



TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

A G E N D A

Thursday, April 7, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements**
3. **Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda**
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
5. **Approval of Draft Minutes - March 17, 2016**
6. **Business Arising from Minutes**
7. **Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**
8. **Public Question Period** (Please visit our website under Agendas and Minutes for information on Public Question Period)
9. **Road Business**
 1. Accounts
 2. Tenders to supply and deliver approximately 15,000 tonnes of "M" Gravel and 10,000 tonnes of Granular "A" Gravel (Tenders to be received by 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 2016)
 3. Other Road Business
10. **Planning Matters**
 1. Memorandum from Chris Jones, Planner to Mayor White and Members of Council dated March 30, 2016, Re - Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Swidersky)
11. **County Council Update**
 1. Council in Brief for Thursday March 10, 2016
12. **Committee Reports**
13. **Correspondence**

***Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting - Meeting January 19, 2016
2. Dufferin Municipal Officers Association - Meeting January 21, 2016
3. Minutes of Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Board Meeting - Meeting February 1, 2016

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Email from Anne Lennox, Forestry & Wildlife Coordinator, Grey Sauble Conservation dated March 14, 2016, Re - Emerald Ash Borer Information Package
2. Email from Tracey Atkinson, Township of Mulmur dated March 2, 2016, Re - NEC Summary
3. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - For Immediate Release - Farm Stewardship: Enhancing Habitat and Creating Wetlands
4. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Mono dated February 16, 2016, Re - 2016 CDRC Budget
5. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Richmond Hill dated February 22, 2016, Re - Ontario Municipal Board Reform
6. Dufferin County Forest - Annual Report, January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015
7. Letter from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority dated March 24, 2016, Re - NVCA's 2016 Planning and Regulation Review Fees
8. Highlights of the NVCA Board of Directors Meetings No. 03-16, March 18, 2016
9. Email from Jennifer Passy, Manager of Planning, UGDSB dated March 23, 2016, Re -

- Notification of Revisions to UGDSB Policies regarding Community Partnerships and School Review Processes
10. Email from Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager dated March 15, 2016, Re - Dufferin County Forest Management Plan 2016-2036
 11. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Montague in support of the Municipality of Bluewater dated February 16, 2016, Re - Incentives for Physician Recruitment
 12. Town of Mono - For Immediate Release - Mark Early appointed as CAO
 13. Township of Southgate - Notice of Public Meeting for a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - April 27, 2016
 14. Whitewater Hydrogeology Ltd. - 2015 Compliance Groundwater Monitoring Report - Shelburne South Pit
 15. Whitewater Hydrogeology Ltd. - 2015 Compliance Groundwater Monitoring Report - Shelburne North Pit
 16. Letter from R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited dated March 24, 2016, Re - Petition for Drainage Works Lots 266, 267 & 268 Concession 2 SW - Petervale Farms Limited - Site Meeting to be held on Thursday April 14, 2016
 17. Press Release - Dufferin County - For Immediate Release - Dufferin Yard Waste Options For Ice Storm Debris
 18. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - For Immediate Release - A Sweet Taste of the Season - Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, April 9 & 10, 2016

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Petition for Drainage Works by Owners for a Proposed Municipal Drain in Lot 22, Concession 7 SW
2. Motions to be passed to release the security deposits, in the amount of \$5,000.00 each, to the following persons:
 1. Paul Martin, as the existing dwelling on Lot 34, Concession 6 NE has been demolished
 2. Jacob Martin, as the existing dwelling on Part of Lot 26, Concession 7 NE has been demolished
 3. Owen Hoover, as the existing dwelling on Lots 225-227, Concession 2 NE has been demolished

***Items for Dufferin Wind Power**

1. Email from Dan Bernhard, Wind Farm Site Manager dated March 15, 2016, Re - Gravel Donation

14. General Business

1. Accounts
2. Notice of Intent to pass the following By-laws:
 1. By-law to Authorize Participation In The OMERS Primary Pension Plan
 2. By-law to provide for maintenance and repair of the McCue Drainage Works
 3. By-law amending Provisional By-law No. 21-2015 to provide for the levying of costs resulting from the Stinson Drainage Works, D Drain
3. Applications to Permit
4. *New/Other Business/Additions*
 1. Fire Services Review
 2. Quotes for grass cutting and maintenance at the Horning's Mills Cemetery, Horning's Mills Park and Horning's Mills Hall (Quotes to be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2016)
5. *Unfinished Business*
 1. Draft Information Flyer
 2. Email from Sarah Smith, Acting Clerk, Township of Wainfleet dated March 23, 2016, Re - Resolution requesting Ontario to Cancel the RFP for Added Wind Power Generation
 3. Letter from Rick Haire regarding the rental of ice at Honeywood Arena - Update

15. Delegations

1. 5:30 p.m. - Tom Pridham, P. Eng., Drainage Engineer - Court of Revision - Martin Drainage Work
 1. A letter was submitted regarding the proposed drainage works from Anna Fenech and John Simeon

- 16. Closed Session**
- 17. Third Reading of By-laws (if required)**
- 18. Notice of Motion**
- 19. Confirmation By-law**
- 20. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday April 21, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.**
- 21. On Sites**
- 21. Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office**

Denise Holmes

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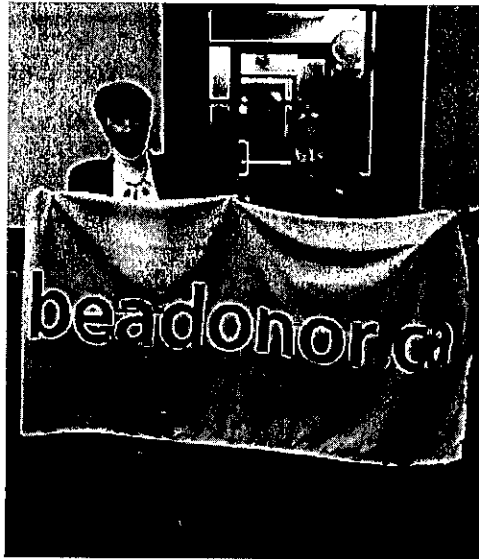
For Thursday, March 10, 2016

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PROCLAMATION - BeADonor Month

Warden Laura Ryan officially proclaimed the month of April 2016 as 'BeADonor' month in the County of Dufferin. Ms. Jane Blears is pictured below presenting Council with a BeADonor flag to be raised on April 4, 2016. Ms. Blears was accompanied to the meeting by Mr. Bruce Blears and Mr. Mike Steele.

For more information, go to: www.beadonor.ca



PROCLAMATION - WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Warden Laura Ryan officially proclaimed April 4, 2016 as 'World Autism Awareness Day' in the County of Dufferin.

For more information, go to: www.autismspeaks.org

DELEGATION

Ms. Janet Horner, County of Dufferin Representative on the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) was present at Council to introduce herself and provide an update on some of the issues before the commission. Janet is the Executive Director of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance and Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee, a Consultant with Whitfield Consultants (a leadership, fundraising and communications firm), as well as a Councillor with the Township of Mulmur. Janet's community involvement includes serving as a founding board member and Chair of the Rural Ontario Institute, a steering committee member and board chair of Sustain

Ontario, and member of Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance as well as Toronto Food Policy Council.

For more information regarding the NEC, go to:
www.escarpment.org



REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS - REFERRED FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2016

The Orangeville Agricultural Society was granted \$2,000 to fund the Grade 3 Agriculture Awareness Program and the Orangeville Community Band was granted \$1,000.

ANNUAL LONG TERM DEBT CAPACITY UPDATE

The Treasurer's annual report, dated February 25, 2016, updating the County's Debt Capacity for 2016 in accordance with Ontario Regulation 289/11, was received.

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES REPORTING

The 2015 Development Charges Report, from the Treasurer, dated February 25, 2016, was received.

DUFFERIN COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL REPORT

The report, from the County Forest Manager, dated February 25, 2016, regarding the 2015 County Forest Annual report, was received.

The report is available online at:

<http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/content-pdf/dc-annual-forest-report.pdf>

DUFFERIN LONG TERM WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The report, from the Director of Public Works, dated February 26, 2016, was received and staff will now be initiating the process to develop the strategy, as outlined in the report.

STAFF REPORT - RABIES INFORMATION

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 10, 2016, to recommend a change to the current practice of verbal reports from representatives on outside boards, to a written summary included with the agenda, was received. All future updates from outside boards will now be provided via a written report.

BY-LAWS

The following by-laws were enacted:

2016-11 A by-law to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

2016-12 A by-law to authorize Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Her Majesty The Queen In Right of Ontario as represented by The Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure. (Ministry of Attorney General- Use of Courtroom)

2016-13 A by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Central West Local Health Integration Network LHIN) (Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement)

2016-14 A by-law to authorize an amending agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Central West Local Health Integration Network LHIN) (Multi-Sectoral Service Accountability Agreement)

2016-15 A by-law to approve an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Upper Grand District School Board (Lease Agreement – W.M. Edelbrock Centre)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public Works Committee - March 23, 2016 - 9 am - Sutton Room

General Government Services - March 23, 2016 - 4 pm - Sutton Room

Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee - March 24, 2016 - 7 pm - Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne

County Council - April 14, 2016 - 7 pm - 51 Zina Street



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*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016*

Present: Laurita Townsend Larry Haskell Janet Horner
 Gail Little Sharon Martin Erika Ulch

Regrets: Geoff Dunlop, Dave Besley

Also Present: Rose Dotten, Head Librarian /CEO
 Gord Gallagher, Treasurer

Chair Dunlop called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Motion 01-16 E. Ulch, G. Little

Be it resolved that we approve the revised agenda of the board meeting dated January 19, 2016, as amended.

Carried

Motion 02-16 S. Martin, J. Horner

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting dated December 15, 2015.

Carried

Financial Reports:

Motion 03-16 G. Little, S. Martin

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for December 2015 with invoices and payments in the amount of \$33,056.09.

Carried

CEO/ Head Librarian's Report:

- **Statistics**

You will see from the statistics for December that circulation for December 2015 was 214 higher than in December 2014. As discussed last month, this shows that the circulation is levelling.

New Business

- **Maintenance Issues – Columns**

As advised last month, the columns have been ordered and Rose will be advised when they are going to be installed.

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- **Children and Young Adult Programming**

Rose reported that plans are underway for the new programs for Children and Young Adults. The Young Adult programming starts on February 4, 2016, and the Children programming begins on Feb.2, 2016 with a new Program called the Super Readers Club and also Silver Birch activities.

- **Senior's Programming**

The Tech Help program offered by Emily Sedgewick for seniors is extremely popular and is always filled. We have received many favourable comments about it. Patrons want it to be continued.

Plans are being made for a Computer Skills course which we now hope to start in February, 2016.

- **Additional End of Year motions**

Gord Gallagher, the library treasurer, attended the meeting to discuss various financial matters and the budget. He also requested that certain other year end motions be passed in order to meet commitments and make use of reserves which have been accumulated to address funding required over and above operating budget.

Motion 04-16 G. Little, E. Ulch

Be it resolved that \$7895.05 be transferred from Collection Reserve to Operating Account to pay for additional amount spent on collections in 2015.

Carried

Motion 05-16 G. Little, J. Horner

Be it resolved that \$5,000 be transferred from Building Reserve to operating Account to cover the extra contract wages paid from January to October 2015 to complete the Children's Library.

Carried

Motion 06-16 S. Martin, J. Horner

Be it resolved that an additional \$3,042.20 be transferred from Building Reserve to Operating Account to pay for the additional costs of Building maintenance long-term repair items including the roof, chimneys, lights, etc.

Carried

- **Mulmur Request**

Mulmur Township Council has passed the following motion as relayed by Terry Horner CAO.

Mulmur Township Council passed the following motion at yesterday's meeting to be forwarded to the Library Board;

"That the Shelburne Library Board be asked to provide Mulmur Council with a defined list of Mulmur residents and addresses using the library. In addition the Council requests that the Shelburne Library Board reviews their funding formula to better reflect 2016 conditions."

Discussion ensued as to what indeed was the appropriate funding formula to be used for future budgeting purposes. Rose indicated that releasing the names and addresses of Patrons was a privacy issue and was not something that is in keeping with Privacy Legislation. The personal information supplied to the library was provided solely for library purposes and not to be disseminated. The Privacy Commission asks us for a record of each individual enquiry and we are required only to provide to the Police under special circumstances.

The Library does provide annual information on patron numbers and any increases or decreases in those. Since the previous formula was established a number of years ago, there may be a need to update... The question is: Households as it is now are those in the "Library Catchment" which had been the original "Fire Catchment" area or should it change to patron? It was determined that if funding was by patron the costs per municipality would increase substantially. If by household then, what determines the library catchment area? Indeed all residents of all our four municipalities and Shelburne are entitled to use SPL.

Rose will review Patron records to ensure currency and will consult with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports to follow up on the motion by Mulmur Township.

In-Camera Session: Not required

Motion 07-16 L. Haskell, G. Little

That we now adjourn at 9:20 p.m., to meet again February 16, 2016, at 8 pm.

Carried

DUFFERIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on January 21, 2016⁶ @ 9:00 a.m.
Monora Park Pavilion - Town of Mono

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith McNenly, Chair - Town of Mono	
Terry Horner, Vice Chair - Mulmur Township	
Susan Stone - Secretary - Treasurer - East Garafraxa and Amaranth	
Heather Boston - Mulmur Township	Alan Selby - County of Dufferin
Les Halucha - Town of Mono	Jeff Bunn - Town of Grand Valley
Pam Hillock - County of Dufferin	Denise Holmes - Melancthon Township
Michelle Dunne - County of Dufferin	Carol Sweeney - Town of Shelburne
Jane Wilson - Town of Grand Valley	Carey Holmes - Town of Shelburne
Mark Early - Town of Mono	John Telfer - Town of Shelburne

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tristin McCredie - MMAH	Chris Chen - MMAH
Sue Powell - OMAFRA	

1. Meeting called to order:

1.1 Keith McNenly, Chair, called meeting to order.

Moved by Les, Seconded by John, that the November 13, 2015 and December 17, 2015 minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

2. Delegations:

2.1 Shara Bagnell - Health and Safety Co-Ordinator
Shara addressed the members with respect to workplace schedules for inspections, as she is setting up a process for better follow up electronically. Copies of all workplace inspections to be sent to her accordingly. GHS training, which replaces WHMIS, is being provided at each facility/office as everyone has to be trained effective November 21, 2015. Bill 132, Provincial legislation to amend the Health and Safety Act, requires that employers take greater steps with respect to harassment and violence in the workplace. Shara will send policy. MOL are focusing on industrial blitz (safe operation of machinery). Shara advised of 2 jail sentences recently, whereby a project manager was jailed for 3 ½ years, and a contractor working for a private individual was given a 30 day jail sentence. Need for strong policies discussed, and for a human resources officer or department as requirements are much more onerous now.

3. MMAH:

- 3.1 Tristin McCredie, Municipal Advisor, Central Ontario and Chris Chen, MMAH Finance attended and provided handout setting out Ministry legislation and initiatives. Discussion included the Ombudsman process; Municipal Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and City of Toronto Act all under review, also the Municipal Elections Act. It was noted that there should be an age restriction for scrutineers, and that they should have to qualify just the same as a voter or candidate. First draft of the legislation will be this Spring. Infrastructure funding discussed, and it was suggested that the Province should send out score card first to determine eligibility, so municipalities who are not eligible won't waste time and money applying. Community hubs a focus of the Province, noting that there are 2 hubs in Dufferin County, the Mel Lloyd Centre in Shelburne and the Edelbrock Centre in Orangeville. There is an Accessibility Certification Programme to recognize "Accessibility Champions". Bill 73 as of January, 2016 includes requirements for development charges reporting. Existing development charge bylaws will continue to be in force, but new ones must be in compliance. Planning Act amendments also discussed, and concerns raised regarding lack of transition provisions and timing requirements.
- Chris Chen addressed the members, and requested that topics for future meetings be suggested. Funding was raised as a major issue of concern for municipalities. Onerous criteria at the Federal level, and criteria at the Provincial level has cut most smaller municipalities out of funding opportunities. OMPF is being looked at which will have budget implications.

4. MPAC

- 4.1 Not in attendance at this time.

5. OMAFRA

- 5.1 Sue Powell provided general update regarding highlights of their Ministry, which can be found on their website, which outline tools and resources for business expansion, local food and agriculture sector, RED programme. Keith questioned if OMAFRA is looking at fill issues and farm practices, noting that they are still waiting for the decision from the Farm Practices Board hearing held in November, 2015.

6. COUNTY/LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

- 6.1 County Updates
- 6.1.1 Financials
- 6.1.1.1 County 2016 Tax Levy Analysis
- Alan provided tax levy summary.

6.1.1.2 Tax Capping new options discussion and motion

Alan discussed letter from the Province that changes the thresholds and is recommending that the County go with them, noting that there are very few capped properties remaining in Dufferin.

Moved by Les, seconded by Heather

THAT the Dufferin Municipal Officers Association support the County Treasurer accepting the thresholds as proposed. CARRIED

6.1.2 County Official Plan - no update at this time.

6.1.3 County - Roads Rationalization Report - Status

Scott Burns to attend individual council meetings.

