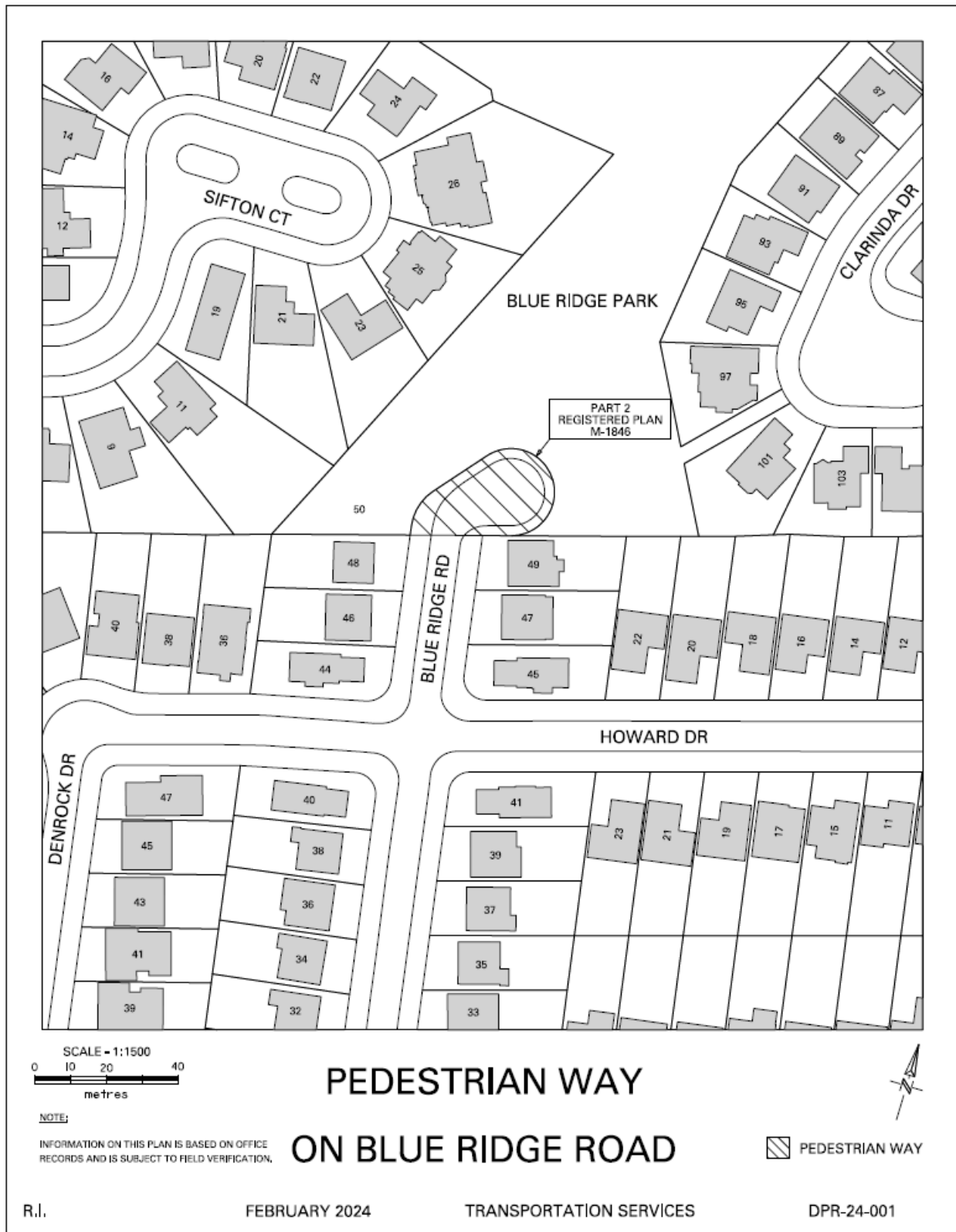
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