# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

BETWEEN:

MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC.

**APPLICANT** 

-and-

FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION

RESPONDENT

RESPONDING MOTION RECORD OF 1267989 ONTARIO INC. o/a DUNCAN DRYWALL (Returnable May 10, 2021)

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RESPONDENT

## AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT DUNCAN SWORN MAY 5th, 2021

- I, Robert Duncan, of the City of Barrie, the president of 1267989 Ontario Inc. o/a Duncan Drywall Inc. MAKE OATH AND SAY:
- I have made this Affidavit in response to a Motion Record served by RSM Canada Limited, the Receiver of Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation dated April 30, 2021, returnable in the Commercial Court in Toronto on May 10, 2021.
- I am informed by my lawyer, Paul J. Daffern that this Motion Record was served by email sent by Michelle Jackson of Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP, counsel for RSM, at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021.
- I have read the Motion Record and respond to the motion with this Affidavit. In particular, I object to the proposal by RSM that only \$178,195.00 plus H.S.T. be held in trust by RSM. I claim that in addition to that sum, a further 25% of that amount for security for my company's legal costs be held. I further request

- that an Order be made that all of these monies be paid into Court to the credit of my company's lien claim.
- I therefore ask for an Order that in addition to the sum of \$178,195.00 be paid into Court that the sum of \$23,165.35 in H.S.T. be paid into Court (\$178,195.00 x
   .13 = \$23,165.35), \$178,195.00 + \$23,165.35 = \$201,360.35.
- 5. In addition, I ask for an Order that an additional \$50,340.09 be paid into Court as security for my company's costs (\$201,360.35 x .25 = \$50,340.09).
- 6. I therefore ask for an Order that the sum of \$251,700.49 be paid into Court to the credit of my company's Construction Lien Action.
- 7. I also request leave from this Honourable Court to proceed with my Construction Lien Action in Barrie since RSM has not in the last year determined whether my company's construction lien has priority over the MarshallZehr's ("MZ") mortgage.
- 8. My lawyer wrote a lengthy letter to Jeff Larry, counsel for RSM on July 24, 2020, providing details about why my company claims it is entitled to priority over MZ's mortgage. A copy of that letter is Exhibit "A" to my Affidavit.
- 9. As is stated in Mr. Daffern's letter that is Exhibit "A" to my Affidavit, my company first began to work on this project site on March 30, 2016. As a result, I claim that my company's first lien arose that day pursuant to section 15(1) of the Construction Lien Act.

- 10. As my lawyer's letter indicates, the first work my company did was in building 5. Work began on building 6 on April 28, 2016 and on a Sales Pavilion in May, 2016. The Sales Pavilion was used to market and sell units in all buildings on this project site.
- There is no dispute by the owner of the property, Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation that my company is owed the amounts claimed.
- 12. Mr. Jordan Zukowski, an officer and director of Fernwood admitted that my company was actually owed more than the amount of the lien claim. Mr. Zukowski admitted my company was owed at least \$190,695.00. Mr. Zukowski signed a Direction to lawyer Lisa Gazzola of the law firm of Smith, Valeriote in Guelph, Ontario directing her to pay my company out of the sale of certain units when the sale of those units was concluded. My understanding is that these sales were not completed. A copy of this Direction is found in the attachments to Exhibit "A" to my Affidavit.
- 13. I further submit that MZ refinanced the mortgage it took from Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation between the time of the initial advance and prior to when RSM was appointed as Receiver Manager.
- 14. It also appears that although MZ secured its loans with these mortgages, it did not fully advance these mortgages and much of the money that it agreed to lend to the borrower was not advanced or was used for some other purpose than improving the premises.

- 15. My lawyer wrote to Mr. Jeff Larry, counsel for RSM to ask him to provide him with the details related to the mortgages and when the advances took place. It appears that Mr. Larry made some enquiries about when the mortgage advances took place and this information indicates that only part of the original mortgage was advanced prior to when my company started work on this project.
- 16. Mr. Larry has apparently concluded that my company's claim for lien is limited to 10% of the amount of my company's total contract price which was \$240,000.00 plus H.S.T. for a total contract price of \$271,200.00 (\$240,000.00 x .13 = \$31,200.00) and (\$240,000.00 + \$31,200.00 = \$271,200.00).
- 17. Mr. Larry asked my lawyer to agree that the maximum amount my company may be entitled to be paid in priority to MZ is limited to \$24,000.00. I do not know why Mr. Larry or his client RSM came up with this number but it appears that they are suggesting that the Construction Lien Holdback that should have been retained by the owner was \$24,000.00 for my company's work. If this is in fact the basis of their calculation then I disagree with their conclusions.
- 18. The first point I think is important is that to date, I have not received satisfactory information about what was the value of the land was when the MZ mortgage was registered.
- 19. I believe that a mortgage registered prior to when the first lien arose is entitled to priority but only to a maximum of the value of the land at the time of registration.
  I understand this is set out in section 78(3) of the Construction Lien Act.

- 20. I have been provided with a copy of a Statement of Claim that Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation commenced as the Plaintiff against MarshallZehr Group Inc. as a Defendant in Kitchener-Waterloo as Court File No. CV-20-253. A copy of this Statement of Claim is Exhibit "B" to my Affidavit.
- 21. In Exhibit "B" at paragraph 7, Fernwood claimed that MZ first agreed to provide financing for Phase 1 of this project pursuant to a mortgage commitment for a loan of \$13,750,000.00 dated December 5, 2013. It is not indicated whether any of this money was to be used to purchase the land or when this mortgage was actually advanced.
- 22. In paragraph 8 of the Exhibit "B", Fernwood claimed that the start of construction was delayed for approximately a year and the first commitment was amended three times between March 17, 2014, and August 23, 2016.
- 23. It therefore appears that my company's first lien on the property in question may have arose before any portion of the mortgage was advanced by MZ.
- 24. There is no indication in Exhibit "B" what the land value was when the original first mortgage was advanced by MZ..
- 25. In the first report of the Receiver RSM, Tab B, page 87 of the Motion Record (for approval of the sale that is returnable May 10, 2021), the Receiver reported that the first mortgage in favour of MZ was registered on September 20, 2016. This was almost six months after my company started work onsite on March 30, 2016.

- 26. It therefore appears that the MZ mortgage was registered after the first lien arose in respect of the improvements and therefore the lien claimants have priority over the mortgage to the extent of any deficiency in the holdbacks required to be retained by the owners under PART IV of the Construction Lien Act (Section 78(5) Construction Lien Act).
- 27. It appears that Fernwood did not hold back any monies with respect to the improvements made at Tab B, page 90, paragraph 20 of the First Report of the Receiver, there is a statement that Fernwood had a total of \$22.01 in its bank as of February 28, 2020. It therefore appears that the lien claimants have priority over the mortgage up to the full amount of the holdbacks that Fernwood should have retained, being 10% of the total cost of construction on the property.
- 28. There does not appear to have been any attempt by RSM or its independent counsel to determine what the amount of the construction lien holdbacks should have been retained by the owner.
- 29. It therefore appears that the holdback amount that should have been retained by the owner is equal to as much as 10% of the monies advanced to it by MZ. Based upon the face value of this original mortgage, the holdback amount could be as much as 10% of the face value of the mortgage or 10% of \$15,450.000.00, for a total holdback of \$1,545,000.00

## REFINANCING

- 30. In Exhibit "B", paragraph 10, Fernwood claims that MarshallZehr refinanced its existing \$15,450,000.00 mortgage by a second commitment. This second commitment was amended on May 17, 2017, April 17, 2018, and on September 5, 2018. This refinancing was allegedly done to provide additional funds to Fernwood to complete the project.
- 31. As both the first mortgage commitment and the second mortgage commitment were building mortgages intended to secure the financing of improvements on the property, I claim my construction lien has priority over that mortgage to the extent of any deficiency by the owner in retaining holdback monies. I submit that this in effect increased the holdback the owner was required to retain by another \$450,000.00 or 10% of the increase in the mortgage from \$15,450,000.00 to \$19,950,000.00, an increase of \$4,500,000.00 (\$4,500,000.00 x .10 = \$450,000.00).
- 32. It therefore appears that there should be priority to the perfected lien claimants of up to \$1,950,000.00 unless the mortgages were not fully advanced to the borrowers.

## **ISSUES RE: ADVANCES**

33. Fernwood has claimed in its Statement of Claim that MZ had additional security other than its mortgages. This included a General Assignment of Leases and Rents as well as a General Security Agreement and Personal Guarantees (paragraph 13). I do not know how much of the mortgage advance was used to pay costs associated with this other security.

- 34. Fernwood further has claimed in paragraph 19 of its Statement of Claim, Exhibit "B" to my Affidavit that MZ failed or refused to advance funds under its mortgage (paragraph 19).
- 35. Fernwood further alleges that MZ interfered with the project and in particular the marketing and rental of units. This included requiring Fernwood to make the payment of \$991,240.18 inclusive of H.S.T. to Keller, Williams, a Real Estate Broker that had been the listing agent and property manager of the property for Fernwood until MZ demanded that Fernwood replace Keller, Williams with another company known as Pensio Group.
- 36. It therefore appears that at least \$991,240.18 of the mortgage advance that was borrowed to pay for improvements were not actually used for improvements and were instead used to enable MZ to replace Keller, Williams with another agent of their choice.
- 37. Fernwood claimed that MZ required it to enter into a contract with the Pensio Group of Companies and that Pensio received all rent income from the condo units still owned by Fernwood from January 1, 2018. This was despite the fact that some of the mortgage monies were used to pay rental insurance premiums to Pensio on unsold units. Fernwood claims that but for MZ demands the money could have been used to pay for construction purposes (paragraph 28, Exhibit "B").
- 38. It therefore appears that much of the MZ mortgage loans that were supposed to be used to pay for construction work were not used for improvements and were in fact used for MZ's purposes.