6.1.4 POA - Dufferin Municipalities/Town of Mono Resolution - Update

Pam waiting for meeting.

6.1.5 County Integrity Commissioner - Customer Service Policy & Complaint Process

Pam advised that they have sent out an RFP, and are amending their Code of Conduct. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a Code of Conduct, which is not mandatory other than for the City of Toronto, but is recommended.

6.1.6 Other - nothing at this time.

6.2 Source Water Protection

6.2.1 Implementation Funding - Next Steps

Nothing at this time.

6.2.2 CTC Source Protection Committee representative - Council resolution.

Nothing at this time.

6.3 Site Alteration/Fill Issues - Update/Discussion

Sonya

Fill going into development on Mono Amaranth Townline discussed.

6.4 Asset Management/PSAB - Update Requirements for 2016

No discussion at this time.

6.5 County Records Management User Group - Update

January 29/16 meeting.

6.6 Other - nothing at this time.

6. Date of Next Meeting(s) and Adjournment:

Prior to adjourning, the Association presented Keith McNenly, Chair, with a farewell card and gift. Keith is retiring after 44 years of service to the Town of Mono and has served as Chair of the Association for many years. Best of luck to Keith and Kate. Election for a new Chair will be held at the next meeting.

6.1 Next meeting to be at Monora on March 11, 2016.

**MINUTES OF THE MULMUR/MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE FIRE HALL IN HONEYWOOD
February 1, 2016**

PRESENT: Member Paul Mills, Mulmur Township
Member Darren White, Melancthon Township
Member Heather Hayes, Mulmur Township
Member James Webster, Melancthon Township
Chief Jim Clayton
Deputy Chief Jeff Clayton
Secretary Karen Davidson-Lock

CALL TO ORDER at 6:02 pm by the Secretary

Appointment of Chair

Motion # 1 – 2016

MOVED by White
SECONDED by Hayes
That Paul Mills be appointed as Chair for 2016. Motion Carried.

The Secretary then turned the meeting over to the Chair.

Appointment of Vice-Chair

Motion # 2 – 2016

MOVED by Hayes
SECONDED by White
That Darren White be appointed as Vice-Chair for 2016. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Secretary

Motion # 3 – 2016

MOVED by White
SECONDED by Hayes
That Karen Davidson-Lock be appointed as Secretary for 2016. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion # 4 - 2016

MOVED by Webster
SECONDED by Hayes

That the agenda be approved as amended to delete Item #11i). Motion Carried.

Discussion on setting a meeting schedule

Meetings will be held on the first Monday of months where meetings are necessary or at the call of the Chair.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

The Chair advised that if any member had a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or at any point during the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion # 5 - 2016

MOVED by Webster

SECONDED by Hayes

That the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes

i) Update on tanker leaks and research on possible solutions

No further update is available at this time. Captain Prentice is monitoring the situation. The general consensus of the Board was that the tanker should be repaired and kept in service as long as possible.

ii) Update on well and holding tank

The holding tank has been repaired through a process of injecting silicone, and is being monitored.

The well water quality varies between clear and cloudy, but is not nearly as cloudy as it once was. It is also being monitored.

iii) Update on possible solution re. communications tower collapse

Meetings have been held with County officials regarding the use of the Whitfield tower, as well as Spectrum Communications. Deputy Chief Clayton explained that Spectrum's representative advised that a repeater can be installed on the County's Whitfield tower, and use the remaining portion of the existing tower at the hall measuring approximately 40 – 45 feet. A repeater, permission from Dufferin County, multi couplers and a license will be required. The process for obtaining license can be lengthy. The Chair advised that he was unsure at this time of the County's fee for usage of the Whitfield tower, but that discussions were ongoing.

Chief Clayton has been in discussions with Mulmur's Director of Public Works regarding the tender process versus request for quotes process. Previously, Point to Point Communications advised that they would require \$5,000 to prepare said documents, and that the total cost for the project could range around \$25,000. The Deputy Chief advised that the Spectrum representative had provided a verbal quote of approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. This would not include re-programming of all radios, which would cost an additional several hundred dollars. The Board discussed the procurement policy, and felt that the current situation would be considered as a unique situation which needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Motion # 6 - 2016

MOVED by White

SECONDED by Webster

That the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department proceed with the radio repeater installation utilizing the Whitfield tower and other department infrastructure, using Spectrum Communications work plan as described by Deputy Chief Clayton on February 1, 2016. As this constitutes critical infrastructure, it does not fall under the procurement policy for the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department. Motion Carried.

The Deputy Chief was directed to obtain a written quotation for the project.

Correspondence

i) **Chief's Call Report to date for 2015 (next meeting)**

ii) **Annual Review of Establishing & Regulating By-Law (which includes level of service) Simplified Risk and 30 Ontario Fire Marshall's regulations for each Township**

The Board discussed the Establishing and Regulating By-Laws, which were enacted in 2013 (Mulmur) and 2014 (Melancthon). Therefore, members felt that no further updates were required at this time.

With respect to the 30 Recommendations, two locations in Mulmur (Airport Burger in Mansfield, and Little Country Daycare) are no longer in business and could be removed from the list. It was noted that these two facilities are not in the Mulmur-Melancthon coverage area. The new Holmes Agro facility on County Road 124 could be added to Melancthon's list once the facility is officially open. Fire Safety plans have been completed, according to Chief Clayton. Both the Chief and Deputy Chief's opinion on the 30 recommendations are "good". Deputy Chief Clayton remarked on possible concerns with the wording in Appendix A, Core Services, with respect to "Tiered Response" and suggested alternative wording for same. After further discussion, he agreed to bring a report to the next meeting with suggestions. Board members are also encouraged to review the documents for potential changes to recommend to each Council.

Approval of Accounts/Financial Update

- i) Approval of Accounts for balance of 2015 (for information only)**
- ii) Discussion on 2016 Budget (Correspondence from Councils re. Budget included)**

Vice-Chair White spoke to his Council's concerns with substantial increases in both the Shelburne and Mulmur/Melancthon Fire budgets. Cuts are required in Melancthon's budget, as their Council is not prepared to increase their budget substantially for two fire departments in addition to other necessary cost increases. Chair Mills spoke to the review of operating items in the budget at a previous meeting, where adjustments to line items were implemented prior to adoption by the Board. The main reasons for the increase for 2016 are as follows: a substantially lower call revenue than the budgeted amount for 2015; the operating deficit from 2015 being brought forward into the 2016 budget; and increased equipment maintenance costs in 2015.

The Board briefly discussed the Shelburne Fire Board's budget and whether adjustments can be made to that budget as both Mulmur and Melancthon Townships are members of that Board. This matter is to be brought back to the next Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Board meeting pending results of the Shelburne Fire Board meeting.

Health & Safety Issues

i/ Update on Inspection Reports

Mulmur:

Two cell towers are the last remaining properties to be inspected.

Melancthon:

The new Holmes Agro facility will be open early spring of 2016. An inspection will be conducted at that time.

Old & New Business

Deputy Chief Clayton is about to commence taking courses to become a Fire Prevention Officer. He hopes that this process will be complete by summer of 2016. The Board congratulated the Deputy Chief and wished him well.

Closed Session pursuant to the Policy to Govern the Proceedings of the Board, Section 8 b) ii) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and approving the past closed meeting minutes.

Motion # 7 - 2016

MOVED by Webster

SECONDED by Hayes

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board move into closed session pursuant to Section 239 of *The Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended at 7:12 pm for the following reasons:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees;
- approval of past closed meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion # 8 - 2016

MOVED by White

SECONDED by Hayes

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Board adjourn the closed session at 8:17 pm and return to the regular meeting. Motion Carried.

CONFIRMING MOTION

Motion # 9 - 2016

MOVED by Webster

SECONDED by Hayes

That be it resolved that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Board of Management, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members and Officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Motion Carried.

Motion # 10 - 2016

MOVED by Webster

SECONDED by Hayes

That the board adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried.

Paul Mills

CHAIR

Karen Davidson-Lock

SECRETARY

Denise Holmes

From: Anne Lennox <a.lennox@greysauble.on.ca>
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Hello everyone,

The Emerald Ash Borer Working Group has put together an information package for you to use when dealing with this invasive pest.

I have attached the following files:

- An EAB update letter
- An EAB Known Locations Map
- An MNRF-EAB-Leading Edge Map
- An information sheet on Threats to First Nations Culture
- An Information sheet on EAB with respect to the Bruce County Forest Conservation By-law 4071 and Grey County Forest Management By-law 4341-06,
- A brochure on managing ash in urban and forested landscapes
- A Branch Sampling Brochure
- A 'Don't Move Firewood' poster, and
- A 'Don't Move Firewood' Colouring Sheet for campers.

Please feel free to distribute the above information to anyone who has questions about the emerald ash borer.

Please also let me know if you would like to participate in any of the following activities this year:

- A municipal workshop

- 2016 EAB trapping program
- Branch sampling to detect the presence of EAB.

Thanks,
Anne



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March 14, 2016

Dear Partners,

On behalf of the Emerald Ash Borer Working Group (EABWG), I wish to thank everyone who attended our municipal workshops in the past and assisted with our trapping program. For 2016, the EABWG would like to know if your organization wishes to participate in the following activities:

- a) attending a workshop about the current status of EAB within Grey and Bruce Counties,
- b) participating in our 2016 trapping program, and
- c) doing some branch sampling to detect the presence of EAB.

The EABWG has also been working on an information package to assist your organization in dealing with the current EAB situation in this area. This package consists of the following items:

- A map showing the known locations of EAB within Grey and Bruce Counties,
- A MNR map showing the leading edge of the main EAB infestation in Ontario,
- An information sheet on the importance of ash to First Nations people,
- A summary of the regulations about harvesting ash trees as part of the Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law No. 4071 or the Grey County Forest Management By-Law (No. 4341-06),
- A brochure summarizing the forest management guidelines for managing ash trees in both urban and forest settings,
- A branch sampling brochure showing how to check for the presence of EAB, and
- A 'Don't Move Firewood' poster and colouring sheet for campers.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like the EABWG to hold a workshop this spring, whether you are interested in participating in our trapping program and doing some branch sampling to detect EAB.

Sincerely,

Anne Lennox



Emerald Ash Borer in relation to the Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law 4071 and the Grey County Forest Management By-Law 4341-06

Residents and property owners in Bruce and Grey Counties need to be aware that Bruce County's Forest Conservation By-Law and Grey County's Forest Management By-Law applies to all woodland areas greater than 1 hectare (2.47 acres), including those that are/have been/ or will be infested with the emerald ash borer.

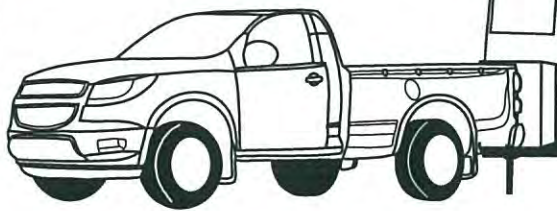
As per both by-laws, a land-owner is required to obtain a permit from their respective County when the intent is to harvest trees from the property for the purpose of a commercial sale. It is the sale of material from the woodland that triggers the need for a permit, regardless of who is harvesting the trees. Therefore a permit is required by a landowner when the harvested trees are to be sold as saw-logs or firewood, whether they cut their trees themselves or hire a professional logger.

If a woodland is infested with the emerald ash borer, the owner of that property should consult with a qualified forestry professional to provide options and help determine the best course of action. Infested trees are not exempt from the by-law, and proper management needs to take place to help facilitate a healthy recovery of the forest. An Emerald ash borer infestation is not proper justification for the permanent destruction and removal of woodlands.

The Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law 4071 is available electronically on the County web site: www.brucecounty.on.ca/services-health/planning-services/resource-management.php Anyone with questions about the by-law or their woodlands may contact Kevin Predon, the Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law Officer, at (519) 270-0748 or kpredon@brucecounty.on.ca.

The Grey County Forest Management By-Law 4341-06 is available electronically on the County web site: www.grey.ca/explore-grey/forests-trails-1/grey-county-forest-management-by-law/ . Anyone with questions about the by-law or their woodlands may contact Lee Thurston, the acting Grey County Forest Management By-Law Officer, at (519) 376-3076, ext. 277 or l.thurston@greysauble.on.ca .

YOUR NAME:




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EAB Threats to First Nations Culture

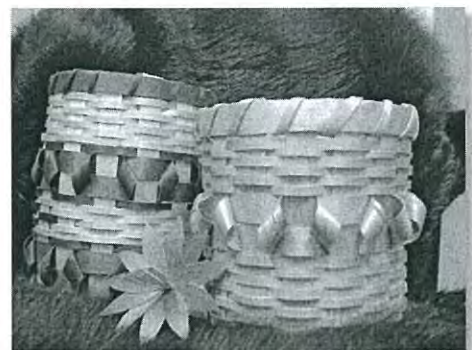
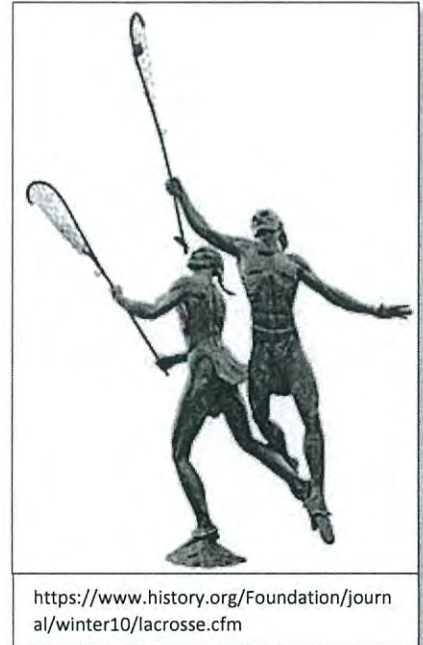
The Emerald Ash Borer threatens Ash trees and will have a devastating impact on First Nations, tribal and culture groups in Canada and the United States. Ash, Black Ash in particular, is considered to be a "sacred tree" because of its many properties and uses.

1. Basket making, a centuries old cultural and economic tradition, is based on the availability of Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*). The EAB infestations make it difficult for basket makers to find, healthy, basket-quality trees. Thus fewer people will be making baskets.
2. The pipes and flutes, used for ceremonial and special event, are carved from many kinds of trees including Black Ash.
3. Medicinal remedies are made from different parts of the ash tree. Some uses are: to treat external skin growths; use as an antiseptic, an aphrodisiac, a diuretic, an appetite stimulant, and a treatment for fevers.
4. The game of Lacrosse has ceremonial origins and brings First Nations/tribes and families together. Traditional lacrosse sticks are crafted from ash wood, an irreplaceable component.

People of the Dawn

The First Nations and tribes of the eastern provinces and states tell us that Glooskap took his bow and arrows and shot at the Black Ash. When the bark and wood split, out stepped strong and graceful women and men. We call these women and men "People of the Dawn," the Wabanaki.

<http://www.indians.org/welker/hispeopl.htm>





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Maintaining the health of our urban and forested landscapes will provide the residents of Bruce and Grey Counties with many ecological and economic benefits.



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MANAGING ASH IN URBAN AND FORESTED LANDSCAPES



A Guide for Municipalities and Private
Landowners dealing with Emerald Ash Borer

In Urban Landscapes

The urban forest provides many benefits to its citizens. Trees improve air quality, capture carbon, regulate air temperature, and can even increase property values. Great care should be taken when making decisions regarding EAB.

- Inventory all ash trees on your property. Make note of tree health.
- If not comfortable with identifying ash, hire a tree care professional. Look for a professional arborist with liability insurance and WSIB coverage.
- If the tree is still healthy you may decide to inoculate.
- If the tree is infested and declining, it should be removed. It is safer to remove trees when they are alive rather than waiting until they are dead. It is also usually cheaper.
- Dispose of ash material as close to the site as possible. Moving ash can speed the spread of EAB.
- Consider replacing ash with another species to maintain our urban forest.