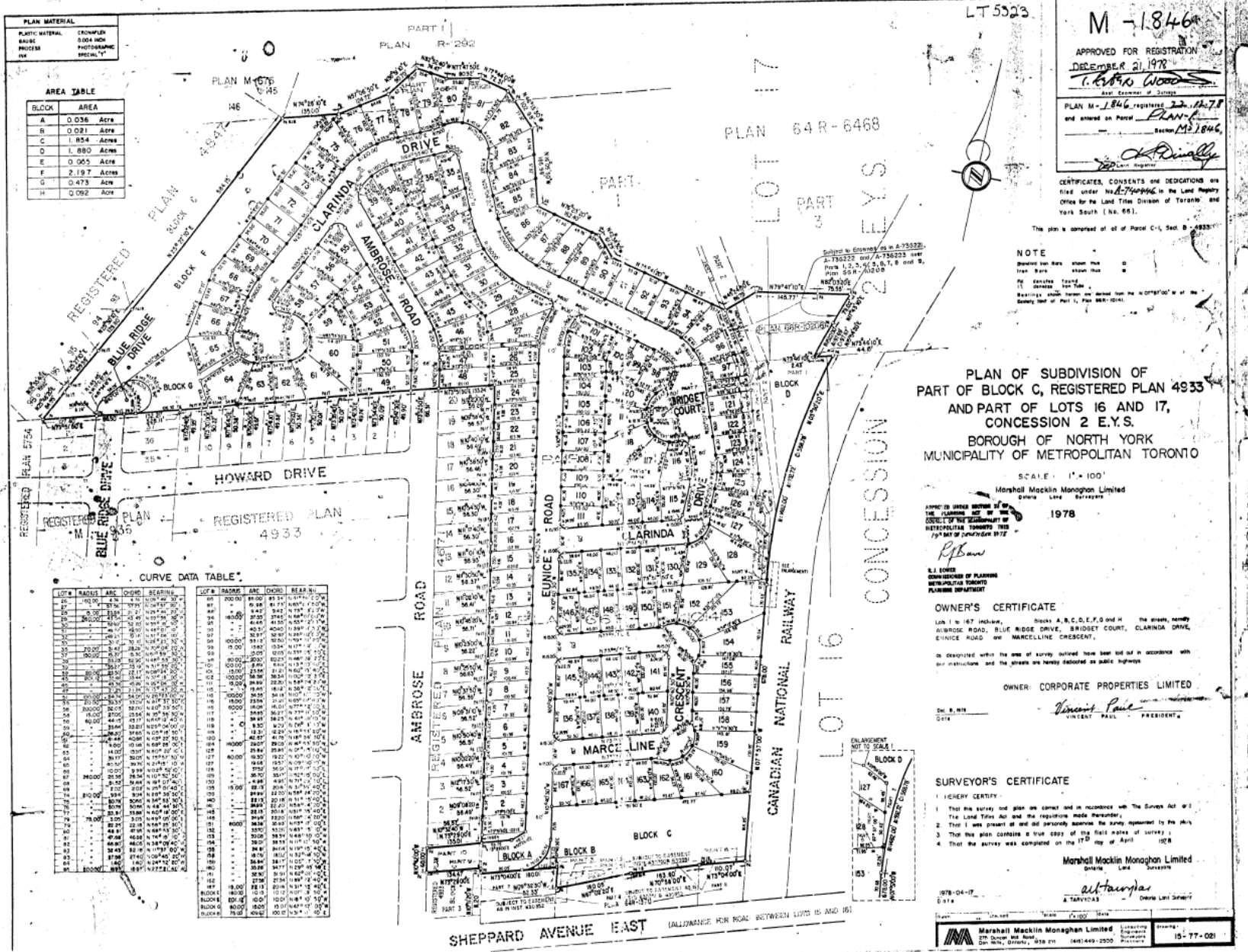
Ashley Curtis, Deputy General Manager
Transportation Services