- 39. MZ allegedly has a long standing relationship with Pensio and Fernwood has claimed MZ interfered with this project to advance its own interests and those of Pensio at the expense of the lien claimants (paragraph 34-45, Exhibit "B").
- 40. It therefore appears that well over \$1,000,000.00 of the mortgage advance was paid out for purposes other than making improvements and these monies were paid out as MZ directed for its own benefit.
- 41. I therefore claim that MZ was more than just a mortgagee on this project. I claim that MZ fits within the definition of an owner under section 1(1) of the *Construction Lien Act* in that MZ had an interest in the land, that it requested certain improvements to the mortgaged premises and because the improvements were made upon the credit of MZ, with the privity and consent of MZ and for its direct benefit.
- 42. I therefore claim that MZ as a mortgagee has committed acts of an owner and has therefore lost any priority it had over the lien claimants including my company.
- 43. My lawyer specifically asked counsel for the Receiver to obtain and provide the details of all advances under the mortgage.
- 44. My lawyer wrote in an email to Mr. Jeff Larry dated January 26, 2021, in which my lawyer asked for evidence of the advances paid out. A copy of this email is attached at Tab M. page 209-212. Another copy is reproduced as Exhibit "C" to my Affidavit.
- 45. In response on February 4, 2021, Mr. Larry provided a Preliminary Trust Advance Statement that indicated that a total of \$12,695,000.00 was expected to be advanced to Fernwood by MZ by December 15, 2016. It appears that \$11,917.503.09

of this amount was to be paid to MarshallZehr to pay out an existing mortgage. The date of that earlier mortgage does not appear to be identified. A further \$513,063.27 of the mortgage was withheld by MZ in trust. A copy of a document from Mr. Larry attached to his email letter dated February 4, 2021, that refers to these amounts is Exhibit "D" to my Affidavit.

- 46. Mr. Larry also sent my lawyer another document as an attachment to his email of February 4, 2021, that indicates there was an advance to Fernwood was on December 12, 2016. A copy of this document that indicates that \$8,730,000.00 was advanced to Fernwood on December 12, 2016, is Exhibit "E" to my Affidavit. It is not clear if this was the value of the land at the time of the original advance.
- 47. However, since my company first started work on site on March 30, 2016, it appears that none of the advances were actually advanced before my company's construction lien arose.
- 48. I note that Mr. Larry has tried to suggest that my construction lien was registered out of time. I believe there is no reasonable basis for this claim. I question why Mr. Larry made this allegation without first requesting information from me or my counsel.
- 49. I therefore do not believe that the Receiver has acted reasonably in dealing with my company's lien claim. I therefore ask for leave to proceed with my law suit in which I claim priority over MarshallZehr 's mortgage. I also ask that this lien action proceed in Barrie.

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT DUNCAN

50. I am also opposed to any request by RSM for payment of its fees claimed for its

work or for payment of its counsel's legal costs. I believe they have failed to carry out

their responsibilities to the creditors of Fernwood in an even handed and reasonable

manner and that they have claimed a great deal in fees which I claim are excessive and

unreasonable.

51. I do not oppose the transfer of the property by a Vesting Order provided that the

full amount of my lien claim plus security for my costs are paid into Court.

52. I therefore ask for an Order requiring RSM or Fernwood to pay monies into Court

the amount of \$251,700.49 and I ask for an Order lifting the stay and granting my

company leave to continue my construction lien action at Barrie.

53. I also ask for an Order requiring RSM to pay my costs of this motion and for

having to have my counsel participate in this Commercial Court Application in an

amount to be fixed and payable forthwith.

I make this Affidavit for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the

City of Barrie, in the County of Simcoe,

this 5 day of May, 2021

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

PAUL J. DAFFERN.

**Robert Duncan** 

This is **Exhibit "A"** referred to in the Affidavit of **Robert Duncan** sworn before me this 5th day of May, 2021.

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.

## PAUL J. DAFFERN

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July 24, 2020

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Dear Sir:

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(Ontario) Corporation, et al.

RE: Barrie Court File No. CV-20-0000641-0000

My File No. 5204

My Client: 1267989 Ontario Inc. o/a Duncan Drywall

Your Client: RSM, Receiver for Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation

Mr. Sam Rappos of Chaitons LLP wrote an email to me on July 3, 2020 asking me to send you documentation and information regarding the work my client did on lands owned by Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation ("Fernwood") in support of my client's claim for lien. My client is prepared to do this on a without prejudice basis to its rights to seek leave to proceed with its claims in court.

My client was a drywall contractor and it first started work on Fernwood Developments site on March 30, 2016. This was work on Building 5. Work on Building 6 began on April 28, 2016. Work on the sales pavilion began in May 2016. Work on Building 3 began April 17, 2017 and on Building 4 on June 4, 2017.

My client's last date on site was on January 30, 2020. It was on this date my client demobilized from Fernwood's lands. My client left the site after Jordan Zukowski advised that Fernwood was unable to arrange for additional financing to pay my client and to complete the project.

My client was owed \$178,195.00 plus HST as of January 30, 2020 not including the costs of demobilizing from the site.

My client registered its Claim for Lien on March 5, 2020 as Instrument No. SC1666408 in the LRO at Barrie. The amount claimed was \$178,195.00. A copy of that document is attached.

My client electronically issued a Statement of Claim, Barrie Court File NO. CV-20-00000641-0000 on April 7, 2020. A copy of the Statement of Claim is also attached. In the Statement of Claim my client added RSM Canada Limited and Marshall Zehr Group Inc. as defendants. My client claimed priority over Marshall Zehr Group Inc.'s mortgage. My client further claimed \$275,573.92 plus HST on \$188,195.00.

My client claims that \$188,195.00 was the balance it was owed after demobilization as well as interest at 2 per cent per month calculated monthly as per the interest rate specified for overdue accounts that Fernwood is liable to pay. The demobilization claim is for \$10,000.00 plus HST.

The Plaintiff also issued a Certificate of Action on April 7, 2020 to perfect its lien claim. The Certificate was registered as Instrument No. SC1673183 registered in the LRO at Barrie.

After this Certificate was registered the Statement of Claim was served on RSM and on Marshall Zehr Group Inc. RSM consented to the commencement of this action and to my client taking the necessary steps to perfect its lien claim. But RSM did not consent to this action proceeding further. This consent was given in writing on April 17, 2020. Neither a Statement of Defence nor a Notice of Intent to Defend was served by any of the Defendants.

Mr. Sam Rappos of Chaiton's LLP then communicated with me about discontinuing my client's action against RSM. My client agreed to do so and RSM consented to this discontinuance on a without costs basis. The Notice of Discontinuance is dated April 21, 2020.

Mr. Rappos formally admitted service of my client's Statement of Claim on behalf of the Defendants on April 20, 2020, the day before my client discontinued against RSM. A copy of this admission of service is also enclosed.

In my review of affidavits sworn in the Receivership Application made in the Commercial Court at Toronto, I read that Marshall Zehr Group ("MZG") originally granted a mortgage over Fernwood's lands in 2013. That mortgage was for \$15,000,000.00 and was registered as Instrument No. SC110734 in the LRO at Barrie. I have not enclosed a

copy of that mortgage. A copy of it may be found at page 85 of the January 31, 2020 Application Record in Toronto Court File CV-20-00635523-00 CL. However the Affidavit of Murray Snedden indicates that this mortgage was amended three times between December 5, 2013 and August 23, 2016.

The mortgage was divided into different Tranches. It is also clear that construction had started on site before this mortgage was fully advanced. Mr. Snedden deposed at Page 12, paragraph 8 that MZG provided financing to purchase the land, service the property and to complete construction of the development on the property. It therefore appears that the construction lien rights arose before the original mortgage was advanced.

In addition, it appears clear that MZG was required to maintain a 10 per cent Construction Lien Holdback from all advances under the mortgage from the time of the first advance. Therefore there should be more than sufficient holdback monies available to pay my client in full together with its legal costs.

It is also clear that MZG agreed to refinance the mortgage by September 20, 2016. (Pages 28-68) of Application Record dated January 31, 2020. At page 30 of the Record that the initial advance on the refinancing was for \$15,180,000.00 to pay out the original mortgage loan.

The mortgage was amended again on May 17, 2017 to increase the mortgage to \$19,950,000.00. This also increased the mortgage funding for hard construction costs from \$10,000,000.00 to \$14,553,653.00. This offer was accepted on May 18, 2017. Therefore the Construction Lien Holdback should have been \$1,995,000.00 as of May 18, 2017.

I further note that MZG's counsel relied upon the September 20, 2016 Commitment Letter in its demand letter dated January 21, 2020 to Fernwood to demand repayment of a \$19.95 million dollar loan from the borrower (page 267 January 31, 2020 Application Record).

Mr. Snedden also deposed in his Affidavit sworn on January 30, 2020 in support of MZG's Application to have RSM appointed as Fernwood's Receiver, at page 12 of the Record, page 3 of the Affidavit, paragraph 10.

"By September 2016, the development was site plan approved and the construction of the development was underway."

Mr. Snedden goes on to depose that it was apparent by September 2016 that Fernwood needed to borrow more money to finance this construction and that is why the mortgage was amended by the Commitment Letter dated "September 20, 2016" Page 12, Paragraph 11.