In Forested Landscapes

The natural forest provides wildlife habitat, forest products, carbon storage, and recreational opportunities. The disappearance of ash will affect the diversity of our forests. When making management decisions it is important to focus on the overall health of the forest

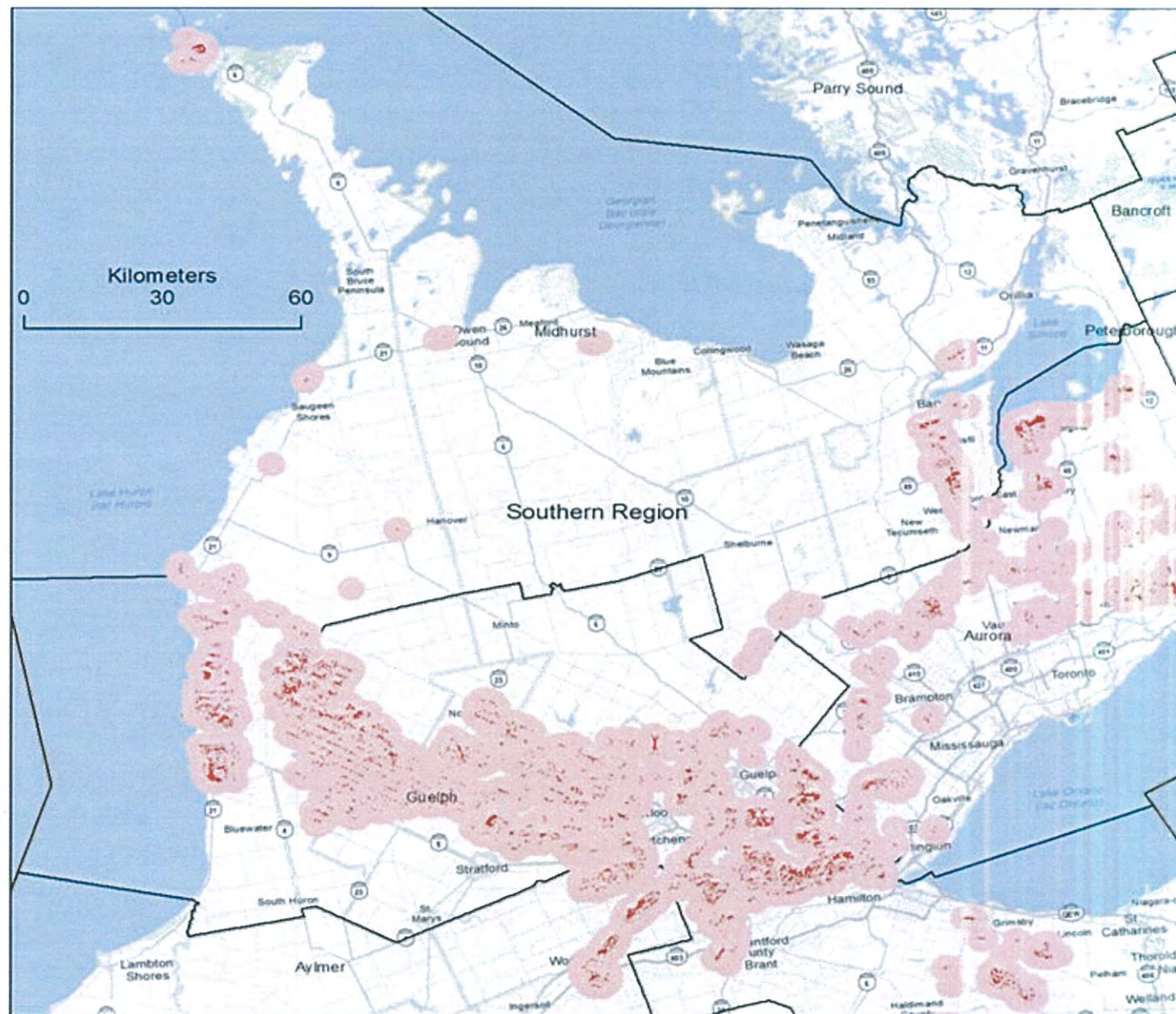
- Seek the advice of a qualified professional. Follow good forestry practices when making decisions around the removal of ash.
- Reduce the amount of ash in your woodlot. Do not eliminate ash from your forest.
- Target trees with disease or defects. Tree removal should take place across all size classes.
- Retain trees of all species, including some ash, that appear healthy and vigorous.
- Try to create small canopy openings to favour regeneration of shade tolerant tree species such as sugar maple, beech and hemlock. Larger openings may only encourage more ash regeneration or invasive species.
- Consider under planting other species if seed source is limited.
- Maintain wildlife habitat such as mast and cavity trees, solitary conifers, stick nests and downed woody debris.



Emerald ash borer 2015

Expansion Guelph, Midhurst
and Aurora districts.
Areas-within-which emerald
ash borer caused decline and
mortality to ash species.

 Area of Decline and Mortality



Thank you for your help!

There are many people that will value the information that you provide. We all need to work together on this.

Please don't move fresh wood or wood that hasn't been cured for two years. The Emerald Ash Borer is not the only threat that could be hitching a ride.

We appreciate your assistance!



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Branch Sampling to Detect Emerald Ash Borer Simplified



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Why Should I Sample?

It is important to be aware of both the presence and abundance of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) populations in order to plan both landscape and forestry operations. There are many people in different situations trying to work on the most cost effective method for dealing with their ash trees. Whether waiting to start treatment, retaining their specimen tree until the last possible moment, or planning on harvesting most ash out of their forests people need to know where EAB is and how quickly it is spreading.

Sampling in 6 Easy Steps

If you are removing some ash trees, please consider some branch sampling on **one out of every ten trees**.

Step 1. Pick two live branches from the mid to upper portion of the canopy, on the south side of the tree that are 2-3 inches in diameter. Similar to those near arrows in photo below.



Step 2. Remove these branches from the tree.

Step 3. Cut the branch again at 2-3 feet from the base.

Step 4. Peel the bark off of the branch. The bark must be peeled in thin strips to ensure that the cuts aren't too deep (less than 1/8 inch deep)

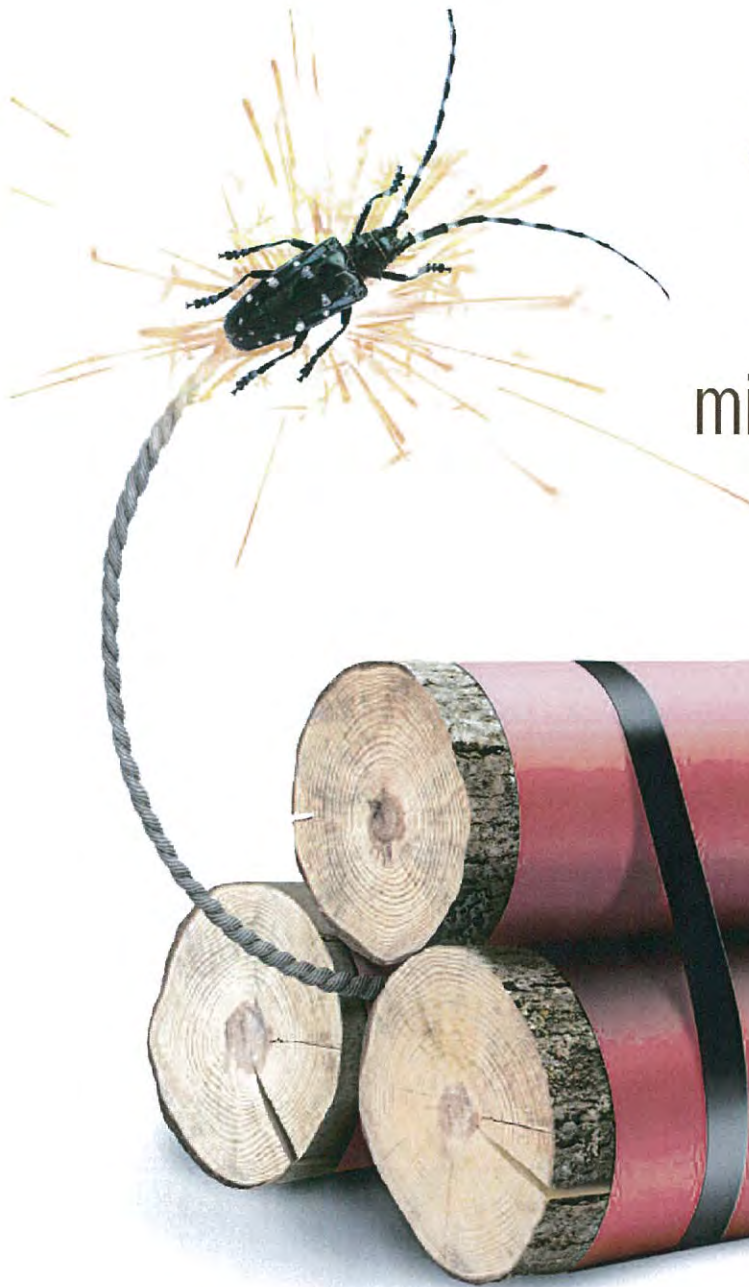
Step 5. Check to see if you have exposed any EAB larvae or galleries.



Step 6. Report your findings to a member of the Emerald Ash Borer Working Group.

Members of the Emerald Ash Borer Working Group are: City of Owen Sound, County of Bruce, County of Grey, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Parks Canada, and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.





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Hello All,

Please find attached the Township of Mulmur's presentation/mapping outline to Parliamentary Assistant Eleanor McMahon, presented at ROMA last week.

Mulmur has been asked to present to the NEC in March.

The Township is exploring opportunities to work together to preserve the natural features and functions of the Escarpment while preserving Mulmur's tax base.

Kind regards,

Tracey

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SUMMARY OF
MULMUR TOWNSHIP CONCERNS
WITH NEC PROPOSED EXPANSION

The Township of Mulmur is a rural municipality in Dufferin County, north-west of Toronto, with approximately 1525 households, farmlands, two river valleys, rolling hills, forests and the Bruce Trail. The Township of Mulmur prides itself in its natural features and is satisfied with the present controls in place to protect and preserve our municipality. In light of the recent proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) expansion and updating its mapping, the Township has the following concerns with the proposal:

- There are significant negative tax implications for the Township of Mulmur as well as our Upper Tier and School Boards should the NEP expand as proposed from 6988 ha to 12644 ha within Mulmur Township. A change in designation should not be done in isolation without examining the financial impact such a change will have on all the municipalities involved.
- Expanding the NEC requires increased process steps without achieving any further protection beyond that already in our Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law.
- The criteria for designating Niagara Escarpment – ‘Natural Area’ areas within the NEP has significant negative tax implications for the Township. The same level of protection can be achieved for features and functions through amendments to the identification criteria used by the NEC and still ensure protection without the damaging tax implications.



1. TAX IMPLICATIONS

The proposed expansion will have significant negative financial implications for the Township of Mulmur, Upper Tier County of Dufferin and School Boards. The proposed expansion will result in additional lands being designated Niagara Escarpment - Natural Area and benefiting from the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. Under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program (CLTIP), eligible properties could qualify for a 100% property tax exemption for land that has important natural heritage features and properties within the NEC 'Natural Area' designation qualify for this 100% tax exemption. The CLTIP reimbursement is not calculated in our grant received under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and is without financial benefit to the Township. The CLTIP is a provincial initiative and should be funded in total by the province as it is a direct loss of revenue to the Township. The proposed expansion will decimate Mulmur's budget.

REMAPPING IMPLICATIONS

The Township of Mulmur generates \$3.5M in taxes and has a total operating budget of \$5M. The Township currently is unable to collect \$253,000 due to the lands being within the NEP – Natural Area Designation. This loss in tax revenue costs our residents an additional 8% on their tax bills every year. The Township estimates that if the current criteria are maintained but correctly mapped, the Township will lose an additional \$163,000 (5%) of tax revenue. The proposed additional remapping (being 27% of the NEP lands in Mulmur increased to 45% in Mulmur) represents a 66% increase, which is equivalent to a total of \$416,000 in annual lost tax revenue.

EXPANSION IMPLICATIONS

The proposed expansion would approximately double the acreage of the NEP within Mulmur. Based on the current criteria for the Natural Area designation, we project a total tax loss of \$832,000 annually. This \$832,000 represents 24% of our total 3.5M tax levy. As an illustration, on a \$400,000 home in Mulmur at our current tax rate of 0.458276% the taxes would be \$1,833. With the proposed NEP expansion, the tax rate would need to be increased to 0.567341% which is a 24.07% increase or \$440 per year on that same \$400,000 property. This represents only the Township's portion of the resident's property tax bill. The Upper Tier and School Board portions of their tax bill would also increase proportionally. This increase will be mostly borne by our approximately 1525 residential household tax base as our commercial base is negligible.

These calculations do not include the Upper Tier and school board tax losses. As noted above, Mulmur costed out the potential loss to our Township; however, financial losses will be realized in other affected municipalities as well



2. NO NEW PROTECTION

The Township Official Plan, County Official Plan and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority currently provide policy protection and regulatory authority over significant natural features and functions proposed to be included in the NEP.

Including additional lands with the Niagara Escarpment plan will introduce a new level of approvals to approximately 6000 ha of land in Mulmur. It will result in a permit being required for the majority of development activities within the expanded area. This permit process is on top of the requirements for a permit within the NVCA regulated area, municipal approval requiring compliance with the Township's Official Plan, Comprehensive Zoning by-law, all other municipal by-laws, and a Building Permit, which requires conformity with all other applicable law.

PLANNING POLICY & REGULATIONS

The County of Dufferin adopted its Official Plan September 11 2014 and it was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on March 25, 2015. The Plan provides strong policy protection and mapping of provincially significant natural features.

The Township Official Plan was approved in 2012 and identifies provincially and locally significant features. The Township will be updating its Official Plan next in 2017, as part of its 5 year review to comply with Provincial Policy Statement 2014 and any amendments as a result of the Coordinated Review.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority updated its mapping in 2014 to expand its regulated area, such that provincially, locally and unidentified features and functions are regulated and therefore protected. It is noted that lands that are regulated by the NVCA are not eligible for CLTIP but are under protection.

The Township has an efficient, effective, and streamlined process of dealing with planning applications in conjunction with the NVCA under the authority of the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 172/06). The Official Plan and Township Zoning By-law, as well as County Official Plan provide protection for significant features, preserving significant rural and landscape character.

All of these systems are in place to protect natural features and functions and to control development in these areas. Township Staff is constantly patrolling Mulmur and has been very effective at deterring infractions, and advising the NEC of same, before they become too problematic for the NEC to deal with. The NEC expansion provides another layer of bureaucracy – with an approval process that is long and labourious - but *no actual additional protection* especially given the fact that the NEC is having difficulty enforcing its own regulations with one Enforcement Officer for the entire NEP area. Certain areas should be excluded, such as active aggregate operations and urban areas, settlements, and areas designated through our growth plan for development.



GROWTH POTENTIAL

The Township of Mulmur has very limited growth potential. In accordance with the Growth Plan, Terra Nova has been identified as a Rural Settlement Area with land designated for future residential development. The Mansfield North Recreational Area has approximately 50 acres of designated lands. The NEP expansion will stifle development on our allocated growth areas.

The Mansfield Ski-way is an established recreational center with growth aspirations. The Township is in the process of working through development applications and believe that the current policies and regulations are sufficient to protect the natural features and functions through the development process while allowing economic development within our small rural municipality with limited economic opportunities.

These areas should not be included within the NEP.

The NEC may *impede* much needed growth in the Township by regulating, for example, the number of severances allowed on a parcel. Currently the Township allows up to 4 per 100 acres of non-agricultural lands; whereas the NEC may not permit, or may severely limit the number of, new building lots.

3. CRITERIA

The criteria for designating Niagara Escarpment - Natural Area areas within the NEP have significant tax implications, and the same level of protection can be achieved for features and functions through amendments to the identification criteria and protection without the tax implications.

NATURAL VERSUS PROTECTION DESIGNATIONS

To mitigate the financial loss to the Township, efforts should be made to create an additional designation within the NEC that does not benefit from tax breaks but is provided with policy protection.

The Township believes it is important to preserve natural features and functions. The Township believes that the most significant features could be included in the Natural designation, where significant features and functions could be included in the Protection designation. A slight shifting in the designation criteria could have a significant impact on the tax implications.

Possible criteria for the Escarpment Natural Area and Escarpment Protection Area are proposed in the table following:



	NEC PROPOSED CRITERIA (track version of current criteria)	MULMUR RECOMMENDED CRITERIA (track version of current criteria)
NATURAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escarpment slopes outliers and related landforms associated with the underlying bedrock which are in a relatively natural state 2. Where forested lands abut the Escarpment, the designation includes the forested lands 300m back from the brow of the Escarpment slopes (e.g. Bruce Peninsula) 3. The most significant Provincially Significant ANSI (Life Science) 4. The most significant streams Significant Valleylands, Significant Woodlands, Provincially Significant Wetlands and other wetlands or wetland complexes 20 ha in size or greater associated with the Escarpment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escarpment slopes and related landforms associated with the underlying bedrock which are in a relatively natural state 2. Where forested lands abut the Escarpment, the designation includes the forested lands 300m back from the brow of the Escarpment slopes (e.g. Bruce Peninsula) 3. The most significant Provincially Significant ANSI (Life Science) 4. The most significant streams associated with the Escarpment
PROTECTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escarpment slopes, outliers and related landforms where existing land uses have significantly altered the natural environment 2. Areas in close proximity to Escarpment slopes which visually are part of the landscape unit 3. Regionally Significant ANSIS (Life Science) or areas designated as Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas (ESAS) designated by municipalities or conservation authorities 4. Linkages and Corridors identified in Natural Heritage Systems, designated within an approved municipal plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escarpment slopes, outliers and related landforms where existing land uses have significantly altered the natural environment 2. Areas in close proximity to Escarpment slopes which visually are part of the landscape unit 3. Regionally Significant ANSIS (Life Science) or areas designated as Environmentally Sensitive or Significant Areas (ESAS) designated by municipalities or conservation authorities 4. Linkages and Corridors identified in Natural Heritage Systems, designated within an approved municipal plan. 5. Where forested lands abut the Escarpment, the designation includes the forested lands 300m back from the brow of the Escarpment slopes (e.g. Bruce Peninsula) 6. Significant Valleylands, Significant Woodlands, Provincially Significant Wetlands associated with the Escarpment



CONSULTATION

Additional consultation is required with the lower and upper tier municipalities.