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Location Plan
Attachment 2 - Registered Plan M-1846

Attachment 1 – Location Plan





PLAN MATERIAL

PLASTIC MATERIAL	CROMPLEX
BASIC	0.004 MM
PROCESS	PHOTOGRAPHIC
INK	SPECIALTY

AREA TABLE

BLOCK	AREA
A	0.036 Acres
B	0.021 Acres
C	1.854 Acres
D	1.880 Acres
E	0.065 Acres
F	2.197 Acres
G	0.475 Acn
H	0.092 Acre

CURVE DATA TABLE

LOT#	RADIUS	ARC	CHORD	BEARING	LOT#	RADIUS	ARC	CHORD	BEARING
25	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	60	300.00	89.00	81.34	N 11° 47' 20" E
26	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	61	100.00	16.86	9.42	N 12° 54' 52" E
27	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	62	100.00	27.22	15.82	N 12° 54' 52" E
28	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	63	100.00	41.65	23.63	N 12° 54' 52" E
29	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	64	100.00	60.00	34.64	N 12° 54' 52" E
30	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	65	100.00	82.35	48.87	N 12° 54' 52" E
31	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	66	100.00	108.70	66.33	N 12° 54' 52" E
32	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	67	100.00	139.05	87.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
33	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	68	100.00	173.40	110.87	N 12° 54' 52" E
34	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	69	100.00	211.75	138.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
35	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	70	100.00	254.10	168.40	N 12° 54' 52" E
36	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	71	100.00	300.45	202.10	N 12° 54' 52" E
37	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	72	100.00	350.80	239.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
38	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	73	100.00	405.15	279.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
39	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	74	100.00	463.50	324.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
40	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	75	100.00	525.85	371.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
41	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	76	100.00	592.20	423.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
42	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	77	100.00	662.55	478.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
43	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	78	100.00	736.90	536.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
44	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	79	100.00	815.25	599.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
45	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	80	100.00	897.60	664.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
46	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	81	100.00	983.95	734.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
47	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	82	100.00	1074.30	807.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
48	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	83	100.00	1168.65	883.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
49	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	84	100.00	1266.99	964.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
50	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	85	100.00	1369.34	1047.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
51	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	86	100.00	1475.69	1135.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
52	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	87	100.00	1586.04	1226.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
53	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	88	100.00	1700.39	1320.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
54	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	89	100.00	1818.74	1419.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
55	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	90	100.00	1941.09	1520.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
56	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	91	100.00	2067.44	1626.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
57	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	92	100.00	2197.79	1735.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
58	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	93	100.00	2332.14	1847.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
59	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	94	100.00	2470.49	1964.00	N 12° 54' 52" E
95	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	96	100.00	2612.84	2083.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
96	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	97	100.00	2759.19	2207.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
97	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	98	100.00	2909.54	2334.20	N 12° 54' 52" E
98	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	99	100.00	3063.89	2464.80	N 12° 54' 52" E
99	100.00	0.34	4.30	N 69° 56' 58" W	100	100.00	3222.24	2600.00	N 12° 54' 52" E

M-1846

APPROVED FOR REGISTRATION
DECEMBER 21 1978
C. R. Woods
City Engineer of Toronto

PLAN M-1846 registered 22.11.77
and entered as Parcel PLAN 1
Block M-1846

A. Divalley
Surveyor

CERTIFICATES, CONSENTS AND DEDICATIONS are filed under 102-744966 in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Toronto and York South (No. 66).

This plan is a part of all of Parcel C-1, Sect. B - 4933.

NOTE
Boundaries shown hereon are shown that they are in accordance with the original survey. The boundaries shown hereon are based on the accepted or the best available evidence of the survey.

PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCK C, REGISTERED PLAN 4933 AND PART OF LOTS 16 AND 17, CONCESSION 2 E.Y.S. BOROUGH OF NORTH YORK MUNICIPALITY OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO

SCALE: 1" = 100'

1978

OWNER'S CERTIFICATE
Lot 1 to 167 inclusive, Block A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, the streets, namely AMROSE ROAD, BLUE RIDGE DRIVE, BRIDGET COURT, CLARINDA DRIVE, EUNICE ROAD and MARCELLINE CRESCENT,

OWNER: CORPORATE PROPERTIES LIMITED
Vincent Paul, President

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
I HEREBY CERTIFY:
1. That this survey and plan are correct and in accordance with The Survey Act and The Land Titles Act and the regulations made thereunder;
2. That I was present at and did personally supervise the survey; and
3. That this plan contains a true copy of the field notes of survey;
4. That the survey was completed on the 17th day of April 1978

MARSHALL MACKLIN MONAGHAN LIMITED
1978-04-17
Date

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