As you know MZG made a motion returnable on July 7, 2020 in which it sought approval of the first report of the Receiver dated June 20, 2020. Your client's first report is at Tab 2 of the MZG and RSM Motion Record dated July 1, 2020. The motion also sought court approval of a sale process. Your client reported at page 6 of its first report, paragraph 12.

MZG provided a \$19.95 M mortgage loan pursuant to a Commitment letter dated September 20, 2016 as amended.

I believe that it is clear from reading your client's first report that no construction lien holdback was held back by MZG and/or by Fernwood. At paragraph 20 of the report your client indicated the bank balance in Fernwood's bank account was an overdraft of \$22.01 when RSM first contacted that bank.

It also appears that there has never been any dispute by Fernwood to the amounts invoiced by my client. Fernwood was actively trying to arrange for a refinancing to pay my client up to January 2020.

I have numerous back up documents for the amounts my client has invoiced including invoices from suppliers as well as time sheets for employees who worked on the buildings that were not completed. If you would like to review these documents, copies will be made available provided you undertake to pay for these copies. The estimated cost is approximately \$500.00 plus HST to have my law clerk scan and email the documents.

Perhaps it would be simpler for you to verify with Mr. Irwin Duncan, counsel for Fernwood that his client does not dispute my client's claims. Jordan Zukowski admitted in writing that my client was owed \$190,695.00 as of November 28, 2018. A copy of letter of direction re funds is enclosed.

I also enclose copies of the contracts dated April 17, 2017 and May 30, 2018.

I would also point out that Jordan Zukowski provided a cheque to my client on September 6, 2019 for \$85,000.00 that was apparently returned by his bank.

Also the first invoice my client issued was invoice number 2387 dated April 21, 2016 for \$40,680.00 which was paid on or about May 18, 2016. Your client should be able to locate that cheque in Fernwood's bank records. My client was advised at some point that the townhouse project was changed to Georgian Meadow but the original name was Barrie School House.

If you would like more documentation please advise me at your earliest convenience. However I want to make clear that my client will claim additional costs for any additional work either I or my law clerk's must do if you request additional documents such as copies of supplier's invoices, worker's time sheets and invoices.

I believe there is ample evidence to substantiate my client's claims. I have not attempted to provide you with a total for my client's legal costs to date. However I submit my client is entitled to claim a security interest for costs up to \$50,000.00 in this case because 25% of the lien claim exceeds \$50,000.00. At this point I expect my client's claim for legal costs will be approximately \$25,000.00 plus HST and disbursements. The disbursements are expected to be in the range of \$1,500.00. I was called to the Bar in 1988 and have been practising law for 32 years.

My client claims priority over MZG's mortgage for the full amount of its lien claim of \$188,195.00 plus HST and costs to be agreed upon or determined by the Court.

My client also claims prejudgment interest on its claim from MZG from January 30, 2020, the last day my client's forces were on site.

My client offers to limit its interest claim on a without prejudice basis to my client's claims against the officers and directors of Fernwood for breach of trust of the Construction Lien Holdback and Trust provisions. My client's claim against the officers and directors would be made in a separate proceeding that your client would not be a party to, if my client decides to pursue those claims.

Yours very truly,

PJD/dv

Encl.

CC:

client

#### Schedule "B"

LRO# 5" Construction Lien

Receipted as SC 1666408 55 2070 03.08 at 15.38

The applicant(s) hereby applies to the Land Registrar

### Properties

PART OF BLOCK 6, PLAN 51M983, PART 3 PLAN 51R40027, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 AS IN SC1189600 TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1354411, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO 420 AS IN SC1354411, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO 420 AS IN SC1496430:

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD

CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1496430: CITY OF BARRIE

Address BARRIE

#### Consideration

Consideration

\$178,195.00

#### Claimant(s)

Name

1267989 ONTARIO INC

Address for Service

1160 Snow Valley Road

Minesing, ON L9X 1J4

I am the lien claimant and the facts stated in the claim for lien are true

I, Cory West, Vice President, have the authority to bind the corporation

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

#### Statements

Name and Address of Owner Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation, 490 York Road, Building E, Unit 1, Guelph, ON INTE 6V1 Name and address of person to whom lien claimant supplied services or materials Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation, 490 York Road, Building E, Unit 1, Guelph. ON IN1E 6V1 Time within which services or materials were supplied from 2017/04/17 to 2020/01/30 Short description of services or materials that have been supplied drywall installation and related services. Contract price or subcontract price 240,000.00 plus HST Amount claimed as owing in respect of services or materials that have been supplied 178,195.00

The lien claimant claims a lien against the interest of every person identified as an owner of the premises described in said PIN to this lien Schedule. The Lien Claimant is 1267989 Ontario Inc. carrying on business as Duncan Drywall

#### Signed By

Fax

Dawn Dianna Viveiros

48 High St

acting for Applicant(s) 2020 03 05

Barrie

L4N 1W4

I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Applicant(s)

#### Submitted By

PAUL J DAFFERN & ASSOCIATES

705-725-9670

705-725-8764

#### Fees/Taxes/Payment

at 14:52

The applicant(s) hereby applies to the Land Registrar.

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#### **Properties**

PIN

58831 - 1862 LT

Description

PART OF BLOCK 6, PLAN 51M983, PART 3 PLAN 51R40027; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 AS IN SC1189600; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1354411; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 420 AS IN SC1354411; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 420 AS IN SC1496430;

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD

CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1496430; CITY OF BARRIE

Address

## Party From(s)

1267989 ONTARIO INC.

Address for Service

1160 Snow Valley Road

Minesing, ON L9X 1J4

I, Rob Duncan, have the authority to bind the corporation.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

#### Statements

This document relates to registration number(s)SC1666408

Schedule: See Schedules

#### Signed By

Dawn Dianna Viveiros

48 High St.

acting for

Party From(s)

Signed 2020 04 07

Barrie L4N 1W4

Tel

Fax

705-725-9670 705-725-8764

I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Party From(s).

## Submitted By

PAUL J DAFFERN & ASSOCIATES

48 High St.

2020 04 07

Barrie L4N 1W4

Tel Fax 705-725-9670 705-725-8764

#### Fees/Taxes/Payment

Statutory Registration Fee

\$65.05

Total Paid

\$65.05



Court File No./N° du dossier du greffe: CV-20-0000641-0000

## ATE OF ACTION UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ACT

Construction Act

Court	File	No

#### **ONTARIO**

Electronically issued Délivré par voie électronique Barrie

: 07-Apr-2020

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

Plaintiff(s)

(court seal)

and
FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION, RSM CANADA
LIMITED and MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC.

1267989 ONTARIO INC. o/a DUNCAN DRYWALL

Defendant(s)

#### CERTIFICATE OF ACTION

I certify that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Justice under the *Construction Act* between the above parties in respect of the premises described in Schedule A to this certificate, and relating to the claim(s) for lien bearing the following registration numbers:

SC1666408

Date: April 7, 2020

(registrar or local registrar)

#### SCHEDULE A

Description of premises:

PIN:

58831-1862 LT

Description: PART OF BLOCK 6, PLAN 51M983, PART 3 PLAN 51R40027; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 AS IN SC1189600; TOGETHER WITH AN EASMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1354411; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 420 AS IN SC1354411; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 420 AS IN SC1496430; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1496430; CITY OF BARRIE

Address:

Barrie

(The description of the premises must be the same as in the statement of claim, and must be sufficient for registration under the Land Titles Act or the Registry Act, as the case may be.)





Court File No.

## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

Electronically issued Délivré par voie électronique : 07-Apr-2020 Barrie

HE MATTER OF the Construction Lien Act. RSO 1990 c C 30 as amended

BETWEEN

1267989 ONTARIO INC o/a DUNCAN DRYWALL

Plaintiff/Contractor

-and-

FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION. RSM CANADA LIMITED and MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC.

Defendants

#### STATEMENT OF CLAIM

### TO THE DEFENDANTS

A LEGAL PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED AGAINST YOU by the Plaintiff. The claim made against you is set out in the following pages.

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, you or an Ontario lawyer acting for you must prepare a Statement of Defence in Form 18A prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, serve it on the Plaintiff's lawyer or, where the Plaintiffs does not have a lawyer, serve it on the Plaintiff and file it, with proof of service in this court office, WITHIN TWENTY DAYS after this Statement of Claim is served on you, if you are served in Ontario.

If you are served in another province or territory of Canada or in the United States of America, the period for serving and filing your Statement of Defence is forty days. If you are served outside Canada and the United States of America, the period is sixty days

Instead of serving and filing a Statement of Defence, you may serve and file a Notice of Intent to Defend in Form 18B prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure This will entitle you to ten more days within which to serve and file your Statement of

IF YOU FAIL TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING. JUDGMENT MAY BE GIVEN AGAINST YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING BUT ARE UNABLE TO PAY LEGAL FEES. LEGAL AID MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY CONTACTING A LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE.

(Where the claim made is for money only include the following)

IF YOU PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM, and \$5,000.00 for costs, within the time for serving and filing your Statement of Defence you may move to have this proceeding dismissed by the court. If you believe the amount claimed for costs is excessive, you may pay the Plaintiff's claim and \$400.00 for costs and have the costs assessed by the court.

TAKE NOTICE: THIS ACTION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISMISSED if it has not been set down for trial or terminated by any means within five years after the action was commenced unless otherwise ordered by the court.