The Township is concerned that many of the residents who own lands within the proposed expansion area and those who will bear the burden of offsetting the lost taxes should the NEC be expanded are not aware of the Niagara Escarpment Plan Review or the Coordinated Review. The Township has attempted to provide public consultation and notice, but that information should be initiated and be distributed by the NEC or MMAH/MNRF.

The Coordinated Review has recommended that additional public consultation should occur. We request the Province to notify land owners by direct mail-out and to quantify the implications.

**TAXATION LOSS BY ASSESSMENT 2010 - CURRENT
TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR**

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YEAR	TOTAL MANAGED FOREST ASSESSMENT	TOTAL OVERALL LEVY MF	MULMUR LEVY- FOREST	FOREST IF CHARGED AT RES RATE - MULMUR ONLY	FOREST FOREGONE TOWNSHIP REVENUE	TOTAL FARMLANDS ASSESSMENT	TOTAL OVERALL LEVY- FARM	MULMUR LEVY- FARM	FARM IF CHARGED AT RES RATE (MULMUR ONLY)	FARMLAND FOREGONE TOWNSHIP REVENUE	EXEMPT ASSESSMENTS	EXEMPT IF CHGD AT RES RATE MULMUR ONLY	TOTAL FOREGONE TOWNSHIP REVENUE
2010	17,985,283	\$ 46,973.96	\$ 18,003.27	\$ 72,031.06	\$ (54,027.79)	99,007,263	\$285,587.17	\$ 99,106.27	\$ 396,524.09	\$ (297,417.82)	56,626,381	\$ (226,788.66)	\$ (578,234.27)
2011	22,140,250	\$ 55,712.18	\$ 21,453.02	\$ 85,811.62	\$ (64,358.61)	109,477,487	\$275,481.48	\$ 106,079.31	\$ 424,315.03	\$ (318,235.73)	66,241,283	\$ (256,739.29)	\$ (639,333.62)
2012	25,404,276	\$ 61,998.63	\$ 24,122.38	\$ 96,515.16	\$ (72,392.79)	119,359,675	\$291,294.90	\$ 113,336.79	\$ 453,348.34	\$ (340,011.55)	70,307,205	\$ (267,038.72)	\$ (679,443.05)
2013	25,536,425	\$ 64,759.86	\$ 25,767.02	\$ 103,068.08	\$ (77,301.06)	124,330,484	\$315,299.62	\$ 125,453.19	\$ 501,812.75	\$ (376,359.56)	67,506,850	\$ (272,465.75)	\$ (726,126.37)
2014	27,242,810	\$ 70,220.25	\$ 29,451.11	\$ 117,804.72	\$ (88,353.61)	129,261,605	\$333,180.84	\$ 139,739.55	\$ 558,959.50	\$ (419,219.94)	69,227,000	\$ (299,354.85)	\$ (806,928.41)
2015	29,431,476	\$ 76,626.32	\$ 33,719.35	\$ 134,877.39	\$ (101,158.04)	136,369,526	\$355,044.88	\$ 156,237.20	\$ 624,948.81	\$ (468,711.61)	72,131,270	\$ (330,560.30)	\$ (900,429.95)

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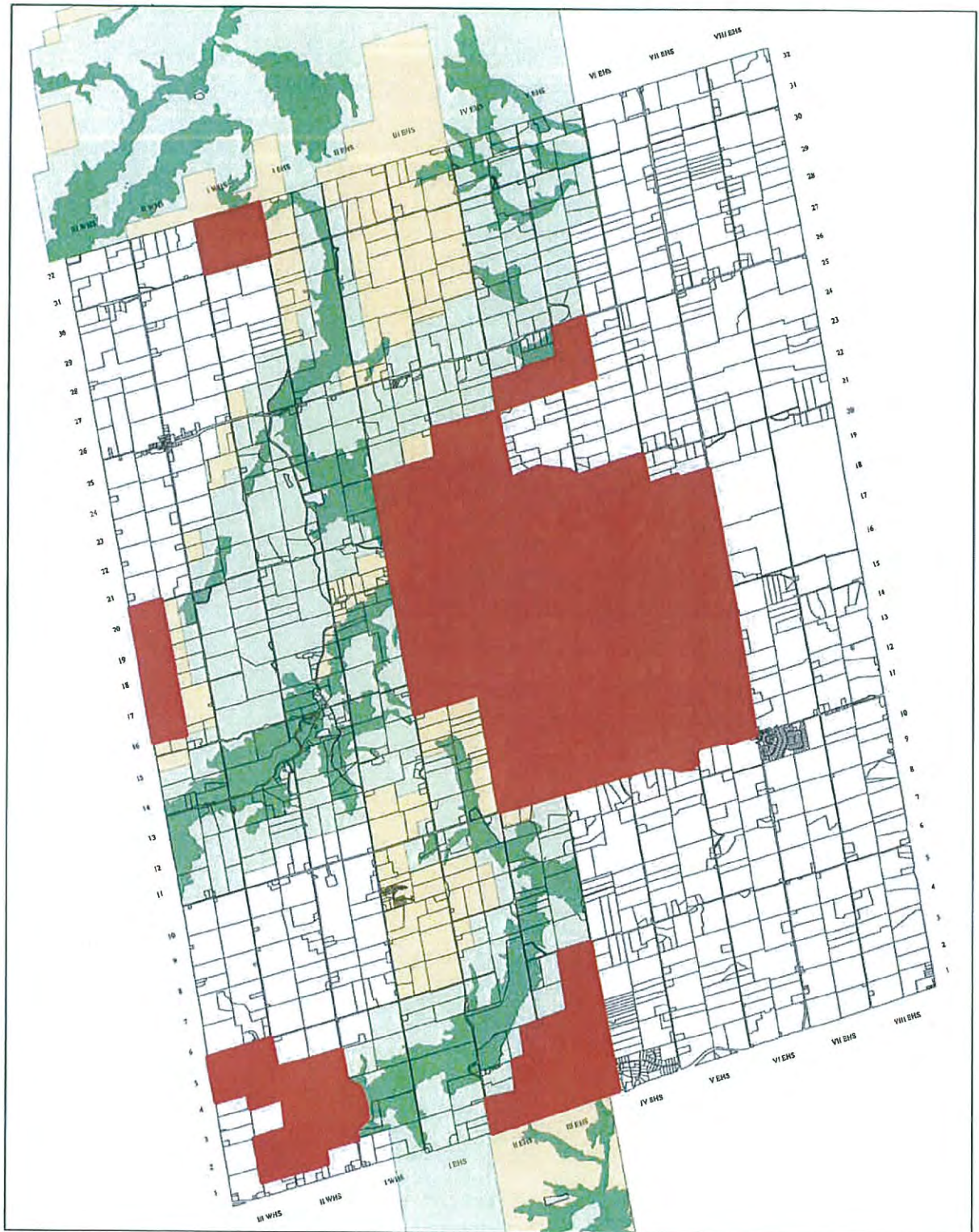
Loss to Upper Tier: \$279,972

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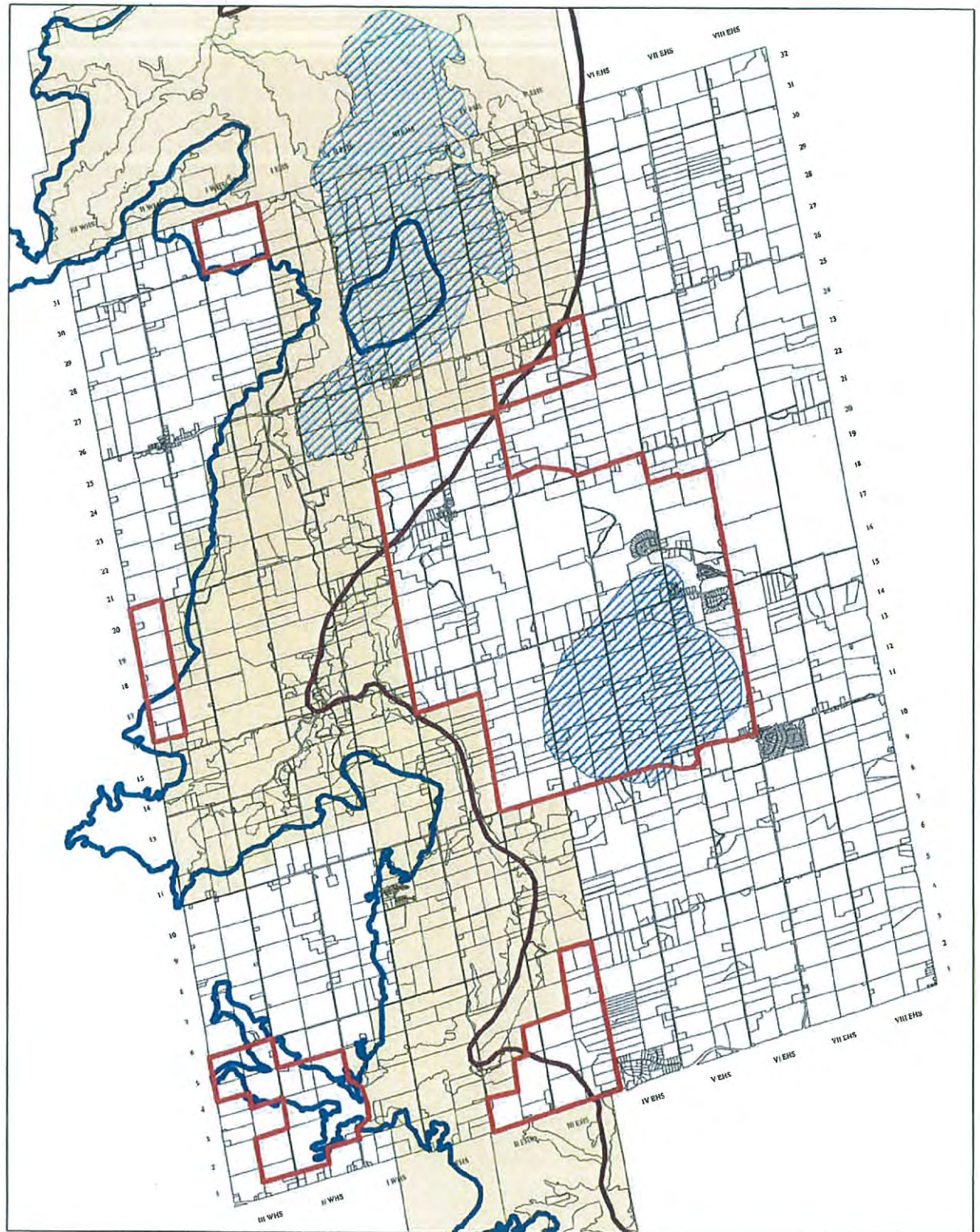
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 Proposed NEC Expansion

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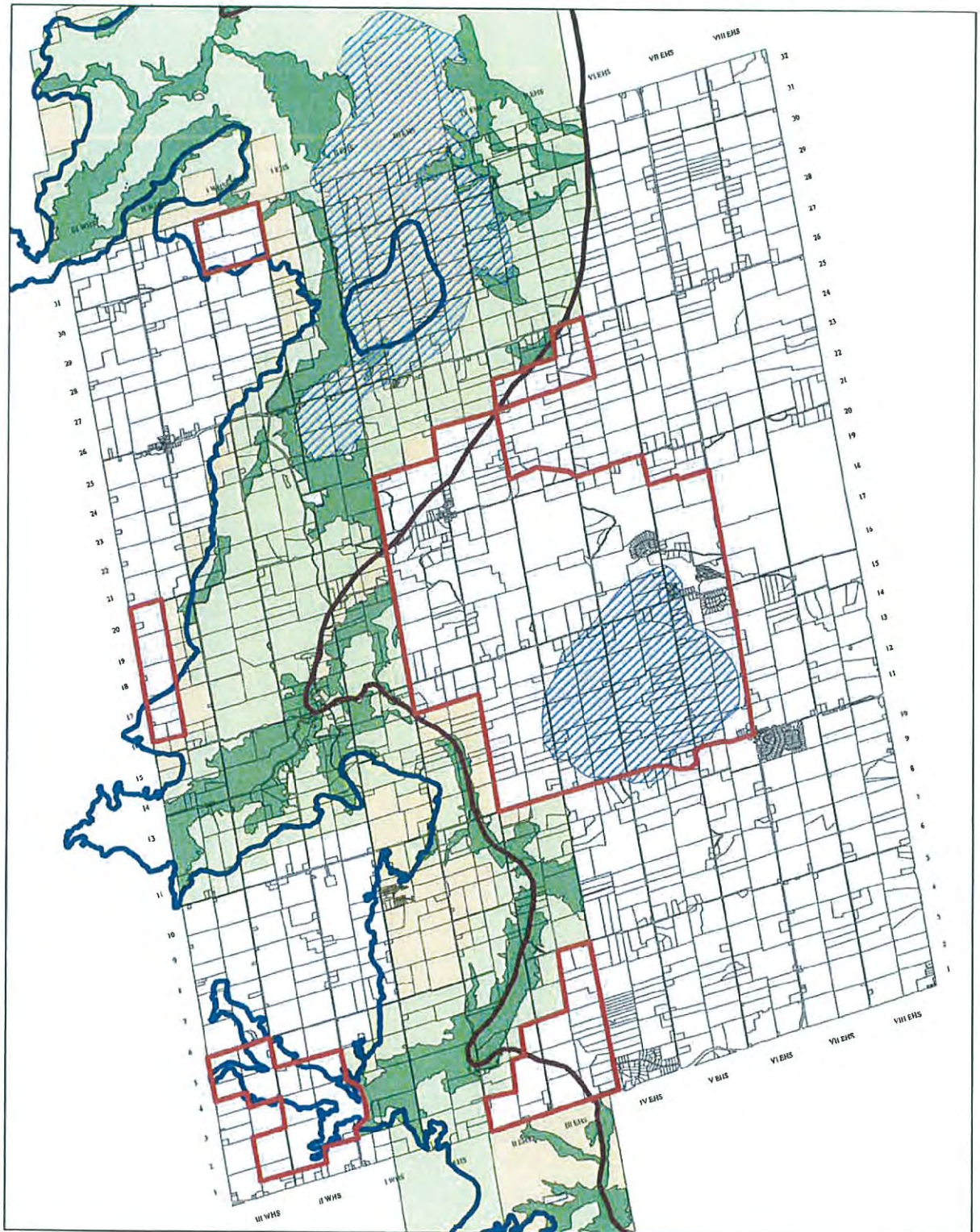
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Escarpment Toe and Brow and Outliers are shown within and beyond the current designated areas.

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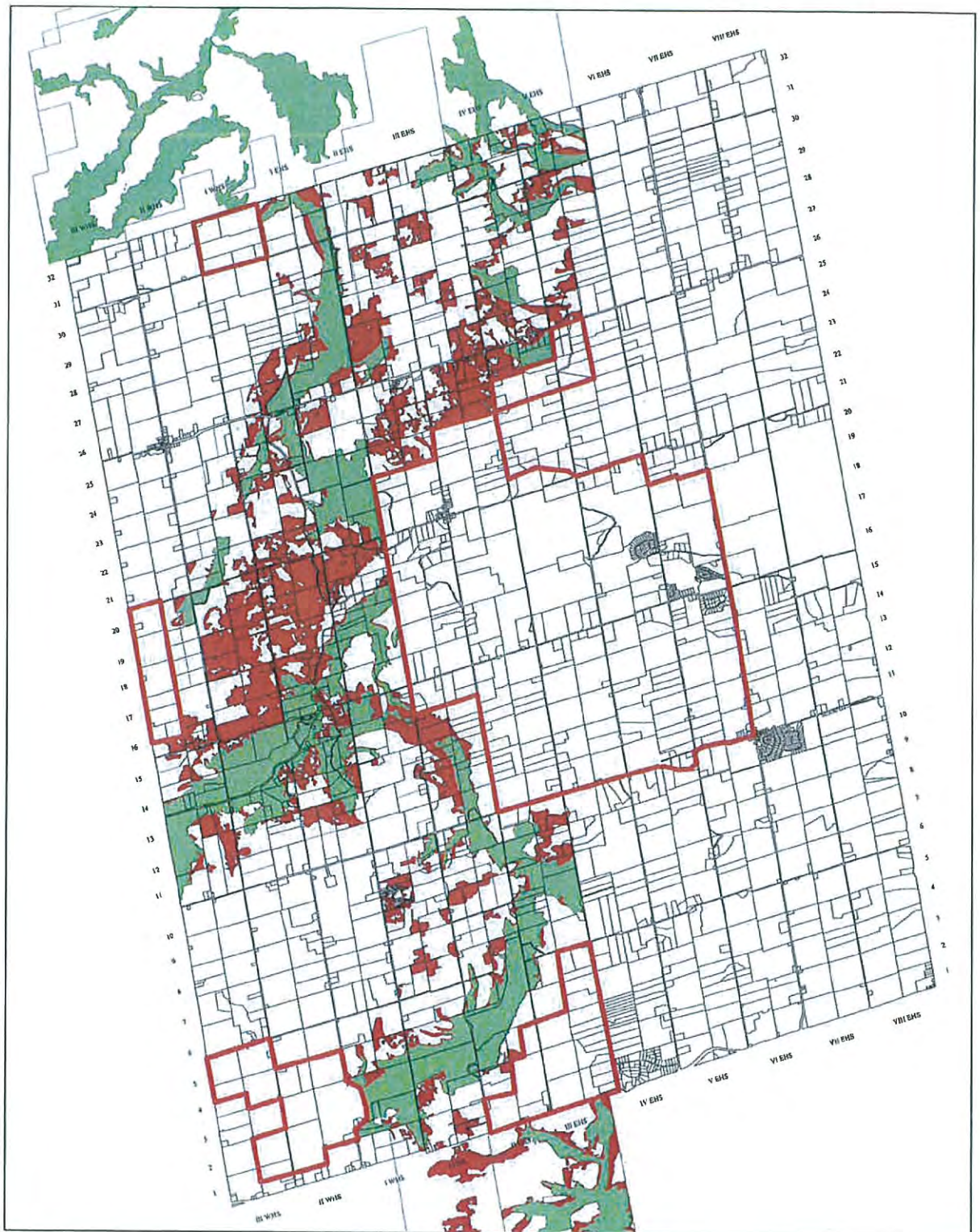
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Proposed NEC Expansion



