Eco Building Inc. has appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board under subsection 34(11) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, from Council's refusal to enact a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 3581-86 of the City of Hamilton to rezone lands respecting 24 Brock Street North from "RM1-'H'" (Low to Medium Density Multiple Dwelling – Holding) Zone, modified, to the "RM3" (Medium to High Density Multiple Dwelling) Zone, modified, to permit the development of a 6 storey tiered residential building.

OMB File No.: PL121211

APPEARANCES:

Parties

Eco Building Inc. ("Applicant")

Jane Lowry and William Hilson ("Objectors")

City of Hamilton ("City")

Counsel

Stephen D'Agostino

Michael Connell

Michael Kovacevic

MEMORANDUM OF ORAL DECISION DELIVERED BY STEVEN STEFANKO
ON NOVEMBER 6, 2013 AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

[1] At the commencement of this Prehearing, I was advised that an agreement had been reached as to the contents of the by-laws required to facilitate the construction of an apartment building at 24 Brock Street North.

[2] The agreement in question is reflected by Minutes of Settlement dated November 6, 2013 ("MOS") executed by the Applicant, the Objectors and certain other affected individuals who reside in the immediate area of the site. Although the City is not a signatory to the MOS, it does support the by-laws which have been agreed upon.

[3] One by-law ("Dundas By-law") amends Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 ("ZBL 3581") for the Town of Dundas ("Dundas"). The Dundas By-law is annexed hereto and marked as Attachment 1. Among other things, it sets out the performance standards for the
apartment building to be constructed. The other by-law ("City By-law") amends Zoning By-law No. 05-200 ("ZBL 05") for the City. It is annexed to this decision and marked as Attachment 2. Its purpose is to state that the permitted use for a portion of the subject property is Conservation.

[4] Stephen Fraser, a planner with A.J. Clarke & Associates Ltd., provided expert land use planning evidence in support of the agreement reached. He pointed out that the property was formerly used for industrial purposes but is currently vacant and is underutilized. In his opinion, the proposal represents the type of intensification contemplated by the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 ("PPS") and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") and is within the policy provisions of the Dundas Official Plan ("OP"). According to Mr. Fraser, what is proposed is consistent with the PPS, conforms to the Growth Plan and the OP and represents good planning.

[5] Only one participant spoke in opposition to the agreement reached, that being John Parcher. Mr. Parcher resides a short distance away from the development at 238 Melville Street. In his view, there is not sufficient parking in the area to accommodate the proposal and he is concerned that additional traffic will be generated. Although I have no doubt that Mr. Parcher's views are sincerely held, they do not override the planning evidence of Mr. Fraser, the MOS and the position of the City in this matter.

[6] Based on all of the foregoing therefore, it is ordered that ZBL 3581 is amended in accordance with the Dundas By-law and that ZBL 05 is amended in accordance with the City By-law.

"Steven Stefanko"

STEVEN STEFANKO
VICE CHAIR
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. [blank]
To Amend Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) as Amended
Respecting Lands Located at 24 Brock Street North

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton Act, 1999, Statutes of Ontario, 1999 Chap. 14, Sch. C, did incorporate, as of January 1, 2001, the municipality "City of Hamilton";

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is the successor to certain area municipalities, including the former area municipality known as the "The Corporation of the Town of Dundas", and is the successor to the former Regional Municipality, namely, "The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth";

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton Act, 1999 provides that the Zoning By-laws and Official Plans of the former area municipalities and the Official Plan of the former Regional Municipality continue in force in the City of Hamilton until subsequently amended or repealed by the Council of the City of Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) was enacted on the 22nd day of May, 1986, and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on the 10th day of May, 1988;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton, in adopting Item [blank] of Report 12-[blank] of the Planning Committee, at its meeting held on the [blank] day of [blank], 2012, recommended that Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas), be amended as hereinafter provided;

AND WHEREAS this By-law is in conformity with the Dundas Official Plan, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:
7.12  OFF-STREET PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS

7.12.1.5  Apartment Buildings  
1.5 spaces per dwelling unit, of which 0.25 spaces per dwelling unit shall be provided for Visitor Parking.

7.13  OFF-STREET LOADING REQUIREMENTS

7.13.1  RESIDENTIAL USES

Minimum Width: 3.7m  
Minimum Length: 9.0m  
Minimum Height: 4.0m

7.14  DIMENSIONS FOR THE DESIGN OF PARKING AREAS

7.14.1  MINIMUM DIMENSIONS

Angle: 90 degrees  
Width: 2.6m  
Length: 5.5m

4. That an (H) Holding Symbol, pursuant to Section 36 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 and Sub-section 4.9 of By-law No. 3581-86, is hereby applied to the RM3/S-123 Zone category as it applies to 24 Brock Street. Such Holding Symbol (H) shall continue to apply to the subject lands until removed by subsequent By-law Amendment. Council shall remove the (H) Holding Symbol by By-law Amendment upon the following requirement having been addressed:

(i) A Construction Management Plan has been approved, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Planning, in consultation with the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

(ii) The Senior Director of Growth Management confirms that he is satisfied there is sufficient and adequate water service and water pressure available, including sufficient and adequate water service and pressure for firefighting purposes, for any development at 24 Brock Street North, permitted by By-law 3581-86, as amended.

5. That By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) is amended by adding this By-law to Section 32 as Schedule S-123.

6. That Schedule "A" of the Zoning Schedule Key Map is amended by marking the lands referred to in Section 1 of this By-law as S-123.
7. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law, in accordance with the Planning Act.

PASSED and ENACTED this [___] day of [___], 2013.

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R. Bratina                         Rose Caterini
Mayor                              Clerk

ZAC-09-010
This is Schedule "A" to By-law No. 13-

Passed the .......... day of ................., 2013

Mayor

Clark

Schedule "A"

Map 1 of 2

Map Forming Part of
By-law No. 13-

to Amend By-law No. 3581-86

Subject Property
24 Brock Street North

Block 1 - Lands to be Removed from By-law 3581-86

Block 2 - Change in Zoning from the Low to Medium Density Multiple Dwelling "RM1-HIS-102" Zone to the Medium to High Density Multiple Dwelling "RM3-HIS-123" Holding Zone with a Special Exception