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Issued by \_\_\_\_\_\_Local Registrar

Local Registra

Address of court office: 75 Mulcaster Street Barrie, Ontario L4M 3P2

TO:

FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION

490 York Road, Building E, Unit 1

Guelph, Ontario N1E 6V1

Defendant

AND TO:

RSM CANADA LIMITED

11 King Street West Suite 700. Box 27

Toronto, Ontario M5H 4C7

Defendant

Court File No./N° du dossier du greffe: CV-20-00000641-0000

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AND TO:

MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC.

465 Phillip Street Suite 206 Waterloo, Ontario N2L 6C7

Defendant

#### CLAIM

- The Plaintiff 1267989 Ontario Inc. o/a Duncan Drywall, hereinafter referred to as ("Duncan Drywall") claims.
  - a) Payment of \$272 573.92 plus HST on \$188 195.00;
  - b) Prejudgment interest from February 12, 2020 at the rate of 2% per month calculated monthly in accordance with the terms of a contract between the Plaintiff and Fernwood Development (Ontario) Corporation.
  - c) Postjudgment interest at the rate of 2% per month in accordance with the contract between the Plaintiff Contractor and the Defendant Owner.
  - d) A Construction Lien on the Premises described in a Construction Lien registered by the Plaintiff of March 5, 2020, as instrument number SC1666408 on the Owner's lands and buildings known by Property ID number 58831-1862LT and as further described in further detail in Schedule A to the Statement of Claim.
  - e) An Order for the sale of the Defendant's lands in order to pay the Plaintiff's Construction Lien and such further directions as may be required to pay the Plaintiff's Construction Lien.
  - f) An Order granting the Plaintiff priority over the Defendant Mortgagee's mortgage registered as Instrument SC1107324 in favour of MarshallZehr Group Inc
  - g) An Order granting the Plaintiff priority over the claims of RSM Canada Limited the Receiver Manger of the Defendant Owner Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation

- In the alternative, prejudgment and postjudgment interest in accordance with the provisions of the Courts of Justice Act. R.S.O. 1990, c.C.43, as amended
- 11 Costs of this action
- Such further relief as this Honourable Court deems just
- The Plaintiff was at all material times a drywall and taping contractor that operates in Springwater, Ontario and that contracted directly with the Defendant Owner, Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation to install drywall and tape in a stacked townhouse phased condominium complex for residential purposes under the Condominium Act, 1998 (Ontario) known by the project name "School House Barrie" (formerly known as "Georgian Meadows").
- The Defendant Owner, Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation "the Owner" was at all material times a land developer and construction company that operated from offices in Guelph, Ontario.
- The Defendant RSM Canada Limited "the Receiver" was appointed as the Receiver Manger of the Owner by a Court Order made in the Commercial Court at Toronto on February 12, 2020 pursuant to an unopposed Application made by MarshallZehr Group Inc.
- The Defendant MarshallZehr Group Inc. holds a mortgage on the Defendant Owner's lands with a face value of \$15,000,000 00. MarshallZehr Group Inc. "the mortgagee" claimed in its Application to have a Receiver appointed that it is owed approximately \$24,000 000 00 on its mortgage
- The Plaintiff provided construction materials and services to the Owner from April 17, 2017 until January 30, 2020 when the Owner admitted that it could not pay the Plaintiff for the services and materials it had provided

- The Plaintiff invoiced the Owner for \$178,195,00, plus HST, that wasn't paid for prior to January 30, 2020 that had not been paid by the Owner. Although the Owner made some payments there was still a balance of \$178,195,00 plus HST owed as of January 30, 2020.
- The Plaintiff provided another \$10,000 00 plus HST on services that were not billed for by January 30, 2020 when the Plaintiff demobilized from the Owner's project site.
- These services included preparation and planning work done off site that added value to the Owner's lands.
- On or about January 30, 2020 the President of the Owner, Jordan Zurkowski, informed Mr. Robert Duncan, the President of the Plaintiff, that the Owner's attempts to refinance and/or sell the project had failed and that the Owner would not be able to pay the Plaintiff for the balance owed on the invoices.
- 11. On February 12, 2020 MarshallZehr Group Inc. brought an Application in the Commercial Court at Toronto to have RSM Canada Limited appointed as the Receiver Manager of the Owner
- MarshallZehr Group Inc.'s Application gave evidence to the Commercial Court on this by way of an Affidavit sworn by the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of the Mortgagee, sworn on January 30, 2020, that the Mortgagee was owed approximately \$24,000,000,00 and that it had amended its mortgage by letter agreements dated May 17, 2017. April 17, 2018 and on September 5, 2018 increasing the loan to \$19.95 Million Dollars which was more than a year after the Plaintiff commenced work on the Owner's project.

- The Plaintiff therefore claims priority pursuant to the Construction Lien Act over MarshailZehr Group Inc 's mortgage and any claims against the Owner's land made by RSM Canada Limited.
- The Plaintiff claims it is entitled to a Construction Lien for \$178,195.00 plus HST and its costs and for all other relief necessary to recover the monies owed on this lien, including an Order for priority and for sale and for all necessary directions by the Court to recover its lien monies.
- The Plaintiff claims that the Owner agreed to pay it two (2) per cent per month in interest on any invoice not paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice. The interest on these overdue accounts was \$76,354.65 as of February 12, 2020. The Plaintiff therefore claims this interest as well as the amounts claimed in its Construction Lien and the amount owed for unbilled work done up to January 30, 2020.
- The Plaintiff further claims prejudgment and postjudgment interest on its lien claim and on the balance owed to it for unbilled work as of January 30, 2020.
- 17. The Plaintiff further claims prejudgment interest and postjudgment interest in accordance with the terms of its contract with the Owner at 2% per year both before and after Judgment.
- The Plaintiff claims, in the alternative, prejudgment and postjudgment interest in accordance with the provisions of the *Courts of Justice Act.* R.S.O. 1990, c.C.43 as amended
- The Plaintiff further claims leave to issue and register a Certificate of Action and to register it on title to the Plaintiff's lands identified by Property Identification Number (PIN) 58831-1882(LT) as described in Schedule A to this Statement of Claim.

- The Plaintiff further claims its costs of this action and with respect to the registration of its Construction Lien dated January 30, 2020, a copy of which is attached as Schedule B to the Statement of Claim.
- 21 The Plaintiff claims this relief from the Defendants on a joint and several basis
- The Plaintiff proposes that this action be tried at Barrie. Simcoe County

Date: April 7, 2020

PAUL J. DAFFERN LAW FIRM Barristers & Solicitors 48 High Street Barrie, Ontario L4N 1W4

PAUL J. DAFFERN LSO#28383M Tel: 705-725-9670 Fax: 705-725-8764 paul.daffern@daffernlaw.com

Lawyer for the Plaintiff/Contractor

#### SCHEDULE "A"

Description of Premises:

PIN-

58831-1862 LT

Description: PART OF BLOCK 6, PLAN 51M983, PART 3 PLAN 51R40027; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 AS IN SC1189600: TOGETHER WITH AN EASMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1354411, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 420 AS IN SC1354411: SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 3 PLAN 51R40027 IN FAVOUR OF SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 420 AS IN SC1496430; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER COMMON ELEMENTS SIMCOE STANDARD CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 420 AS IN SC1496430: CITY OF BARRIE

Address:

Barrie

## Properties

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#### Consideration

\$178 195 00

#### Claimant(s)

Address for Service

Name

1267989 ONTARIO INC.

1160 Snow Valley Road

Minesing, ON L9X 1J4

I am the lien claimant and the facts stated in the claim for lien are true

1, Cory West, Vice President, have the authority to bind the corporation.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

#### Statements

Name and Address of Owner Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation, 490 York Road, Building E, Unit 1, Guelph, ON N1E 6V1 Name and address of person to whom lien claimant supplied services or materials Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation, 490 Yark Road, Building E, Unit 1, Guelph, ON IN1E 6V1 Time within which services or materials were supplied from 2017/04/17 to 2020/01/30 Short description of services or materials that have been supplied drywall installation and related services. Contract price or subcontract price 240,000.00 plus HST Amount claimed as owing in respect of services or materials that have been supplied 178,195.00 plus HST

The flen claimant claims a lien against the interest of every person identified as an owner of the premises described in said PIN to this lien Schedule: The Lien Claimant is 1267989 Ontario Inc. carrying on business as Duncan Drywall

#### Signed By

Dawn Dianna Viveiros

48 High St Barrie

acting for Applicant(s) Signed 2020 03 05

Tel 705-725-9670 705-725-8764

I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Applicant(s)

#### Submitted By

#### Fees/Taxes/Payment

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Court File No./N° du dossier du greffe: CV-20-0000641-0000 FERNWOOD DEVELORINGING (UNIANIC) CONFUNATION BED

Court File No

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE ONTARIO

PROCEEDING COMMENCED AT

BARRIE

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

PAUL J. DAFFERN LAW FIRM

Barristers & Solicitors

Barrie, Ontario L4N 1W4 48 High Street

PAUL J. DAFFERN LSO#28383M

Tel: 705-725-9670 Fax: 705-725-8764

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Lawyer for the Plaintiff/Contractor

#### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, as amended

BETWEEN:

#### 1267989 ONTARIO INC. o/a DUNCAN DRYWALL

Plaintiff/Contractor

-and-

#### FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION, RSM CANADA LIMITED and MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC.

Defendants

#### NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE

The plaintiff wholly discontinues this action as against the Defendant, RSM Canada Limited, without costs.