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Township of Mulmur Niagara Escarpment - Existing and Expanded Area



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Existing Criteria with Updated Mapping

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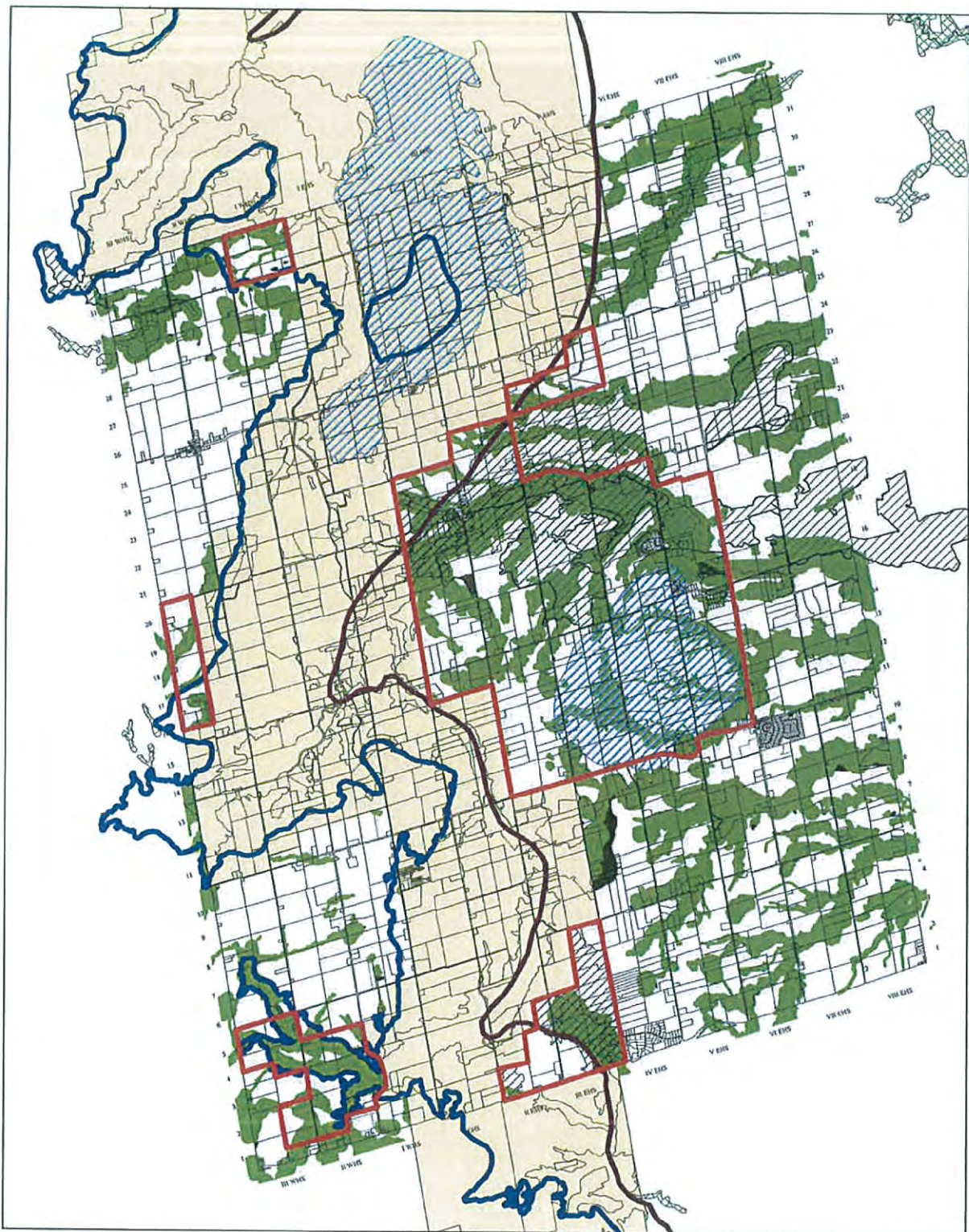
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Proposed NEC Expansion

The Natural designation (shown in green) could be enlarged (to include red) through updated mapping.
The Natural designation would be further enlarged if the NFP area was enlarged to include lands within the red boxes



Township of Mulmur Niagara Escarpment - Existing Protection



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Mumur Natural Area designation

Areas outside of the NEP contain various protection through County and Local Official Plan policies, Municipal Zoning and regulated by the Conservation Authority.



Scenario 1 Existing Designation Criteria and Historic Data Dufferin County

Land Use Designation	Percent Cover
Escarpment Natural Area	27.53%
Escarpment Protection Area	50.91%
Escarpment Rural Area	20.49%
Escarpment Recreation Area	0.52%
Mineral Resource Extraction Area	0.55%
Grand Total	100.00%



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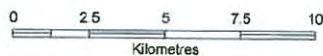
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Plan Designations

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Scenario 2 Existing Designation Criteria and Updated Data Dufferin County

Land Use Designation	Percent Cover
Escarpment Natural Area	45.25%
Escarpment Protection Area	36.99%
Escarpment Rural Area	16.69%
Escarpment Recreation Area	0.52%
Mineral Resource Extraction Area	0.55%
Grand Total	100.00%



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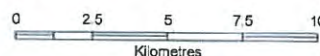
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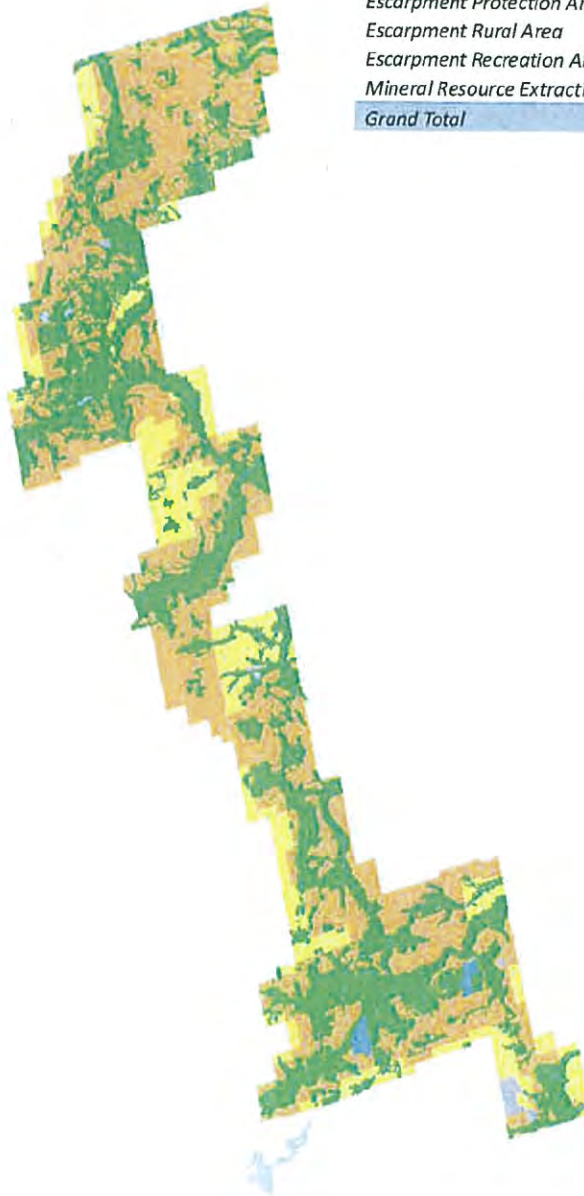
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Scenario 3 **Revised Designation Criteria¹ and Updated Data** **Dufferin County**

Land Use Designation	Percent Cover
Escarpment Natural Area	45.45%
Escarpment Protection Area	40.32%
Escarpment Rural Area	13.19%
Escarpment Recreation Area	0.52%
Mineral Resource Extraction Area	0.55%
Grand Total	100.00%



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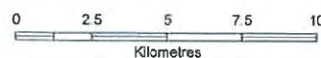
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Re: Greenbelt Expansion (NEC Expansion)

Dear Sirs and Madams;

This letter is in response to the Niagara Escarpment Commission's Advice on Potential Addition of Land to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, which was prepared for the Co-ordinated Provincial Land Use Planning Review.

We would request that the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, appoint a delegate staff to engage with Mulmur Township, as well as the MNR confirm that our delegated staff would be Mr. David Hintz and Mr. Robert Pineo.

At this time, the Township of Mulmur is not supportive of the potential addition of lands to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area.

We are thankful that since the time of our first letter (dated October 9, 2015) a Dufferin representative has been appointed to the Niagara Escarpment Planning Board. We also appreciate the meeting that was facilitated with MNR staff.

Please be advised that the Township has requested a delegation with the Minister of Natural Resources at the ROMA conference, and will make itself available to meet with any other Ministers or delegated staff during the conference or at a later date to further communication, engagement and a solution.

Please ensure that the Township of Mulmur is provided notice of upcoming meeting and circulated on reports, agendas and any further addendums.

Kind regards,

Township of Mulmur



Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP

Planner



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

Farm Stewardship: Enhancing Habitat and Creating Wetlands

By Shannon Stephens, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Utopia, Ontario (March 15, 2016) In the rolling hills of Mono, Brian Boake raises cattle.

"I was introduced to farming at age 16 when my father decided to buy a farm rather than a traditional cottage property," says Brian. "He thought a cottage was 'too much work'...boy was he wrong!"

But farming got into Brian's blood, and years ago he purchased his own farm in Dufferin. It is a mix of cattle pastures, woodlands, springs and meadow.



Farm Improvements & Stewardship

Always interested in improving the farm, Brian went to a Growing Forward 2 workshop and found out about stewardship project funding opportunities.

"It seemed to me a good way to improve the property and help species at risk at the same time," explains Brian. "Rotational grazing and restricting livestock from the watercourse were projects that were just practical and considerate by our industry to downstream environs."

On his farm, there is an artesian spring where cold, clear water bubbles out of the ground and begins a brand new stream. To figure out how to give this stream the best start, Brian called in stewardship experts from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). Together they walked the property and discussed ideas for enhancing his farm.

To protect sensitive areas, Brian installed livestock fencing with a generous natural buffer along the stream and woodland. The buffer filters manure runoff, protecting the stream from excessive nutrients and bacteria. When designing buffers, wider is better for the environment. Consider that buffers 5 m wide remove about 50% of phosphorus and sediment runoff; those over 30 m wide remove almost all phosphorus. Once it enters fresh water, a kilogram of phosphorus could grow about 500 kg of algae! This can significantly reduce water quality.

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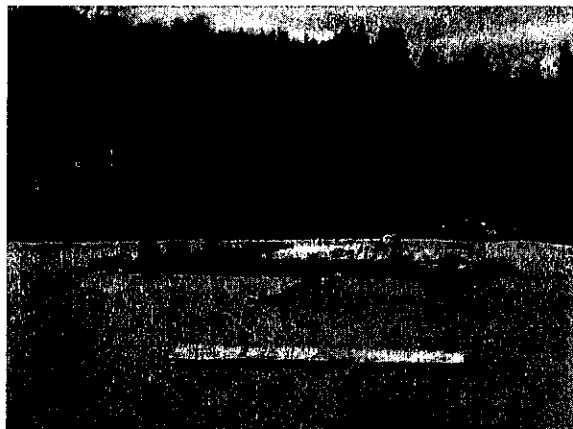
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A New Wetland

Brian also wanted to create a wetland habitat. Working with NVCA staff, he designed a new wetland and applied for the required permits.

In the new wetland, Brian planted native plants to stabilize the banks and increase biodiversity. He also included basking logs to attract turtles and frogs. Two turtle nesting beaches were created, giving turtles a safe spot to nest. Many turtle species are threatened due to loss of habitat and roadsides mortality.



Brian has great hopes for his wetland. "I suspect that a turtle will show up one day soon. Maybe even this year, I hope!"

Funding assistance for this project came from the Environmental Farm Plan's Waters Edge Transformation Program and the NVCA's Healthy Waters Program, which is supported by Environment Canada.

"Of course I liked the programs, and think my projects will have good long-term benefits for downstream species," reflects Brian. "I think we need to get more people into the program. Additionally I would not likely have undertaken the project without the generous financial incentives offered, so that aspect was a real blessing for me."

NVCA's Healthy Waters Program

Residents and farmers within Nottawasaga Valley watershed and can apply year-round for funding for Healthy Waters projects. To learn more, call Shannon Stephens of the NVCA at 705-424-1479 ext 239 or visit the landowner grants section on the authority's website, www.nvca.on.ca

Landowners interested in grants or technical help with wetland creation or protection can also apply to Ducks Unlimited (www.ducks.ca). Farmers can also access Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Cost Share programs and the Environmental Farm Plan (www.ontariosoilcrop.org).

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About the NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands. www.nvca.on.ca

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Town of Mono

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March 15, 2016

Mr. Walter Benotto, Chair
CDRC Board of Management

Dear Mr. Benotto,

RE: 2016 CDRC Budget

Town of Mono Council reviewed your correspondence during the February 16, 2016 meeting. The following resolution was moved:

Resolution #12-3-2016

THAT we accept the 2016 Budget from the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

Yours truly,

Keith J. McNenly, AMCT
CAO and Clerk

KJM/jp

Copy: Town of Shelburne
Township of Amaranth
Township of Melancthon



March 15, 2016

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Richmond Hill Town Council – Ontario Municipal Board Reform

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on February 22, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Town of Richmond Hill has dedicated a good deal of time, and resources, developing an Official Plan that guides and directs the future development of our community and accurately reflects the expectations of the citizens of Richmond Hill; and

Whereas the Town of Richmond Hill also spends a good deal of resources defending the Official Plan and our Zoning By-laws at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB); and

Whereas the Town's Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Ontario Provincial Government; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to rule on Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Richmond Hill Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Richmond Hill's Official Plan; and

Whereas land use planning decisions may be appealed to the OMB, an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Richmond Hill;

Now therefore be it resolved that Richmond Hill Town Council requests the Government of Ontario thoroughly review the land use appeals process and develop a process for such appeals that recognizes and supports the rights of municipalities to make decisions that adhere to Municipally approved Official Plans, local community needs and aspirations, reflected in those plans; and

(continued)



Be it further resolved that the regulated timelines before an appeal is possible based on a "failure to make a decision" by the municipality be significantly extended thus ensuring that:

1. Adequate time be given for proper and meaningful negotiations between the Municipality and Applicant with the goal of resolving planning disagreements
2. Applicants are prevented from appealing to the OMB before a thorough negotiation process has been exercised to come to a successful outcome

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party; the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Regional Municipality of York and all York Region Municipalities; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration."

In accordance with Council's directive, the foregoing Council resolution in this regard has been forwarded to your attention.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk at 905-771-8800.

Sincerely,



Gloria Collier
Acting Town Clerk

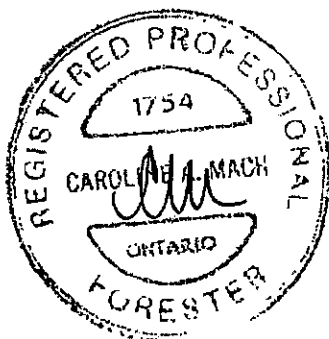
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Annual Report
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015



Annual Work Schedule
January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016



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January 20, 2016

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dufferin County Forest consists of thirteen tracts that in total form a 1,054 hectare (2,606 acre) forested area owned and managed by the County of Dufferin. The Forest has many important functions, including erosion and water control, natural heritage protection, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and support of the rural economy through timber production.

From the first purchase of land in 1930 until 1991 the Forest was managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) through agreements made under the *Forestry Act*. In 1995, the County completed a long-term, comprehensive management plan for the Forest properties, the first County in Ontario to do so. Following completion of the plan, a County Forest Manager was hired to implement it.

On March 13, 1997, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). This Memorandum, which expired in 2002, outlined the County's and the Ministry's responsibilities in the management of the Dufferin County Forest. Since the expiration of that agreement, the County has been responsible for all aspects of the management of the Dufferin County Forest.

The following are some highlights from the past year within each of the objective streams outlined in the management and operating plans: Public Use and Relations, Environmental and Resource Management, and Administration.

