Town of

Conception Bay South

Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023

135-137 Seal Cove Road & 7-17 Aprils Lane

Town of Conception Bay South

June 2023

Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Adopt Town of Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023

Under the authority of Section 16 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000* the Town Council of Conception Bay South adopts the Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023.

Adopted by the Town Council of Conception Bay South on the 21st day of March, 2023.

Signed and sealed this 13 day of June 2023.

Mayor:

Clerk:

Canadian Institute of Planners Certification

I certify that Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.*

Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Resolution to Approve Town of Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023

Under the authority of Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000,* the Town Council of Conception Bay South

- a) Adopted the Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023 on March 21, 2023.
- b) Gave notice of the adoption of the Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023 by advertisement in the Shoreline News on April 14, 21 and 28, 2023.
- A public hearing to consider objections and submissions was scheduled for May 10, 2023.
- d) No objections or representations were received at the Town of Conception Bay South Town Office within the time stipulated in the notice of public hearing.
- e) The Town Council of Town of Conception Bay South cancelled the public hearing.

Now under the authority of Section 23 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000* the Town Council of Conception Bay South approves the Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023 as adopted.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 13 day of June	2023.
Mayor:	Municipal Plan/Amendment REGISTERED
Clerk: Gomboy	Number 1145 - 2023 - 019 Date 25 JUNE 2023 Signature 470 (an unar)

Town of Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Amendment No. 27, 2023

Introduction

The Conception Bay South Municipal Plan came into legal effect on July 20, 2012. The Town Council is considering amending the Municipal Plan. This report has been prepared to explain the proposed change, and to serve as a background information for the public and Council.

Background

The Town received a request to re-designate and re-zone approximately 1.8 hectares (4.5 acres) of land located at 135-137 Seal Cove Road & 7-17 Aprils Lane. The area that is the subject of the amendment is shown in the image below.



The land is currently designated as "Residential Low Density" by the Municipal Plan and the applicant requested that the designation be changed to "Residential Medium Density". As a result of the Town's assessment (see the following section), the Town initiated an amendment to redesignate the property to "Residential Medium Density". An amendment to the Conception Bay South Development Regulations to rezone the same lands from the "Residential Low Density (R-1)" to "Residential Medium Density (R-2)" is being processed concurrently with this Municipal Plan Amendment.

This amendment is intended to accommodate development of a residential subdivision at the property.

Assessment

The property is located south of Seal Cove Road and is surrounded by existing residential development of consistent with rural low densities. The overall density of development in the area is reflective of its historical development prior to installation of municipal water and sewer services int the area.

The subdivision proposal would result in a new public road along with water and sewer services to accommodate up to 19 residential lots.

The Municipal Plan Policies for the Residential Low Density designation notes that the designation applies to areas intended for infill development along existing streets south of Peacekeepers Way (Route 2). The proposed amendment is intended to accommodate subdivision development.

The Municipal Plan policies for the Residential Medium Density designation note that the designation is intended to apply built up and serviced areas of the Town. The increased density afforded through a change to the Residential Medium Density designation will assist the Town in realizing a higher return on its investments in infrastructure (roads, water and sewer services) in the area.

Municipal Plan policy 4.3.14 was also considered in the context of this amendment. The property is within the Low Geological Hazard Vulnerability area identified in the "Report on Vulnerability to Geological Hazards in the Town of Conception Bay South" (Batterson and Stapleton, GNL, 2011). The municipal plan policy does not restrict residential development within the Low Geological Hazard Vulnerability Area.

St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan

The St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan (Regional Plan) identifies Conception Bay South as a sub-regional centre. Upon installation of municipal services, the Regional Plan encourages a wide range of residential densities, a variety of commercial operations, parks and recreational facilities and other uses that are characteristic and appropriate for a sub-regional centre.

The Regional Plan designates the subject property as "Urban Development" which allows for a range of urban uses connected to municipal water and sewer services. The proposed use is consistent with the intent of the Regional Plan.

Consultation

A notice outlining the proposed amendments was distributed to all property owners within 100 metres of the subject property in January 2023. In addition, notices were published in the January 13 and 20, 2023 editions of The Shoreline newspaper. The notice was also posted on the Town's website and social media channels (Facebook and Twitter). Written submissions were requested by January 30, 2022. The draft amendment documents were posted to the Town's website during the notice period. The Town received one written submission that expressed concern with the proposed development that would be accommodated by the amendment, specifically it's impact on the local water system, increased traffic, noise, loss of trees, and that they felt a suburban subdivision is out of character with the general area.

A Public Information Session to discuss the proposed amendment was held on February 1, 2022 and was attended by two residents.

The Town determined that the consultation effort was reflective of the size, structure and complexity of planning and policy issues under consideration for the proposed amendments.

Amendment

The Conception Bay South Municipal Plan Future Land Use Map shall be amended as follows:

1. The Future Land Use Map is amended as shown on the attached plan.