Date: April 21, 2020

#### PAUL J. DAFFERN LAW FIRM

Barristers & Solicitors 48 High Street Barrie, Ontario L4N 1W4

#### PAUL J. DAFFERN

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Lawyer for the Plaintiff/Contractor

TO: CHAITONS LLP

5000 Yonge Street, 10th Floor Toronto, Ontario M2N 7E9

#### SAM RAPPOS

LSO #51399S

Tel: (416) 218-1137 Fax: (416) 218-1844 samr@chaitons.com

Lawyer for the Defendant, RSM Canada Limited

NOTE: If there is a counterclaim, the defendant should consider rule 23.02, under which the counterclaim may be deemed to be discontinued.

NOTE: If there is a crossclaim or third party claim, the defendant should consider rule 23.03, under which the crossclaim or third party claim may be deemed to be dismissed.

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# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

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BARRIE

# NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE

## PAUL J. DAFFERN LAW FIRM Barristers & Solicitors 48 High Street Barrie, Ontario L4N 1W4

## PAUL J. DAFFERN

LSO#28383M Tel: 705-725-9670 Fax: 705-725-8764 paul.daffern@daffernlaw.com

Lawyer for the Plaintiff/Contractor

Service of a true copy of the Statement of Claim is accepted on behalf of the Defendants this

20th day of April, 2020.

per: Sam Rappos Chaitons LLP

Lawyers for the Defendants



November 30, 2018

1267989 Ontario Inc. (Duncan Drywall) 1160 Snow Valley Road Minesing, Ontario L9X 1J4

Re:

Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation Simcoe Standard Condominium Plan No. 420 Sales of 17 Units, School House, Barrie

242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252 Penetanguishene Road, City of Barrie

In connection with the above-noted transactions to be completed between January 9, 2019 to January 31, 2019, we confirm receipt of the enclosed executed Letter of Direction. Re Funds, dated November 30, 2018 and signed by Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation.

We trust that you find the above to be in order.

Yours very truly, SMITHVALERIOTE LAW FIRM LLP

Lisa M. Gazzola, B.A., LL.B.

LMG/cg

Enclosure

direct line: 519-821-0014

email: lgazzola@smithvaleriote.com assistant: cgreer@smithvaleriote.com

Reply to Guelph Office: [X]

MARKIG ADDRESS

P.O. Box 1240, Guelph, ON N1H 6N6

ADDRESS

105 Silvercreek Pkwy. N., Suite 100, Guelph, ON N1H 6S4 T 519 837 2100 TF 800 746 0685 F 519 837 1617 Reply to Fergus/Elora Office:

transfer appear

P.O. Box 128, Fergus, ON N1M 2W7

ANGRES

294 East Mill Street, Unit 108, Centre Wellington, ON NOB 150 T 519 843 1960 F 519 843 6888 To:

Lisa Gazzola

SmithValeriote Law

105 Silvercreek Pkwy N #100

Guelph, ON N1H 6S4

Re:

Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation

School House, Barrie

242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252 Penetanguishene Road, Barrie

#### Letter of Direction Re Funds

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to pay out of the net sales funds of 17 Inventory Units remaining at 242, 244, 246, 248 Penetanguishene Road, Barrie Ontario, all scheduled to close between Jan 9th 2019 to Jan 31, 2019, the sum of monies up to \$190,695.00 Cdn Dollars (based upon invoices presented) to 1267989 Ontario Inc., operating as Duncan Drywall, 1160 Snow Valley Road, Minesing Ontario L9X 1J4, Ontario and this shall serve as your good and sufficient authority for so doing.

DATED at Guelph, Ontario this 28th day of November, 2018

Fernwood Developments (Ontario)

Corporation

Jordan Zukowski

President, I have authority to bind the

Corporation



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Date	May 29, 2018
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To: Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corpor

5556 5th Line Rockwood,

Phone: 513-362-0543

The Following Work:

School House Bldg #1

The following price is to supply and install materials as per Rob's site visit:

SUPPLY AND INSTALL ALL INSULATION, DRYWALL AND TAPE INCLUDING BOXING, BIN SUPPLIED BY OTHERS

\$240,000.00

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUOTE THIS JOB

PRICES ARE GOOD FOR 30 DAYS, AFTER 30 DAYS PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO MATERIAL AND/OR LABOUR INCREASES

Notes: \*Price is based on all work being completed in 1 phase. If return trips are required due to areas not ready, all return trips will be on a time and material basis at an hourly rate of \$50/hour/man plus travel.

AUTHORIZED BY: Jordan

ON BEHALF OF: Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation

ESTIMATOR: Robert Duncan

Total: \$240,000.00 \*Applicable Taxes

#### STATUTORY DECLARATION

CANADA	1		)	IN THE MATTER OF
PROVIN	CE OF ONTARIO	)	Deve	a Contract between Fernwood lopments (Ontario) Corporation ("Fernwood) and
			j	company name (the "Contractor")
I, Robyn D	uncan , of Barrie			_, in the Province of Ontario
(nam	e)	(city)		
DO SOLE	EMNLY DELARE THAT:			
1.	I am the General Manager			(position – Owner, President, General Manager etc.)
	of the Contractor oper	ating a	S Dunca	n Drywall, a
	contractor to Fernwo	ood or	the (	Georgian Meadows construction project
	located in Barrie, Onta	rio (th	e "Proj	ect").
2.				the Contractor in respect of the Project.
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	there are no monies or	utstand	ling.	
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Bryony Buchanen, a Commissioner, etc., Province of Ontario, for the Barrie Construction Association. Expires Fobruary 11, 2022.

A Commissioner, etc.

#### **Independent Sub- Contractor Agreement**

The School House, Barrie Ontario

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of
This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of day of
(the "Effective Date") between FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION (the
"Company"), a limited liability company existing under the laws of the Province of Ontario and having Its
principal offices located at 5556 5th Line, Rockwood, ON and
principal offices located at 5556 5th Line, Rockwood, ON and  Duncan Drywall
(the "Contractor")/gellestively the "Parties")

(the "Contractor")(collectively, the "Parties")

WHEREAS, the Company requests the Contractor to perform services as described within the Agreement and may request the Contractor to perform other services in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Contractor desire to enter into this Agreement, which will define the respective rights and duties as to all services to be performed;

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- 11. Indemnification The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its affiliates and it's respective officers, directors, agents and/or employees from any and all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, damage, lawsuits, judgements, including lawyer's' fees and costs, arising out of, or in relation to, the Contractor's services in this Agreement and specified in Schedules attached hereto. This provision shall survive the duration of this Agreement. The Contractor agrees to defend against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, lawsuits, and/or judgements arising out of, or in relation to, the Contractor's services in this Agreement and specified in the Schedules attached hereto, unless expressly stated otherwise by the Company, in writing.
- 12. Duration, Scope and Severability This Agreement shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect indefinitely or until terminated pursuant to Section 11 of this Agreement. The Company may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon forty eight (48) hour notice to the Contractor. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon notice to the breaching party. This Agreement and any Schedules, appendices, duplicates or copies attached hereto, form the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, representations and understandings of any kind, whether written or verbal, between the Parties, preceding the date of this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement duly executed by an authorized representative of each party. If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable for any reason, then such provisions shall be modified to reflect the parties' intention. All remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement. No modifications to this Agreement shall be binding upon the Company without the express, written consent of the Company. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the express consent of the other party.
- 13. Waiver of Rights A Failure or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege in respect of this Agreement will not be presumed to operate as a waiver, and a single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege will not be presumed to preclude any subsequent or further exercise, of that right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

- 14. Agreement in Writing If there is a conflict or discrepancy between any provision added to this Agreement, including any Schedules attached hereto, and any provisions in the standard pre-set portion hereof, the added provision shall supersede the standard pre-set portion to the extent of such conflict or discrepancy. This Agreement including any Schedule attached hereto, shall constitute the entire agreement between the Company and the Contractor. There is no representation, warranty, collateral agreement or condition, which affects this Agreement other than expressed herein. This Agreement shall be read with all changes of gender or number required by the context.
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The Schedules attached hereto form part of this Agreement,

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Per/////	I have the authority to bind the Corporation
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#### Schedule A

#### **Project Scope of Work**

#### **Project Description:**

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#### Start / Completion Dates:

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•	Completion Date: Mid - July 2015	

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- Pursuant to the terms of the Project Financing, all payments on this Project are subject to the statutory 10% construction lien holdback
- · 20% discount on imore if paid within 15-20 days from end of Month.

#### Schedule B

#### **Specifications**

Please attach Specifications for the job here

Block 3

Price as per aude.
# 203,500 plus HST.
\* inclusive

#### Schedule C

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- Block 3 at 254 penetary. Rd. Barrie.
- Dawings Provided via email.