Public Use and Relations

- i. ongoing repair and replacement of gates and signs in the Forest;
- ii. ten larger-scale recreational events;
- iii. two forest walks (wildflower identification and tree identification);
- iv. enforcement of the County Forest by-law (2003-50) by off-duty OPP officers from September to November in the Main Tract and;
- v. continued cooperation on programs and events with the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network.

Environmental and Resource Management

- i. three public tenders of pine and hardwoods generating a total revenue of over \$60,000 and;
- ii. marking of 21 hectares of conifer plantations and 17 ha of tolerant hardwoods.

Administration

- i. no property was acquired or disposed of in 2015.

Next year, 2016, will see the continuation of various activities. There will be signs posted, forest walks, tendered timber sales, monitoring of harvesting operations, enforcement of the County Forest by-law (2003-50), several larger-scale recreational events, and a land use agreement with the Mansfield Outdoor Centre. In addition, a new twenty-year management plan for the Dufferin County Forest will be completed.

2.1 Partnerships

An important element in the County's taking over the management of the Dufferin County Forest was the creation of partnerships that would enable the County to achieve the goal and objectives of the long-term forest management plan (1995-2015), which were reiterated in the operating plan for 2010-2015. The potential relationships were outlined in section 8.0 (pgs. 34-36) of the management plan. In accordance with the general intent of that section, the County Forest has developed two very important partnerships; with the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and with the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network. These partnerships have enabled the County to achieve some of the objectives of the management plan that do not necessarily involve work on the ground in the Forest.

In the long-term forest management plan and in the new operating plan, the County made a significant commitment to inform and educate the public about the Dufferin County Forest and forests and forestry in general. The specific objectives can be found on pgs. 43 and 44 of the management plan and pgs. 15 to 19 of the operating plan. They include all ages and sectors of the population. The activities that the County partners on with the Museum and the Land Stewardship Network are chosen to achieve these public use and relations objectives. Generally speaking, they include regular contributions to the Museum's *Museletter*, forest walks, and participation in various workshops, displays, and events for the general public.

The County Forest Manager has been a member of the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network since its formation in 1995.

By partnering with the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and the Land Stewardship Network in seeking to achieve its public use and relations objectives for the County Forest, the County is able to make more efficient use of its resources in this area.

2.2 Signs

In the past year, fewer than ten metal "No motorized vehicles" signs had to be replaced due to vandalism/theft. "No motorized vehicle" signs are used to supplement the County Forest by-law signs at several locations where there are ongoing issues with entry by motorized vehicles.

The local Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) member clubs (Dufferin, Orangeville, and Alliston & District) posted signs indicating the location of the OFSC trails through the Main, Randwick, Simmons, Riverview, and Mono Tracts of the Dufferin County Forest.

Temporary signs were posted at a number of the tracts showing the dates of the spring wild turkey hunt, the fall wild turkey hunt and the two five-day periods of the fall deer shotgun hunt. This was done to inform users that there would be a concentration of hunters in the Forest during those periods. Additional signs urging hunters to "Exercise Extreme Caution" were posted around the southern section of the Randwick Tract prior to the spring wild turkey hunt, the fall wild turkey

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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From the first purchase of property in 1930 until 1991, the Forest was managed on behalf of the County by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). This relationship was governed by twenty-year agreements made under the *Forestry Act*. In 1991, the most recent of these agreements expired. This fact, combined with changes to the MNR's private land forestry policy, resulted in the development of a new management plan for the Forest in which the County took the lead role, assisted by MNR. Dufferin was the first County in Ontario to take the lead in developing a management plan for its forest properties. The process to develop the plan started in earnest in July, 1994 with the hiring of a Forest Management Plan Author. Less than one year later, on June 8, 1995, Dufferin County Council approved the final draft of the plan. Throughout the process, there was participation from the MNR, a Forest Advisory Team, and the general public, all of whom provided valuable input and comments.

In 1995, the County took over the control and co-ordination of all activities having to do with the Dufferin County Forest. In order to fulfill this new role, Dufferin hired a County Forest Manager, the first County in Ontario to do so.

On March 13, 1997, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). This Memorandum, which expired in 2002, outlined the County's and the Ministry's responsibilities in the management of the Dufferin County Forest. A new Memorandum will not be signed, thus terminating the formal relationship between the MNR and the County in the management of the Dufferin County Forest.

In 2005, the Dufferin County Forest celebrated its 75th anniversary.

In 2009, County Council approved a new five-year operating plan (2010-2015) for the Forest.

This annual report is divided into sections that correspond with those in *Our Forest, Our Future: Dufferin County Forest Management Plan 1995-2015* and the operating plan (2010-2015) and coincides with the County's fiscal year, January 1 to December 31.

2.0 PUBLIC USE AND RELATIONS

In 2015, public use and relations continued to be an important part of the management of the Dufferin County Forest. A number of the public relations activities were conducted in co-operation with the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and/or the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network.

hunt and the two five-day periods of the deer shotgun hunt. The “No hunting” signs that were posted along the boundary between the southern section of the Randwick Tract and the private land to the west in 1999 were monitored; no new signs were necessary.

Signs were posted at the Main Tract showing the dates of the ten larger-scale recreational events. As with the signs indicating the primary hunting seasons, this was done to alert the users of the Forest.

2.3 Advertising and Promotion

In order to make non-hunting users of the Dufferin County Forest aware of the hunting seasons, a series of three notices was placed in the Orangeville, Shelburne, Creemore, and Alliston newspapers in conjunction with the fall deer hunt. Notices were placed prior to the beginning of the bow hunt, prior to the first five-day period of the shotgun hunt, and prior to the second five-day period of the shotgun hunt. These choices were made based on the fact that the two five-day periods of shotgun hunt (as opposed to the bow hunt) draw more hunters in a shorter period of time. Similar notices were also placed prior to the start of the spring wild turkey hunt and the fall wild turkey hunt.

The “Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest” information package was distributed to the 181 hunters who purchased forest use permits, as well as on a request basis. Email inquiries were first directed to the website for information.

Numerous phone and e-mail requests for information on the Dufferin County Forest and forests and forestry in general were answered. The information that was distributed consisted mostly of Dufferin County Forest pamphlets, maps of the Main Tract, executive summaries of the operating plan, and information on various insects and diseases that affect trees.

A news release was produced and distributed in conjunction with the release of the annual report for 2014.

The County Forest website (www.dufferinmuseum.com/forest) was updated throughout the year to provide forest users and other interested members of the public with timely information about events and activities.

County Forest promotional items were provided for Mono’s Big Day Out, Rosemont Farmer’s Market, Mono on a Bike, Jean Hamlyn Family Week event, Dufferin County Museum & Archives golf day fundraiser, and Skates Alive.

2.4 Forest Walks

The County held two guided forest walks in the Little Tract in co-operation with the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network. On May 23, a wildflower identification walk; on May 30 a tree identification walk.

2.5 Demonstration Area

To assist in public education, a conifer plantation thinning demonstration area was established adjacent to the Main Tract parking lot in 1997. The area (2.5 hectares) was planted with red pine and some spruce in 1967. It has been divided into four sections that were thinned in 1998 as follows: 50% removal, 25% removal, 33% removal, and 0% removal. This will enable the public to observe the impact of various thinning regimes on the growth of the trees and on the development of regeneration and understorey plants. The second thinning in half of each of the original four sections took place in 2009; this will further demonstrate the effect of one as opposed to two thinnings. Disks were collected from the trees at the time of both thinnings so that comparisons in annual ring growth can be made. The demonstration area is a valuable tool in the education of landowners and the general public on the effects of conifer plantation thinning.

2.6 Hunting

Table 1 shows the number of Forest Use Permits (Hunting) that have been issued over the past five years. In 2015, these permits generated revenue of \$5,430 for the County. Monitoring of hunting will continue, particularly during the fall deer shotgun hunts, which are traditionally of most concern because they attract a large number of hunters in a short space of time.

Table 1: Forest Use Permits (Hunting) Issued for the Dufferin County Forest 2011-2015

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Number of Permits	181	147	70	93	119

2.7 Recreational Events

Table 2 gives details of the ten larger-scale recreational events that took place in the Main and Mono Tracts of the County Forest in 2015. This was the first year that there were larger-scale recreational events taking place outside the Main Tract. In total, the events generated revenue of over \$2,000 for the County. The events progressed without problems.

Table 2: Larger-Scale Recreational Events in the Dufferin County Forest 2015

Date of Event	Type of Event	Number of Participants
April 11	Substance Projects Mountain Bike Event	106
May 3	OCTRA Horseback Ride	92
June 21	OCTRA Horseback Ride	135
July 18	Substance Projects Mountain Bike Event	65
August 22	Debra Moore Horseback Ride for Breast Cancer	123
August 27	Chesley Saddle Club Horseback Ride	25

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Date of Event	Type of Event	Number of Participants
September 19	Mono on a Bike – Mono Tract	65
September 26	Chaste the Coyote Trail Run – Mono Tract	71
October 3	OCTRA Horseback Ride	101
October 31	Cadets Orienteering Event	152

2.8 Mansfield Outdoor Centre

In 2015, the Mansfield Outdoor Centre once again leased cross-country ski trails in the south portion of the Main Tract, generating revenue of \$700 for the County.

2.9 Access Maintenance

The Mansfield Outdoor Centre placed, at its own expense, orange plastic snow fencing at several strategic locations in the Main Tract. This was done to prevent snowmobiles from accessing the cross-country ski trails leased by the Mansfield Outdoor Centre.

In 2015, two gates were placed at the north end of the Main Tract to restrict access to adjoining private property. Fencing was added at the south end of the Mono Tract and the south end of the Main Tract to restrict access by motorized vehicles.

2.10 Garbage Removal

The amount of garbage in most areas of the Forest has not reached a critical state, but it is important to be proactive so that members of the public do not begin to feel that the Forest is a free landfill. Litter is collected by the County Forest Manager and the Forestry Summer Student, as time permits. Large pieces of garbage, such as appliances and tires, are removed by staff from the County Operations Centre.

2.11 Research

Red Oak Management

The area in the Main Tract (Compartment 27, 25 ha) that was established as a red oak research project in 1994 will not be continued as a formal research project. However, management activities will continue in such a way as to promote the establishment and growth of red oak on the site.

In the spring of 2009 the area underwent a prescribed burn to control vegetation that was competing with the small red oak seedlings on the site. Unfortunately, due largely to a change in the predicted weather, the burn did not control as much of the competing vegetation as was hoped. A

detailed plan on how to proceed with management of this site is being developed.

Biodiversity Plots

In 2000, the County established its first research plot, the Beaton Plot. This plot was established in Compartment 25 of the Main Tract on part of the former site of Camp Dufferin. The protocol used to establish the plot was developed through the Smithsonian Institute and is recognized and used around the world. This will allow for data comparisons (e.g. number of plant species present) between the Beaton Plot and other local, national, and international plots. The purpose of the Beaton Plot is to study the natural succession on the site. In 2001, a sign was placed at the site to inform forest users about the history and purpose of the plot.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

In accordance with the long-term forest management plan and the operating plan, the County manages the biological components of the Forest using an ecosystem management approach. Table 3 shows a summary of resource management activities undertaken in the Dufferin County Forest over the last five years.

Table 3: Environmental and Resource Management Activities for the Dufferin County Forest 2011-2015

Activity	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Site preparation (ha)	0	0	0	0	0
Reforestation (ha)	0	0	0	0	0
Marking (ha)	33	32	32	33	20
Non-commercial tending (ha)	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial harvesting (ha)	38	18	32	33	20
Commercial harvesting (m ³)	1,344	421	3,170	1,322	1,237
Borax application (ha)	0	0	0	0	0

3.1 Site Preparation

Site preparation is a mechanical, fire, chemical, or hand treatment that modifies a site to provide favourable conditions for natural or artificial regeneration. There was no site preparation necessary in 2015.

3.2 Reforestation

Reforestation refers to the establishment of a forest through artificial means, usually by planting or direct seeding. There was no reforestation necessary in 2015.

3.3 Marking

Marking is the operation that designates the trees within a stand that are to be commercially harvested. The marking follows a silvicultural prescription written specifically for the stand. The prescription and the marking that follows it are the most important functions in determining the future structure and composition of any forest stand. The number, size, and species of trees that are removed has a significant impact on the growth and development of the remaining trees. Since all harvesting in the Dufferin County Forest is done by some variation of the selection cutting system, all stands must be marked prior to harvesting. The marking is done by a crew hired on contract.

The stands that were tendered in 2015 were marked on contract at a cost of just over \$3,000. This modest investment ensured the healthy growth and development of the forest stands that were thinned and generated timber sale revenue of over \$60,000.

3.4 Non-Commercial Tending

In order to achieve forest management objectives, it is sometimes necessary to conduct non-commercial tending operations such as pruning, thinning (removal of trees in an immature stand to accelerate diameter growth and improve form of remaining trees), improvement cutting (removal of less desirable trees to improve the composition and quality of a stand), or cleaning (removal of less desirable species of the same age to free the favoured trees in a stand not past the sapling stage). As the name implies, this type of tending does not produce revenue; it is done at some cost to the County. In general, non-commercial tending operations are associated with young plantations or with stands that are of low commercial quality. Currently, the Dufferin County Forest does not have many of either of these types of stands. There was no non-commercial tending necessary in 2015.

3.5 Commercial Harvesting

Annually, wood is harvested on a sustainable basis from the Dufferin County Forest. The majority of the wood is sold by open public tender. Occasionally, a small amount of wood is sold to the public for personal use or as a negotiated sale. Table 4 summarizes the tendered timber sales for 2015.

Table 4: Tendered Timber Sales for the Dufferin County Forest 2015

Tender Number	Tract and Compartments	Volume (m³)	Number of Trees	Species	Area (ha)	Value
CF 15-01	Main (10a)	733	946	red pine and white pine	12.0	\$28,250.00
CF 15-02	Main (12b, 13d, 13e)	206	318	tolerant hardwoods	17.0	\$27,120.00
CF 15-03	Main (16a, 17a)	405	2,272	red pine	9.0	\$8,023.00
Total		1,344	3,536		38.0	\$63,393.00

In 2015, the tenders were awarded as follows: CF 15-01 to Moggie Valley Timber of Holland Centre, Ontario; CF 15-02 to Kaster Logging Ltd. of Stayner, Ontario; and CF 15-03 to Breen's Lumber Inc. of Coldwater, Ontario. Tenders may not be awarded to the highest bidder in situations where the highest bidder's reputation is poor or unknown.

3.6 Pests and Diseases

Outbreaks of insects and diseases in the Dufferin County Forest are managed using an integrated pest management approach. If levels of pests and/or diseases reach intolerable levels, integrated pest management techniques may include the use of natural predators and parasites, genetically resistant hosts, environmental modifications and, when necessary and appropriate, chemical pesticides and herbicides.

Information on insect and disease populations is provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and other partners.

In 2013, the presence of emerald ash borer was confirmed in one location in Dufferin County, at the south end of Orangeville. Public education regarding this pest is ongoing through events, information at the County Forest office and on the website, and responses to inquiries. In 2012, a report describing how the borer will be dealt with in the context of the County Forest was presented to, and approved by, County Council. Since there is relatively little ash in the County Forest¹, it is anticipated that the impact of the emerald ash borer will not be significant in the County Forest itself. Dead or dying ash that are considered to be hazard trees due to their proximity to trails will be removed as soon as possible after they are identified. Stands with an ash component

¹ Black ash makes up 80% of the basal area in one 2 ha (5 acre) stand; white ash makes up 20% of the basal area in three stands that make up a total area of 23 ha (57 acres); and white ash makes up 10% of the basal area in eleven stands that make up a total area of 125 ha (309 acres). The total area of the Dufferin County Forest is 1,054 ha (2,606 acres). The only areas where issues with the number of dead ash would be expected to arise are in the black ash stand and in the northeast part of the Main Tract where there are several stands with a 10 or 20% ash component adjacent to each other.

will be managed in accordance with the strategies outlined in *Managing Ash in Farm Woodlots; Some Suggested Prescriptions* (Williams & Schwan, 2011)².

Although the impact of emerald ash borer on the County Forest is not expected to be significant, individual landowners and municipalities that have larger proportions of ash in their tree cover will see a greater impact, both economically and ecologically.

The Asian longhorned beetle, it is not an immediate threat to the Dufferin County Forest.

3.7 Forest Fire Management

Forest fire management involves the maintenance of fire roads, trimming of brush to provide access for fire suppression, and the actual suppression of forest fires. The County is responsible for the maintenance of fire roads and the trimming of brush, while fire suppression is conducted by the local fire departments.

4.0 ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Budget Summary - 2015

Besides staff, the majority of expenses in 2015 included contract enforcement, advertising and promotion, tree marking, and signs. The majority of revenues were generated from timber sales. These were supplemented by land use, forest use, and recreational event permits. In 2015, timber sales generated revenue over \$60,000. There are many factors that affect the value of the timber sold from the Dufferin County Forest, some of which are difficult to predict from year to year. These factors include the price of wood locally and regionally, the location, size and species of trees offered for sale, and the supply of wood of various species and sizes in a given year. For details of the budget, please refer to the County of Dufferin's Budget 2015.