#### Schedule E

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Contractors Signature\_\_\_\_\_

#### Independent Sub- Contractor Agreement

#### The School House, Barrie Ontario

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Duncan Drywall					
the "Contractor")(collectively, the "Parties")					
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### Barrie School House Project All Transactions for Duncan Drywall

**All Transactions** 

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	Туре	Num	Date	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Bill	2387	04/21/2016		40,680.00	40,680.00
	Bill	2409	04/21/2016		40,680.00	81,360.00
	Bill	2410	05/12/2016		92,038.50	173,398.50
	Bill	2411	05/12/2016		50,341.50	223,740.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	1289	05/18/2016	-40,680.00		183,060.00
	Bill	2434	06/14/2016		8,475.00	191,535.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	1303	06/27/2016	-164,754.00		26,781.00
	Bill	2435 - From AR	07/01/2016		11,526.00	38,307.00
	Bill	2444	07/14/2016		77,405.00	115,712.00
	Bill	2443	07/14/2016		27,685.00	143,397.00
	Bill	2466	08/15/2016		9,040.00	152,437.00
	Bill	2468	08/15/2016		19,210.00	171,647.00
	Bill	2467	08/15/2016		9,040.00	180,687.00
	Bill	2469	08/15/2016		10,678.50	191,365.50
	Bill	2470	08/15/2016		17,571.50	208,937.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	1384	08/29/2016	-77,405.00		131,532.00
	Cheque	1414	10/04/2016	-10,000.00		121,532.00
	Bill	2522	11/03/2016		5,435.30	126,967.30
	Cheque	MZ CHQ	12/14/2016	-25,000.00		101,967.30
	Cheque	MZ Chq	01/17/2017	-20,000.00		81,967.30
	Cheque	2277	02/24/2017	-68,000.00		13,967.30
	Bill	2435 add	04/01/2017		13,899.00	27,866.30
	Bill	2436	04/01/2017		5,085.00	32,951.30
	Bill	2628	04/25/2017		28,250.00	61,201.30
	Cheque	2323	05/11/2017	-13,967.30		47,234.00
	Bill	2659	05/23/2017		84,750.00	131,984.00
	Cheque	2331	05/29/2017	-25,425.00		106,559.00
	Bill	2681	06/22/2017		79,100.00	185,659.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	2357	07/06/2017	-71,190.00		114,469.00
	Bill	2709	07/14/2017		67,800.00	182,269.00
	Bill	2708	07/14/2017		37,855.00	220,124.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	2386	08/04/2017	-171,364.50		48,759.50
	Cheque	2412	08/14/2017	-22,340.50		26,419.00
	Bill	2729	08/17/2017		106,220.00	132,639.00
	Bill	2743	09/20/2017		45,200.00	177,839.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	2424	09/29/2017	-95,598.00		82,241.00
	Bill	2758	10/19/2017		29,380.00	111,621.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	2482	01/31/2018	-82,241.00		29,380.00
	Bill Pmt -Cheque	2570	05/11/2018	-29,380.00		0.00
Total				917,345.30	917,345.30	

This is **Exhibit "B"** referred to in the Affidavit of **Robert Duncan** sworn before me this 5th day of May, 2021.

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.



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#### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

#### FERNWOOD DEVELOPMENTS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION

Plaintiff

and

#### MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC.

Defendant

#### STATEMENT OF CLAIM

TO THE DEFENDANT

A LEGAL PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED AGAINST YOU by the Plaintiff. The Claim made against you is set out in the following pages.

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, you or an Ontario lawyer acting for you must prepare a Statement of Defence in Form 18A prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, serve it on the Plaintiff's lawyer or, where the Plaintiff does not have a lawyer, serve it on the Plaintiff, and file it, with proof of service in this court office, WITHIN TWENTY DAYS after this Statement of Claim is served on you, if you are served in Ontario.

If you are served in another province or territory of Canada or in the United States of America, the period for serving and filing your Statement of Defence is forty days. If you are served outside Canada and the United States of America, the period is sixty days.

Instead of serving and filing a Statement of Defence, you may serve and file a Notice of Intent to Defend in Form 18B prescribed by the *Rules of Civil Procedure*. This will entitle you to ten more days within which to serve and file your Statement of Defence.

IF YOU FAIL TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, JUDGMENT MAY BE GIVEN AGAINST YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING BUT ARE UNABLE TO PAY LEGAL FEES, LEGAL AID MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY CONTACTING A LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE.

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TAKE NOTICE: THIS ACTION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISMISSED if it has not been set down for trial or terminated by any means within five years after the action was commenced unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Date _	Issued by	Local Registrar
		85 Frederick Street Kitchener, Ontario N2H 0A7
ТО:	MARSHALLZEHR GROUP INC. 465 Phillip Street, Suite 206 Waterloo, Ontario	

#### **CLAIM**

- 1. The Plaintiff claims:
  - (a) damages in the amount of \$15,000,000;
  - (b) return of the sum of \$2,986,637 paid as lenders' fees, commitment fees, and amendment fees for the loans committed to by the Defendant;
  - (c) an accounting relating to the financing provided or to be provided by the
     Defendant, including all fees, bonuses and charges relating to same;
  - (d) prejudgment interest in accordance with section 128 of the Courts of Justice Act,R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended;
  - (e) postjudgment interest in accordance with section 129 of the Courts of Justice Act,R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended;
  - (f) the costs of this action on a substantial indemnity basis, plus all applicable taxes; and,
  - (g) such further and other relief as to this Honourable Court may seem just.

#### Background

2. The Plaintiff, Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation ("Fernwood"), is a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of Ontario and carries on business as a builder and developer.

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- 3. The Defendant, MarshallZehr Group Inc. ("MZ Group"), is a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of Ontario. It carries on business as a lender, mortgage broker and mortgage administrator. It provides syndicated construction and development financing to land developers throughout Ontario and elsewhere.
- 4. Fernwood acquired lands in the City of Barrie (85 Sydenham Wells, Barrie) to be developed as a 94-unit stacked townhouse phased condominium development known as Georgian Meadows (School House) (the "**Project**"). It was contemplated that the condominium units would be acquired by investors who would in turn rent those units to students attending Georgian College in Barrie.
- 5. The Project was to be constructed in three phases. Phase I was to consist of two, two-storey blocks of 16 units each. Phase II was to consist of two, two-storey blocks of 14 and 16 units. Phase III was to consist of two, two-storey blocks of 16 units each.
- 6. The cost consultant for the Project was Glynn Group Incorporated.

#### The MZ Group Financing

- 7. MZ Group agreed to provide financing for Phase I of the Project in the principal amount of \$13,750,000 pursuant to a Commitment Letter dated December 5, 2013 ("First Commitment"). The loan was secured by a first mortgage on the Project.
- 8. Construction of Phase I was delayed for approximately 12 months because of unexpected building permit issues with the City of Barrie. As result of the delays, the First Commitment was amended on March 17, 2014, July 18, 2016, and August 23, 2016.

- 9. MZ Group issued a further Commitment Letter dated September 20, 2016 (the "Second Commitment", and together with the First Commitment, the "Commitments"), pursuant to which it agreed to lend Fernwood \$15,450,000 to refinance the existing MZ Group loan made pursuant to the First Commitment and to provide funds to complete the Project.
- 10. The Second Commitment was amended by letters dated May 17, 2017, April 17, 2018, and September 5, 2018. Pursuant to the Second Commitment, as amended, the principal amount to be loaned to Fernwood was \$19,950,000. The loan matured on September 1, 2019.
- 11. With respect to the Commitments, Fernwood paid to MZ Group a total sum of approximately \$2,986,637 in what MZ Group characterized as fees, charges and bonuses.
- 12. On the loan funds advanced to Fernwood, MZ Group charged interest rates ranging from 9.5% per annum to 14% per annum. The effective rate of interest taking into account the various additional fees, charges and bonuses taken by MZ Group was approximately 33% per annum.

#### **MZ** Group Security

- 13. Pursuant to the terms of the Second Commitment, MZ Group received security (collectively, the "MZ Group Security") that included the following:
  - (a) a first mortgage on the Project;
  - (b) a General Assignment of Leases and Rents;

- (c) a General Security Agreement; and
- (d) the personal Guarantees of Rudi Zukowski and Jordan Zukowski.
- 14. It was an express or implied term of the Commitments, the MZ Group Security, and all amendments thereto that the parties owed each other a duty of good faith and fair dealing, that MZ Group would act in good faith in respect of the acceleration and enforcement of the MZ Group Security, and that MZ Group would advance funds pursuant to the Commitments in a timely fashion.

#### The Construction Process

- 15. The buildings included in Phase I of the Project are all completed and 24 of the 32 units in that Phase have been sold. The remaining 8 units are owned by Fernwood.
- 16. The buildings in Phase II of the Project have all been completed and 12 of the 30 units have been sold. The remaining 18 units are owned by Fernwood.
- 17. The buildings in Phase III of the Project are partially completed. One building is 95% complete to occupancy (and has been since August 2018) and the other is approximately 50% complete. None of those units have been sold.
- 18. Fernwood is a registered home builder with Tarion New Home Warranty Program, has registered all units in the Project under the Program, and has paid all required security deposits.
- 19. During the course of construction, MZ Group failed or refused to advance funds to Fernwood as agreed under the terms of its Commitments and in accordance with certificates

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issued by the Project cost consultant. In some cases, approved draws were inexplicably delayed for weeks and even months, thereby putting Fernwood in default of its obligations to trades and suppliers and stalling completion of the Project.

20. Fernwood pleads, and the fact is, that MZ Group did not have funds to advance to Fernwood because of financial difficulties it was having with other projects it had committed to financing and with respect to repayment obligations to its investors.

### The Marketing Process

- 21. In late 2016, Fernwood entered into a listing agreement with 2150659 Ontario Inc. c.o.b. Keller Williams Advantage ("Keller Williams"), a real estate broker, to sell units in the Project (the "Listing Agreement"). As part of the Listing Agreement with Keller Williams, it was agreed that rental income insurance would be provided to unit purchasers in order to facilitate unit sales to investors who may be unable to obtain conventional mortgage financing otherwise. In the first instance, this was to be arranged by Ai Guarantee Inc. ("Ai") via RentSure Membership (Canada) Corporation ("Rentsure"), and subsequently came to be provided, directly or indirectly, by Nationwide Rentsure Canada Corporation ("Nationwide").
- 22. In the fall of 2017, MZ Group demanded that Fernwood terminate its relationship with Keller Williams and retain Pensio Real Estate Group Inc. ("Pensio Real Estate") as both listing agent and property manager for the Project.

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- 23. Ai, Nationwide and Rentsure are related companies, and after some or all of Ai, Nationwide and Rentsure encountered financial difficulties, they were succeeded by related companies, ultimately Pensio Property Management Group Inc. (Nationwide, Ai, Rentsure, Pensio Real Estate, Pensio Property Management Group Inc., and their related companies are referred to herein collectively as the "Pensio Group").
- 24. Upon the termination of Keller Williams as listing agent, it made a claim against Fernwood for damages for breach of contract. The matter was litigated pursuant to the arbitration provisions of the Listing Agreement. Although Fernwood defended the damages claim, MZ Group and Pensio Group demanded that Fernwood consent to a settlement that required payment to Keller Williams of the sum of \$991,240.18, inclusive of HST. Keller Williams subsequently obtained Judgment against Fernwood for the outstanding portion of that amount, plus additional costs as fixed by the Court.

### Transfer of Control to Pensio Group

- 25. In late 2017 MZ Group also directed Fernwood to transfer control of the Project and of Fernwood's operations to the Pensio Group (specifically, Nationwide). MZ Group stated that if Fernwood did not transfer control as directed, it would appoint a receiver for the Project. Fernwood's guarantors were also threatened with claims on their guarantees and registration of Certificates of Pending Litigation against their properties.
- 26. MZ Group also represented to Fernwood that Pensio Group had arranged for a bulk sale of the remaining units in the Project (both those that had been constructed and those still to be constructed, totalling 58 units), and that it could conclude this sale in short order (the

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"Bulk Sale"). Fernwood relied on this representation (the "Bulk Sale Representation") in terminating the Listing Agreement with Keller Williams and in transferring control to Pensio Group.

- 27. Fernwood thereafter complied with MZ Group's demands and threats, and executed documentation presented by Pensio Group, whereby control of the Project and Fernwood's operations, including all banking and the collection of rents, was transferred to Pensio Group (specifically, Nationwide).
- 28. With the knowledge, and at the direction, of MZ Group, Pensio Group thereafter took control of all rental income from the Project notwithstanding that MZ Group held a General Assignment of Leases and Rents. Pensio has received all of the rental income from the Project from January 1, 2018, to the present, despite the fact that the rental insurance premiums on unsold units were paid in full in advance out of funds that should have otherwise been advanced by MZ Group for construction purposes. No certificate or policy of insurance has ever been produced to Fernwood by Pensio Group or MZ Group, and no payments have been made under such policies to Fernwood.
- 29. None of the rental income received by Pensio Group has been applied to payments owing by Fernwood to MZ Group pursuant to the Commitments, nor has Fernwood been provided with funds to pay operating expenses related to the Project such as utilities, internet, maintenance, and condominium fees (aside from two discrete occasions where Pensio Group paid the monthly internet and utility expenses).

- 30. In order to pay the expenses referred to in paragraph 29 hereof, the principal of Fernwood advanced approximately \$200,000 in personal funds to Fernwood.
- 31. After the transfer of control to Pensio Group, extensive discussions took place between MZ Group, Pensio Group and the principals of Fernwood with a view to concluding the Bulk Sale that MZ Group represented Pensio Group was in a position to conclude. The principals of Fernwood have co-operated in discussions regarding a variety of structures for such a transaction, but Pensio Group and MZ Group have failed to complete the Bulk Sale.
- 32. While Pensio Group has failed to deliver the Bulk Sale, MZ Group has otherwise resisted and thwarted efforts by the principals of Fernwood to complete the Project and sell the remaining completed units. MZ Group has refused to permit the sale or re-financing of individual units in order to generate cash flow to pay trades and aid in the completion of the Project, and it has refused to permit the reconfiguration of the units in Phases II and III to make them marketable to the public at large, rather than just investors seeking to rent to students.
- 33. The Bulk Sale Representation constitutes a fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation for which MZ Group is liable to Fernwood. The Bulk Sale Representation was false. Given the inherent duties of good faith and fair dealing that MZ Group and Fernwood owed each other, there was a relationship between MZ Group and Fernwood that gave rise to a duty of care in the making of the Bulk Sale Representation. MZ Group knew the Bulk Sale Representation to be false, or was negligent or reckless as to its truth. Fernwood acted reasonably in relying on the Bulk Sale Representation by terminating Keller Williams and

transferring control of the Project to Pensio Group, and Fernwood has suffered significant losses as a result.

### Conflict of Interest

- 34. Fernwood pleads, and the fact is, that MZ Group had and continues to have other business dealings and relationships with Pensio Group with respect to other land development projects in Ontario for which MZ Group provides project financing.
- 35. In particular, Pensio Group provides rental guarantee insurance for other projects being financed by MZ Group in order to facilitate the sale of units in those projects.
- 36. MZ Group has preferred its interests in its relationship with Pensio Group to its obligations to Fernwood.
- 37. Fernwood pleads that investors who were interested in purchasing units in the Project were directed by Pensio Group to purchase units in a project in Woodstock, Ontario, that was financed by MZ Group. In total, 26 investors were directed from the Project to MZ Group's Woodstock project. As a result, all of the units in the Woodstock project were sold in early 2018, while units in the Fernwood Project remained unsold.
- 38. Fernwood alleges that MZ Group interfered in the completion of the Project in that it refused to advance funds to complete construction notwithstanding that such funds were certified for payment by the Project cost consultant, contrary to the terms of the Commitments.

- 39. Fernwood also alleges that MZ Group interfered in the marketing of the Project units by requiring it to transfer control of the Project and Fernwood's operations to Pensio Group, and with Pensio Group's complicity, directed investors who were prepared to purchase units in the Project to other projects in which MZ Group and Pensio Group had financial interests.
- 40. MZ Group permitted Pensio Group to collect all rental income from the Project (notwithstanding that it had an General Assignment of Leases and Rents) so that Fernwood could not use the funds to pay construction trades, Project operating costs, and loan payments to MZ Group.
- 41. MZ Group required Fernwood and its principal to enter into negotiations and several proposed transactions to transfer the Project to Pensio Group when it knew, or should have known, that such transactions would not be completed.
- 42. The discussions with Pensio Group culminated with a proposal in the summer of 2019 by MZ Group that the shares of Fernwood be sold to Pensio Group. The solicitors for MZ Group prepared a Share Purchase Agreement and an Inter-Creditor Agreement that provided for the sale of the shares of Fernwood to Pensio Group for the sum of \$23,142,000. Notwithstanding that the principal of Fernwood agreed to such sale, the transaction was not completed because Pensio Group refused to close and wrongfully alleged that Fernwood failed to provide appropriate financial information.
- 43. From approximately March 2018 to date, MZ Group refused or otherwise neglected to advance funds to Fernwood under the Second Commitment and also refused to permit

financing arranged by Fernwood to permit completion of Phase III of the Project and finishing work such as landscaping for the other Phases of the Project.

- 44. Since the transfer of control to Pensio Group, MZ Group has also refused to permit new sales of any of the completed units in Phases I or II still owned by Fernwood, continued to accrue interest on the outstanding amounts of the loans and permitted Pensio Group to collect all of the rental income from the Project for more than two years.
- 45. Fernwood was thereafter obliged to pay for Project expenses such as water, electricity, internet, and condominium fees, and legal fees relating to the registration of the Project condominium documents, without receiving funds from MZ Group, as committed by it, and without receiving any rental income.
- 46. In 2018, the initial phase of the condominium plan for the Project was registered and sales of units that were agreed to prior to Pensio Group taking control and which were in interim occupancy closed. MZ Group required that the proceeds of these sales be directed to its lawyer, who then held \$525,441.94 from the proceeds of unit sales for payment of HST for those unit sales. Inexplicably, those funds were improperly held by that law firm for approximately four months before they were finally remitted to Canada Revenue Agency. During that time, interest and penalties accrued on the amount of HST that was to be remitted and a lien was registered by Canada Revenue Agency against the Project lands. After those funds were finally remitted, there was an overpayment of Fernwood's HST liability.
- 47. MZ Group's actions constitute a breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing that it owed to Fernwood under the terms of Commitments and the MZ Group Security.

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- 48. MZ Group is liable to Fernwood for unlawful act civil conspiracy. MZ Group acted in concert and with a common design with Pensio Group and others in a manner that was contrary to the terms of Commitments and the MZ Group Security. MZ Group's actions were directed at Fernwood, and MZ Group knew or ought to have known that damage to Fernwood would result.
- 49. Fernwood's damages as a result of MZ Group's actions continue to accrue and to be calculated. Fernwood undertakes to provide full particulars of its damages prior to the trial of this action.
- 50. Notwithstanding MZ Group's numerous breaches of its obligations under the Commitments, and its refusal to permit sales of units in the Project, on January 21, 2020, MZ Group demanded payment of the sum of \$24,051,019.23 from Fernwood and on February 3, 2020, brought an Application for the appointment of a receiver for Fernwood and the Project.
- 51. Fernwood pleads and relies on the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.16 and the *Personal Property Security Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.10.

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### Jane Barager

From: Paul Daffern

To: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:25 PM

'Jeff.Larry@paliareroland.com'

Cc: Jane Barager; Dawn Viveiros

Subject: RE: Fernwood Developments (Ontario ) Corporation

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From: Jeff.Larry@paliareroland.com

Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 11:45 AM

To: Paul Daffern

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Subject: RE: Fernwood Developments (Ontario ) Corporation

Attachments: Jeff McKever Plumbing.pdf; Doc2.docx; 2016-12-15 Georgian Meadows MZGI 72 Trust Advance Statement.pdf; 2017-05-24 Advance Statement Excel.pdf; 2017-07-11 Final

Advance Statement pdf; 2017-03-24 Advance Statement Excel pdf; 2017-12-20 Final Advance Statement xls.pdf; 2018-02-16 Final Advance Statement Excel pdf; 2018-08-31 GMSH Final

Advance Statement (signed).pdf

Paul,

Thank you for your email.