4.2 Grants Under the *Forestry Act*

In the past, the provincial government provided grants for the purchase of Dufferin County Forest properties. Since the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the County and the Ministry of Natural Resources has expired, the re-payment of the grants is governed by the following excerpts from the *Forestry Act*:

"forestry purposes" includes the production of wood and wood products, provision of proper environmental conditions for wild life, protection against floods and erosion, recreation, and protection and production of water supplies; ("fins forestières")

2. (1) The Minister may enter into agreements with owners of land suitable for forestry purposes that provide for the

² This publication is available from the County Forest Manager's office or online at: www.ontariowoodlot.com/publications/owa-publications/landowner-guides

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management or improvement of the land for these purposes upon such conditions as the Minister considers proper. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 20.

Grants

(2) The Minister may make grants of the sums provided for in the agreement, on such conditions as the Minister considers appropriate, out of the money appropriated by the Legislature to any conservation authority or municipality for the purpose of assisting it in the acquisition of land that is suitable for forestry purposes and that is to be managed under an agreement. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 20.

Forestry purposes only

(3) A conservation authority or municipality that has entered into an agreement under subsection (1) or a predecessor provision shall not, without the approval of the Minister, use any land in respect of which grants have been made under subsection (2) or a predecessor provision for any purpose that is inconsistent with forestry purposes at any time during or after the term of the agreement. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 20.

Repayment

(4) A conservation authority or municipality that uses land covered by an agreement authorized under subsection (1) or a predecessor provision for a purpose that is inconsistent with forestry purposes shall repay to the Province of Ontario all grants that it received under the agreement to acquire the land unless the Minister provides that the grants need not be repaid. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 20.

Sale of land

(5) Land in respect of which grants have been made under subsection (2) or a predecessor provision shall not, without the approval of the Minister, be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of during or after the term of the agreement. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 20.

Proceeds shared

(6) The proceeds from any sale, lease or other disposition of land in respect of which grants have been made under subsection (2) or a predecessor provision shall be divided as the Minister directs between the conservation authority or municipality, as the case may be, and the Province of Ontario, with the conservation authority or municipality receiving not less than 50 per cent of the proceeds. 2000, c. 26, Sched. L, s. 4 (2).

Exception

(7) Subsection (6) does not apply to a sale, lease or other disposition for the use of the Province of Ontario. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 20.

These provisions are not substantially different from those under previous *Forestry Act* agreements or the Memorandum of Understanding.

The following Dufferin County Forest properties were bought partially with grants from the province (the amount of the grant is shown in brackets):

- i. compartments 15, 16, 17, and 18 of the Main Tract (\$4,603.67); purchased in 1963
- ii. the south half of compartment 25 of the Main Tract (\$468.80); purchased in 1961
- iii. compartment 46 of the Mono Tract (\$327.25); purchased in 1960
- iv. Simmons Tract (\$3,884.83); purchased in 1967
- v. Little Tract (\$19,012.65); purchased in 1971

Due to the size and location of these properties, it is unlikely that the County will be disposing of any of them or using them for other than "forestry purposes".

4.3 Property Acquisition and Disposal

There was no property acquisition or disposal during 2015.

5.0 MONITORING

In 2015 the primary monitoring activities were cut inspections conducted during commercial harvesting operations, monitoring of hunting activity (particularly during the two five-day deer shotgun hunt periods), and enforcement of the County Forest by-law (2003-50). To improve enforcement of the County Forest by-law, off-duty OPP officers were hired to patrol the Main Tract from September to November.

Cut inspections were done to ensure that the loggers complied with the terms and conditions of the Agreement for the Sale of Timber. There were no significant violations of timber sale agreements in 2015.

Other monitoring activities included:

- i. general observation of, and communication with, users of the Forest and;
- ii. surveying signs and gates at the forest properties and arranging for replacement when and where necessary.

6.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN

Since the County of Dufferin took over day-to-day management of the Dufferin County Forest from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in 1995, management of the forest has been governed by a twenty-year forest management plan supported by five-year operating plans and annual reports and work schedules.

During 2015 work continued on the development of a new twenty-year forest management plan and associated recreation policy. Early in the year, the Forest Operation Review Committee was established in order to consider the County's forest operation at a high level (including discussion of: the requirement to manage forest lands at the County level, including the need and reasons for its existence, and applicable legislation; the County Forest lands' connectivity to the overall community and forest cover in Dufferin; the role of the forest and the County of Dufferin in relation to regional conservation and environmental protection organizations; opportunities for the ultimate purpose and use of the County Forest lands, including potential future uses; and the goal and objectives of the Dufferin County Forest to date, which directly relate to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the forest properties). The Committee met three times, moving quickly from a high level review of the County Forest operation to a review of an updated draft of the twenty-year forest management plan. Once the forest management plan is approved by County Council, the Committee will proceed to the development of the associated recreation policy.

7.0 STAFF

The Forest is included in the activities of the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and Heritage

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Lands Department headed by DCMA General Manager Darrell Keenie. The day-to-day activities involving the Forest are conducted and co-ordinated by the County Forest Manager, Caroline Mach. Activities and issues dealing with the Forest are presented to the Community Services Committee, and subsequently to Dufferin County Council.

County Operations Supervisor Scott Martin and his staff must also be acknowledged for their work in posting signs, cutting hazard trees, and cleaning up garbage.

8.0 ANNUAL WORK SCHEDULE - 2016

The specific activities for 2016 are described in the following sections.

8.1 Public Use and Relations

Although no new signs are planned, sign replacement will continue to be a part of public use and relations in 2016.

In 2016, it is anticipated that the Mansfield Outdoor Centre will lease cross-country ski trails in the Main Tract.

It is expected that the Main Tract will host three Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association horseback rides and two Substance Projects mountain bike rides in 2016.

Public relations activities will continue to be conducted in partnership with the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network. These will include two educational walks (tree identification and wildflower identification).

8.2 Environmental and Resource Management

It is anticipated that there will be 55 hectares of conifer plantations marked in 2016. The breakdown of the areas is shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Areas Planned to be Marked in the Dufferin County Forest 2016

Tract (Compartment)	Species	Area (ha)
Randwick (2c, 3a, 3c)	red pine	17
Randwick (4b)	red pine	8
Main (22b)	red pine and white pine	15
Gara Gore (44a)	white spruce	15
Total Area		55

As in the past, the number of trees and the volume to be harvested will be known once the tree marking is completed. Stands will be publicly tendered in the fall of 2016.

Information about the emerald ash borer and how to manage trees and woodlots in its presence will continue to be distributed to the general public.

8.3 Administration

For details of the budget, refer to the County of Dufferin's Budget 2016.

8.4 Monitoring

In 2016, the monitoring program will continue to focus on three broad areas:

- i. conducting regular cut inspections of ongoing commercial harvesting operations;
- ii. enforcing the County Forest by-law (2003-50) through the hiring of off-duty OPP officers and;
- iii. monitoring of hunting activity, particularly during the two five-day deer shotgun hunts.

8.5 Management Plan

In 2016, work will continue on the development of a new twenty-year management plan and associated recreation policy for the Dufferin County Forest.



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Dear Ms. Holmes,

Re: NVCA's 2016 Planning and Regulation Review Fees

It is my pleasure to provide you with a copy of our latest Board of Directors approved planning and regulation review fees for your information.

NVCA fees are reviewed annually and were last updated in 2013. To assist with the latest review the NVCA Board of Directors created a Planning and Engineering Advisory Committee (PEAC) tasked with the role of reviewing the current NVCA Planning Fee Schedule and providing preferred options and recommendations to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

The Committee was comprised of 8 Board members including the committee Chair Councillor Keith White from Essa Township. The committee completed an extensive review of the current review fees including a comparison with other Conservation Authorities, feedback from key stakeholders and input from our municipal partners. A stakeholder subcommittee of PEAC was created that included representatives from the agriculture, development and aggregate sectors, along with customers-at-large.

As a result of the review process the committee developed the following 12 recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors:

1. Establish Service Agreements (MOU's) with all watershed municipal Councils.
2. Standardize Service Agreements across the watershed.
3. Report annually to the Board on client service survey responses and permit review response times.
4. Conduct annual consultations with the stakeholders on fees.
5. Include clear wording and specific fees for agricultural projects in the fee schedule.
6. Dedicate a specific staff person to review agricultural permits.

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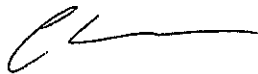
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7. Move to full cost accounting for planning/permitting applications by tracking all applications.
8. Ensure that the fee policy clearly addresses the fee appeal process.
9. Delegate the CAO the ability to negotiate a lower fee for special circumstances.
10. Establish a fee cap of \$100,000 for aggregate and subdivision applications and that the agricultural caps continue.
11. Move to a per hectare fee for subdivisions.
12. Reassess the percentage allocation of municipal levy versus development application fees will be reviewed in future budget deliberations.

All of the recommendations with the exception of number 9 was approved by the Board and as appropriate have been appropriately addressed in the attached policy document and fee schedule. This includes institution of a cap on aggregate and subdivision fees.

We wish to thank our municipal partners who provided comments and participated in the review process. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at extension 229.

Sincerely,



Chris Hibberd, MCIP, RPP
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Attachment:

- NVCA Policy To Charge Fees for Services Related to Planning and Permit Applications and Associate Fee Schedule



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**Policy To Charge Fees
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1.0 Introduction

This document is intended to provide landowners, developers, consultants and other stakeholders the background and application of NVCA's review fees associated with regulatory and plan review services. Further, the guidelines serve as a valuable source of information for the NVCA's Board of Directors, municipal staff, development industry and the public.

2.0 Legislation and Basis

In January 1996, a provincial Omnibus Bill was passed which amended the *Conservation Authorities Act*. One of the amendments to the Act empowered conservation authorities to charge fees for services approved by the Minister of Natural Resources. Section 21(m.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* allows for this collection of fees for services such as plan review, permitting, public and legal inquiries, conservation land management, and community relations. This Policy to charge fees primarily applies to the planning and engineering services provided by the NVCA.

This Policy has been prepared in conformity with the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Policies and Procedures for the Charging of Conservation Authority Fees*, established by the Ministry of Natural Resources. This Policy is based on the user-pay principle. The fees and revenues generated through this Policy are designed to recover the costs associated with administering and delivering the services on a program basis

3.0 Process and Public Notification

This Policy has been established through a process that includes formation of the Planning and Engineering Advisory Committee (PEAC) comprised of eight NVCA Board Members. The Committee completed a review of current NVCA Planning Services delivered and a comparison of other Conservation Authority fees. PEAC engaged key stakeholders, including: the development sector, the agricultural community, and the aggregate industry. The recommended draft fees were circulated to the watershed municipalities and placed on the NVCA website for public comment. The Policy was also circulated to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for their information and comment. The PEAC members recommend the draft planning permitting fees to the NVCA Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

4.0 Implementation

It is the objective of the NVCA to provide an effective and efficient delivery of planning and related services. To achieve this objective, land use proposals will be reviewed in a timely fashion. Comments on applications under the *Planning Act* will be provided in time for the legislated public meeting or hearing.

Permit applications under the *Conservation Authorities Act* will be generally processed within timelines outlined in MNR's May 2010 "Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities" (CALC Report).

The CALC report identifies that Conservation Authorities are to make a decision (i.e., recommendation to approve or referred to a Hearing) with respect to a permission (permit) application and pursuant to the *Conservation Authorities Act* within 30 days for a complete minor application and 90 days for a complete major application. The NVCA will notify applicants, in writing, within 21 days of the receipt of a permission (permit) application, as to whether the application has been deemed complete or not. The applicant should pre-consult with NVCA staff prior to submission of an application to determine complete permit application requirements for specific projects.

The subsequent section in this policy entitled "Permit Fee Categories" outlines minor, intermediate and major permits. Please note that in terms of the CALC report timelines, intermediate and major fall within the 90 day review period.

The attached "Schedule of Fees" forms part of this Policy. Staff of the NVCA shall apply the fees as prescribed on the Schedule of Fees when reviewing planning and development related applications.

4.1 Fee Exemptions

Exemptions to the application of these fees include:

- Non-profit conservation groups contributing to the protection and restoration of the natural environment, such as Ducks Unlimited, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Friends of Minesing Wetlands, and New Tecumseth Streams Committee; and,
- Local municipalities forming part of the NVCA for permit applications, inquiries, and site assessments only.

In addition, works that would not pose a threat to public safety if subject to flooding or erosion are considered to be permitted within a regulated area without requiring further permission or fees from the NVCA. These works include:

- Construction of unenclosed decks and fences;
- Detached buildings and structures less than 10 square metres, awnings;
- Hot tubs, above ground pools and temporary pools;
- Top dressing of properties (0.1 m of fill or less) 30 metres from a watercourse and/or a wetland;
- Top dressing of existing driveways (0.1 m of fill or less, plus filling in potholes);
- Boreholes and test pits for geotechnical investigations;
- Agricultural practices such as cropping and tilling of existing agricultural lands; and,
- Holding tanks where the area is returned to the original grade and the fill is removed off site.

4.2 Permit Categories

The following addresses the permit fees identified in the "Schedule of Fees":

- **Letters of approval** include instances where municipal partners require clearance for works not requiring permit approval within a regulated area or other similar circumstances as determined by NVCA staff.
- **Minor permits** include proposals that have a low risk of impact on natural hazard or natural heritage features, no technical letters, plans or reports required. (e.g., minor additions, accessory structures less 46 sq. m. (500 sq. ft.) or outside of flooding and erosion hazard, etc.).
- **Intermediate permits** include applications that will have moderate hazard risk and /or potential impact on natural hazard or natural heritage features, limited scope technical studies are required. (e.g., typical house proposal).

- **Major permits** include large scale applications where there is a high hazard risk and/or potential impact to the natural hazard or natural features. A typical project requires one to two site visits, and/or one or two technical letters for one technical report review. (e.g., large infrastructure projects, grading greater than 1 ha (study required)).
- **Major permits (complex)** require multiple/extensive meetings with the applicant and multiple technical assessments. These applications also require multiple site inspections including more than one day of fieldwork.

In addition to the above, the fee schedule has a separate category for agricultural permits, including:

- **Letters of approval** include instances where municipal partners require clearance for works not requiring permit approval within a regulated area or other similar circumstances as determined by NVCA staff.
- **Minor permits** include proposals that have a low risk of impact on natural hazard or natural heritage features located outside of wetland as well as flooding and erosion hazards.
- **Intermediate permits** include applications that are located within an area that will have moderate hazard risk and /or potential impact on natural hazard or natural heritage features, limited scope technical studies are required.

4.3 Phasing of Subdivision Fees

The charging of fees related to plans of subdivision shall normally be collected in four phases or quarters and as follows:

- The first 25% of the fees shall be paid at the time of application.
- The second 25% shall be paid prior to draft approval.
- The third 25% shall be paid once draft plan approval is achieved and detailed plans have been submitted.
- The final 25% shall be paid prior to NVCA's clearance of pertinent conditions.

Each 25% fee payment would be calculated based upon the development area identified within the plan of subdivision and the fee schedule in place at that time.

The phasing of fees for other large scale developments (e.g., aggregates, site plans) may also be considered as determined by the Director, Planning Services in consultation with Chief Administrative Officer.

5.0 Transition

The establishment of this Policy supercedes and replaces all previous Fee Schedules. The Policy also applies to proposals not previously invoiced, such as draft approved plans of subdivision including submission of detailed design for review.

6.0 Appeal

The applicant can request an administrative review of the fee by the Chief Administrative Officer. In the event that an applicant is not satisfied with results of the above process, they have the right to appeal should he or she be dissatisfied with the prescribed fee. Any appeal shall be heard by the NVCA Board of Directors through a deputation by the proponent. The appeal will be heard based on the principles of fairness and transparency.

7.0 Monitoring

This Policy shall be monitored from time to time to evaluate its effectiveness and fairness. Any changes or amendments to the Policy shall proceed through the approval process utilized to establish the fee schedule. This Policy, as a minimum, will be reviewed once annually including a review of the cost of living adjustment.