My December 15, 2020 was circulated to counsel for the lien claimants including yourself, below. I am not sure why it did not come to your attention.

In any case, and to be clear, the Receiver has not yet determined the validity, quantum or priority of any of the liens claims. Rather, the Receiver has only attempted to determine the maximum amount of each lien claimant's possible priority claim so that the lien claimant will be properly protected for any priority dispute that may result in future. Ultimately, however, if there is a dispute about the priority, that will have to be addressed by the court.

As you know, MarshallZehr Group Inc.'s mortgage was granted in 2013. Attached are trust advance statements for the mortgage, as well as a summary of the advances. You will note that the statements show no advances were made on the mortgage following the registration of either of your client's liens.

Under Section 78 (without acknowledging or determining priorities in this case), a lien can have priority over a mortgage or building mortgage to the extent of any holdbacks required to be retained by the owner under Part IV of the Construction Act. The Owner's holdback obligations under Part IV of the Construction Act are limited to 10% of the price of the services or materials supplied under the applicable contract. A lien can also have priority over advances made under a mortgage following registration of a lien, however, the records provided to the Receiver shows this did not occur.

To the extent your client is suggesting that it is entitled to participate in the holdback on other contracts, we are not aware of such authority. If you have any authority to the contrary or a basis as to why your client's priority claim would exceed the holdback obligations in these circumstances, we would be pleased to consider it.

As requested, the Receiver's calculation of the maximum potential priority amount for each of your clients is as follows:

### Duncan Drywall

We understand from your client's claim for lien and information supplied by your client that:

- 1. Duncan Drywall entered into a direct contract with the Owner, Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation for the supply of drywall and related work (the "Contract") for the project known as the "School House Barrie"
- 2. The contract was for a price of \$240,000 plus HST
- 3. Duncan Drywall's claim for lien is the amount of \$178,195 plus HST (which does not include a claim for demobilization costs) and was registered on March 5, 2020

- Duncan Drywall asserts that its services under its lien were undertaken between April 17, 2017 and January 30, 2020
- 5. Paragraph 13 of Duncan Drywall's statement of claim states that "The Plaintiff therefore claims priority pursuant to the Construction Lien Act over MarshallZehr Group Inc.'s mortgage ..."

In this case, given that your client's contract price is \$240,000 plus HST, the Owner's holdback obligations would be no more than \$24,000 plus HST.

Finally, as you also know, before a lien claimant can make a claim for priority, it must first establish the validity of the lien itself. The Receiver's records show that Duncan Drywall's invoices were 90 days outstanding as of October 31, 2019 in the amount of \$178,195 (its lien amount). In other words, it appears from the Receiver's records that Duncan Drywall's services under the lien were supplied prior to October 31, 2019. If that is correct, the lien may not have been registered within the deadlines required under the Construction Act.

### Jeff McKever Plumbing (JMP)

We understand from your client's claim for lien and information supplied by your client that:

- JMP entered into a direct contract with the Owner, Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation (the "Contract") for the Project
- 2. The Contract was for a price of \$211,989.63 plus HST. JMP asserts it completed the Contract
- 3. JMP's claim for lien is the amount of \$173,489.63 plus HST and was registered on Feb 13, 2020
- 4. JMP asserts that its services under its lien were undertaken between June 23, 2017 and Feb 13, 2020
- 5. JMP's statement of claim does not include a priority claim over the mortgage

In this case, given that your client's contract price is \$211,989.63 plus HST, the Owner's holdback obligations would be no more than \$21,198.96 plus HST. We note that the letter from JMP's previous counsel dated July 24, 2020 expressly confirmed that JMP's priority claim over the mortgage was in the amount of \$21,198.96.

Finally, we point out that the validity of JMP's lien itself appears to be in question. JMP's original Statutory Declaration (attached) was dated on December 9, 2019 and showed the entire amount of the lien (\$172,450) owing on that date. The date of the Statutory Declaration was then struck out and changed to Jan 9, 2020. The lien was registered Feb 13, 2020. Our information is that, in fact, JMP's work was indeed completed well before December 2019 such that its lien may well be out of time.

From: Paul Daffern <paul.daffern@daffernlaw.com>

Sent: January 26, 2021 3:25 PM

To: Jeff Larry < Jeff.Larry@paliareroland.com>

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Sent: January 26, 2021 12:24 PM

To: Paul Daffern <paul.daffern@daffernlaw.com>

Subject: FW: Fernwood Developments (Ontario ) Corporation

Paul

May I please hear from you. I have heard from all other counsel and the Receiver intends to go to court shortly and wants confirmation on these numbers

From: Jeff Larry

Sent: December 15, 2020 9:12 AM

To: paul.daffern@daffernlaw.com; mmccluskey@millerthomson.com; 'kdoggett@millerthomson.com'

<a href="mailto:kdoggett@millerthomson.com">kdoggett@millerthomson.com</a>; jsmith@rzcdlaw.com **Subject:** Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation

### Counsel:

As I believe you know, I am independent counsel to RSM Canada Limited, the receiver of Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation.

We have conducted a review each of the lien claims for purposes of determining the potential priority claim of each of the lien claimants. These potential priority amounts are set out in the chart below. I ask that you please confirm the amount of the potential priority claim on behalf of your respective client.

To be clear, the Receiver has not made any final determination about the validity or quantum of the liens, nor any priority amount. Rather, at this stage, the Receiver is only trying to determine the aggregate amount of the potential priority claim so that those can funds can be held in connection with any sale of the property.

I look forward to hearing from you and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

	<u>Lien Claimant</u>	Quantum of Lien Claims	Potential Priority Claim (10% of value of services provided for each steam. Amount based on total contract value as stated in liens)	<u>Counsel</u>
1.	Duncan Drywall	\$178,195 plus HST	\$24,000	Paul Daffern
2.	Ground Electrical Services	\$106,939.80	\$10,693.98	Michael McCluskey
3.	Jeff McKever Plumbing	\$211,989.63	\$21,198.96	Paul Daffern
4.	Priority Mechanical Services Ltd.	\$231,154.55	\$107,098.77	Keith Doggett
5.	Nezz Electric	\$122,285.30	\$17,924.74	Michael McCluskey
6.	Mack Construction	\$28,740	\$2,874	James Smith

Total	\$879,304	\$183,790.45	
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### PRELIMINARY TRUST ADVANCE STATEMENT - Anticipated Closing Date: December 15, 2016 MarshallZehr Group Inc. corporate financing with Fernwood Developments (Ontario) Corporation

Received from MarshallZehr Group Inc. Tranche A - \$10,230,000 Tranche B - \$4,950,000 (less \$1,500,000 relent into Tranche A; \$985,000 relent into Tranche B)			\$ 12,695,000.00
Paid to MarshallZehr Group Inc. In Trust - payout of existing mortgage less funds being relent \$2,485,000 Per Diem \$4,838.71	\$ 1	1,917,503.09	
Paid to First Canadian Title - title insurance	\$	7,209.00	
Paid to Insurance Reviewer - Robert Harder Consulting Inc.	\$	2,994.50	
Paid to MarshallZehr Group Inc., in trust:			
Lender Fee	\$	150,000.00	
Admin Fee	\$	5,000.00	
Interest Adjustment to IAD - Jan. 1 (Dec. 12 to Dec. 31)	\$	74,594.52	
Interest Adjustment to IAD - Jan. 1 (Dec. 15 to Dec. 31)	\$	14,135.62	
Held by Sorbara, Schumacher, McCann LLP			
Estimated Legal Fees + disbursements plus HST	\$	10,500.00	
Balance Held in Trust with MarshallZehr Group Inc.	\$	513,063.27	
TOTAL	\$ 1	12,695,000.00	\$ 12,695,000.00

This is a preliminary advance statement. Final advance statement comes directly from our accounting department.

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This is **Exhibit** "E" referred to in the Affidavit of **Robert Duncan** sworn before me this 5th day of May, 2021.

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.

Sum of Transaction Amount		Tra	nsaction Type -T		
Date	Funding Number 💌	Bor	rower Advance	Borrower D	ischarge Principal Pd
□ Dec 12, 2016	A - 1	\$	8,730,000.00		
	B - 1	\$	3,800,000.00		
□ Dec 15, 2016	A - 2	\$	1,500,000.00		
	B - 2	\$	1,150,000.00		
⊡ Dec 16, 2016	A - 1			\$	247,440.51
	A - 2			\$	42,515.55
■ Dec 21, 2016	A - 1			\$	260,468.55
	A - 2			\$	44,754.05
∃ Jun 1, 2017	A - 3	\$	502,691.00		
□ Jun 16, 2017	A - 1			\$	433,437.88
	A - 2			\$	74,473.86
	A - 3			\$	26,499.99
∃ Jul 14, 2017	A - 4	\$	504,657.00		
■ Aug 10, 2017	A - 5	\$	1,034,074.00		
■ Dec 20, 2017	A - 6	\$	220,000.00		
∃ Feb 16, 2018	A - 7	\$	2,951,949.84		
■ Aug 31, 2018	A - 8	\$	686,218.55		
Grand Total		\$	21,079,590.39	\$	1,129,590.39

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