Appendix A: NVCA Planning Services Fee Schedule

Official Plans and Zonings	
Official Plans and Secondary Plans	General Levy
Comprehensive Zoning By-law	General Levy
Site Specific Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments	\$500
Additional fee for technical study review	\$750
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$100
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium (Residential, Commercial and Industrial)	
Minimum Fee	\$12,500
Maximum Fee (See Note 1)	\$100,000
Lot/Unit fee and Net hectare fee	\$3,300 per hectare
Site Plans	
Letter of Approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$525
Minor: Site Plan Area less than 2 ha	\$1,500
Intermediate: Site Plan Area more than 2 ha, less than 4 ha	\$5,500
Major: Site Plan Area more than 4 ha (Additional 1250/ha fee charge for sites over 10 ha.)	\$13,500
Site Plan: Residential (multi-unit)	Use Residential Subdivision Fees
Golf Courses	
New Golf Courses	\$15,000
Aggregate Proposals	
Minimum fee for Below Water Table	\$12,500
Maximum fee for Below Water Table	\$100,000
Net hectare fee for Below Water Table	\$1,250/ha
Above water table proposals or expanded extraction within a licensed area	\$12,500

Consents	
Base Fee	\$300
Additional fee for technical study review (e.g., SWM Report or EIS)	\$500
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$100
Minor Variances	
Base Fee	\$200
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Niagara Escarpment Commission Applications	
Base Fee	\$300
Additional fee for technical study review, for example EIS	\$500
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$100
Conservation Authorities Act	
Letter of Approval (site inspection not required)	\$100
Permit Application Minor Works	\$250
Permit Application Intermediate Works	\$500
Permit Application Major Works	\$1,500
Permit Application Major Works – complex	\$3,000
Agricultural Permit Applications (separated in 2016)	
Letter of Approval (site inspection not required)	\$100
Minor works or works located in regulated adjacent lands	\$250
Works located within flood and/or erosion hazard	\$500
Unauthorized works	2 X permit fee
Permit application large fill projects: 250 – 1,000 m ³ (Permit application for large fill projects - See procedural guidelines for more detail.)	\$500 plus \$0.80/m ³

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Permit – amendment	\$100
Additional fee for significant technical review	Varies
Other	
Legal/Real Estate Inquiries	\$200
Comprehensive Mapping Request (minimum fee)	\$2,000
Legal/Consultant Peer Review Costs (charged on the basis of cost recovery)	Varies
Provision of Individual Property Information	\$50
Development Pre-consultations requiring technical study review (minimum fee)	\$500

Notes:

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4. Plans of subdivision/condominium and site plan fees include permitting fees under the NVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 172/06.
5. A net hectare refers to the total area of land available for development. It excludes lands outside of the development limit (e.g., natural hazard, natural heritage areas and buffers).
6. NVCA reserves the right to reassess the review fee after 5 years of receipt of the application based on timing and receipt of technical information.
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8. Alterations or expansions to existing golf courses not requiring *Planning Act* approvals and within a regulated area will be addressed through the *Conservation Authorities Act* approval fees.

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Products	
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Packaged GIS Datasets	
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Appendix B: Glossary of Terms

CALC: Conservation Authorities Liaison Committee

CALC Report: MNR's May 2010 report, "Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities"

EIS: Environmental Impact Study. A study of the environmental effects, both positive and negative, of a proposed development.

GIS: Geographic Information System. An integrated collection of computer software and data used to view and manage information about geographic places, analyze spatial relationships, and model spatial processes. (esri GIS Dictionary)

MNR: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (Ontario)

Net Hectare Area: A net hectare refers to the total area of land available for development. It excludes lands outside of the development limit (e.g., natural hazard, natural heritage areas and buffers).

NVCA: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

OPA: Official Plan Amendment

PEAC: Planning and Engineering Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of the Board of Directors and Staff tasked in 2015 -2016 to review the NVCA's Planning Services review fees.

SWM Report: Stormwater Management Report. An engineering study looking at the management (e.g., ponds, low impact development, etc.) of stormwater run-off with respect to a proposed development.

ZBA: Zoning By-law Amendment



Permit and Planning Fee Schedule

Fees for planning and development related services under Section 21 (m.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, as approved by the NVCA Board of Directors, effective March 18, 2016

Call before you apply! Before you submit an application, call NVCA planning staff at 705-424-1479 for a free consultation on your proposal. NVCA staff will go over your proposed plan, help you understand the timeline for application and review, and provide you with application pricing.

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Rev. 03/16



HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
No. 03-16, March 18, 2016

New NVCA planning services fee schedule approved

NVCA's planning services fee schedule has been under review since the spring of 2015. Lead by the Planning and Engineering Advisory Committee, the review process included engaging a stakeholder committee comprising representatives from the agriculture, building/development, and aggregate sectors; customers at large; and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. As well, input was sought at several stages in the process from all groups, including NVCA member municipalities and the public.

The board of directors approved the updated "NVCA Policy to Charge Fees for Services Related to Planning and Permit Applications" at this meeting.

The new fee schedule includes the capping of review fees for subdivisions and aggregate applications. The revised policy and fee schedule can be found on the NVCA website at <http://www.nvca.on.ca/planning-permits/planning-guidelines>.

NVCA receives funding for the National Disaster Mitigation Program

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved funding to NVCA under the National Disaster Mitigation Program. This funding will be used to proceed with a risk assessment study in support of updated flood plain mapping.

In brief

During this meeting, the board also:

- received a presentation from Ryan Post, lead hydrologist with the NVCA, on the authority's role in the Risk Management Officer Program identifying source water protection threats in the watershed.
- received an update from Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer, on the *Conservation Authorities Act Review* - Summary of Stakeholder Engagement Sessions.
- received correspondence from Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding *Phragmites australis* (invasive species). Staff will provide a report and presentation on phragmites at the May 27 board meeting.

For more information

D. Gayle Wood, CAO, gwood@nvca.on.ca, 705-424-1479 ext. 225

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit the NVCA website at nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors.

Future meetings & events**Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival**

Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Caring for your Horse and Farm Workshop

Saturday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Utopia Hall, 8396 6th Line, Utopia

Nature Days for Homeschoolers

Tuesday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 8th Line, Utopia

NVCA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Highway 26, Minesing

Evening of Thanks – Awards & Volunteer Recognition

Thursday, April 28, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Friends of Minesing Wetlands Spring Canoe Trip

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Minesing Conservation Area - Willow Creek Canoe Corral

Trees for Streams Spring Plant

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
New Tecumseth

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Denise Holmes

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Cc: Heather Imm
Subject: Notification of Revisions to UGDSB Policies regarding Community Partnerships and School Review processes

Hello-

This email is to inform you about the UGDSB's release of draft revisions to three (3) Board policies – Policy 305 – **Pupil Accommodation Reviews**, Policy 319 – **Community Planning and Partnerships** and Policy 320 – **School Boundary Review**. Policies 305 and 319 have been modified to comply with revised guidelines from the Ministry of Education released in March 2015, and Policy 320 has been amended to ensure consistency with the proposed revisions to Policy 319.

We encourage you to review these policies and associated procedures which can be found at: www.ugdsb.on.ca/policy and complete the short survey to provide your feedback. The deadline for comments is 4:30pm, May 11, 2016.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Passy, BES, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning

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Subject: Dufferin County Forest Management Plan 2016-2036

Hello everyone,

The twenty year forest management plan (2016-2036) for the Dufferin County Forest is now available online at [www.dufferinmuseum.com/forest/img/2016-2036 final small.pdf](http://www.dufferinmuseum.com/forest/img/2016-2036%20final%20small.pdf). I have not attached it as it is quite a large file.

Should you wish to provide a link to this report from your website, please feel free to do so.

If you would like any hard copies of the management plan, please let me know how many.

Feel free to direct any questions regarding the plan to me.

Thank you
Caroline



Caroline Mach, R.P.F. | County Forest Manager | County of Dufferin
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March 17th, 2016

Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
VIA Email

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Montague passed Resolution 57-2016 in support of the Municipality of Bluewater's resolution dated February 16th, 2016 concerning incentives for physician recruitment. Both documents form attachments to this letter.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

February 19, 2016

Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
VIA – Email

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following motion at their Council meeting on February 16, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman, seconded by Councillor Hill that:

Whereas Ontario's growing and aging population is putting an increasing strain on our publicly-funded health care system;

And Whereas since February 2015, the Ontario government has made an almost 7% unilateral cut to physician services expenditures which cover all the care doctors provide to patients – including cuts to programs which are specifically designed to act as incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas:

And Whereas the decisions Ontario makes today will impact patients' access to quality care in the years to come and these cuts will threaten access to the quality, patient-focused care Ontarians need and expect:

And Whereas Ontario is experiencing a growing rural population as retirees move to the countryside;

And Whereas many rural municipalities in Ontario have formed physician recruitment and retention committees and strategies to deal with the reality of physician retirements and shortages;

And Whereas rural areas in Ontario are already at a distinct disadvantage in recruiting family physicians due to a number of factors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater hereby requests that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario, and that the minister return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario families deserve;

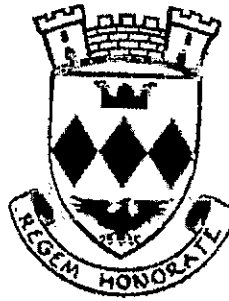
And Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the federal and provincial Ministers of Health, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, and all municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlene Overholt".

Charlene Overholt
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

MOVED BY: Klaas Van Der Meer

RESOLUTION NO: 57-2016

SECONDED BY: Jim Abbass

DATE: March 1, 2016


Whereas the Township of Montague hereby supports the Municipality of Bluewater's Resolution dated February 16th, 2016;

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Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road
Mono, Ontario L9W 6S3

March 22, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mark Early Appointed as CAO

MONO, ON (March 22, 2016) - Mayor Laura Ryan and the Council of the Town of Mono are pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Early to the position of Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk. He replaces Keith McNenly who is retiring from the position after forty-two years of service to the community.

Mr. Early has been with the town for over twenty five years and is currently Director of Planning and Deputy CAO/Clerk. "These are big shoes to fill as CAO/Clerk" said Early, "but I have had great training here at the Town and am looking forward to learning more and working with all Mono staff, including a talented Senior Management team, in continuing to deliver inspiring services to the Town."

"Even though we have benefitted from a program of succession planning at the Town, Council believed it was important to conduct an extensive search process, with independent support, that attracted applications from across the country." said Mayor Ryan. "We were hopeful and ultimately pleased to be able to confirm that the best applicant was right here in Mono."

Mr. Early commences his duties on March 23, 2016.

Contact:

Laura Ryan

Mayor@townofmono.com

(705) 435-4931



**The Corporation of the Township of Southgate
Notice of Public Meeting and Complete application
Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment**

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate has received a complete application for approval of a Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. Council will hold a **public meeting** on:

April 27, 2016, 1 pm

in the Council Chambers, 185667 Grey Rd 9, to consider the proposed by-law amendment.

The Purpose of the proposed zoning by-law amendment is to implement a condition of a surplus farm consent to sever, by rezoning the subject lands to prohibit further residential development. The severed parcel will also be rezoned to the rural Residential Type 6 (R6) zone.

The Effect of the proposed zoning by-law amendment would be to change the zoning symbol on a portion of the property from Agricultural (A1) to Agricultural exception (A1-XX) to prohibit residential type uses. The severed residential parcel will be rezoned from Agricultural (A1) to Residential Type 6 (R6).

Location of the Subject Land

The subject land is known municipally as 351610 Southgate Melancthon Townline, but legally described as Lot 42, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Proton, in the Township of Southgate. The subject land is shown on the key map on the reverse side of this notice. The Township of Southgate Official Plan designates the subject lands as Agricultural.

Making an Oral or Written Submission

Any person or public body is entitled to attend the public meeting and make written or oral submissions in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed zoning by-law amendment. Persons wishing to make an oral submission to Council at the public meeting are invited to register with the Township Clerk (see contact information below). Written comments should also be addressed to the Clerk at the address below.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Southgate before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of Southgate to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Southgate before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Notice of Passing

If you wish to be notified of the passing of the proposed zoning amendment you must make a written request to the Clerk at the address shown below.

Additional Information

Additional information is available for public viewing on Southgate's website at <https://southgate.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/58775> at the Township of Southgate administration office during normal office hours, or by contacting Clinton Stredwick, Planner at ext. 228. Please quote File # C3-16.

Dated at the Township of Southgate,
this 21st day of March 2016.

Raylene Martell, Clerk
Township of Southgate
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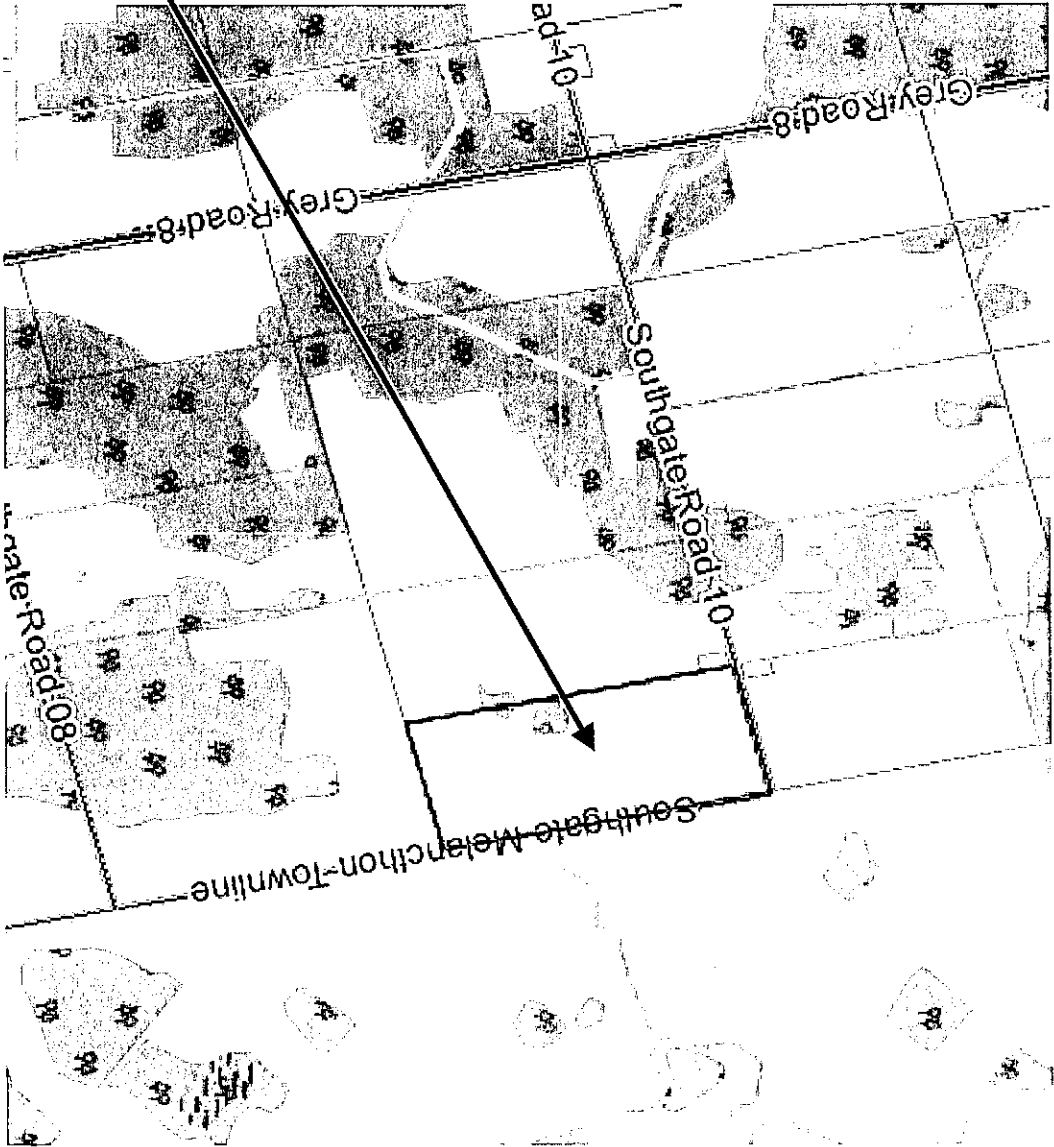
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SUBJECT LAND

Key Map (not to scale)





March 24, 2016

Via: Mail

Denise Holmes, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Township of Melancthon
157101 Highway 10
Melancthon, ON L9V 2E6

Dear Denise:

**Re: Petition for Drainage Works
Lots 266, 267 & 268, Concession 2 SW
Petervale Farms Limited (Arie Brinke)
File No.: D-ME-159
Project No.: 300038259.0000**

Further to our letter of December 21, 2015, we have set a site meeting for:

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016 AT 1:30 P.M.

to meet at the intersection of the 270 Sideroad and the 2nd Line SW with a site inspection afterwards.

Enclosed for your use is a site meeting notification form and a plan for distribution. Please notify the owners as shown on the plan, the Grand River Conservation Authority and your Road Superintendent and members of Council.

All notices must be mailed at least seven days prior to this date. We would respectfully recommend that the notices be forwarded at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance in the meantime, please call.

Yours truly,

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited

T.M. Pridham, P.Eng.
Drainage Engineer
TMP:tw

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT FOR EXAMINATION BY ENGINEER

TO: _____
Name of Owner

Address

Sir/Madam,

- (a) **Name of Engineer** You are hereby notified that (a) Tom Pridham, P. Eng. (R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited)
- (b) **Name of Municipality** Appointed by the Council of the (b) Township of Melancthon
- (c) **Name of place appointed** under the *Drainage Act*, has fixed the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon on the 14th day of April 2016 to attend at c) the intersection of the 270 Sideroad and the 2nd Line SW as shown on the attached plan
- (d) **Describe the area and site** to discuss the proposed drainage works, being: (d) Site meeting as a result of a petition for drainage works submitted by the owner of Lots 266, 267 & 268, Concession 2 SW (Petervale Farms Limited) under the provisions of the Drainage Act. The petitioner is seeking a formalized outlet for proposed tile drainage on this property. It is anticipated work will be required in Lots 269 & 270, Concession 2 SW which ultimately will connect to the Stewart Drainage Works on the 270 Sideroad road allowance.

All owners are encouraged to attend to bring forth any questions or concerns, as participation and cooperation are required throughout the process.

Should you have any questions or cannot attend, please contact the Engineer directly at 1 (519) 938-3077.

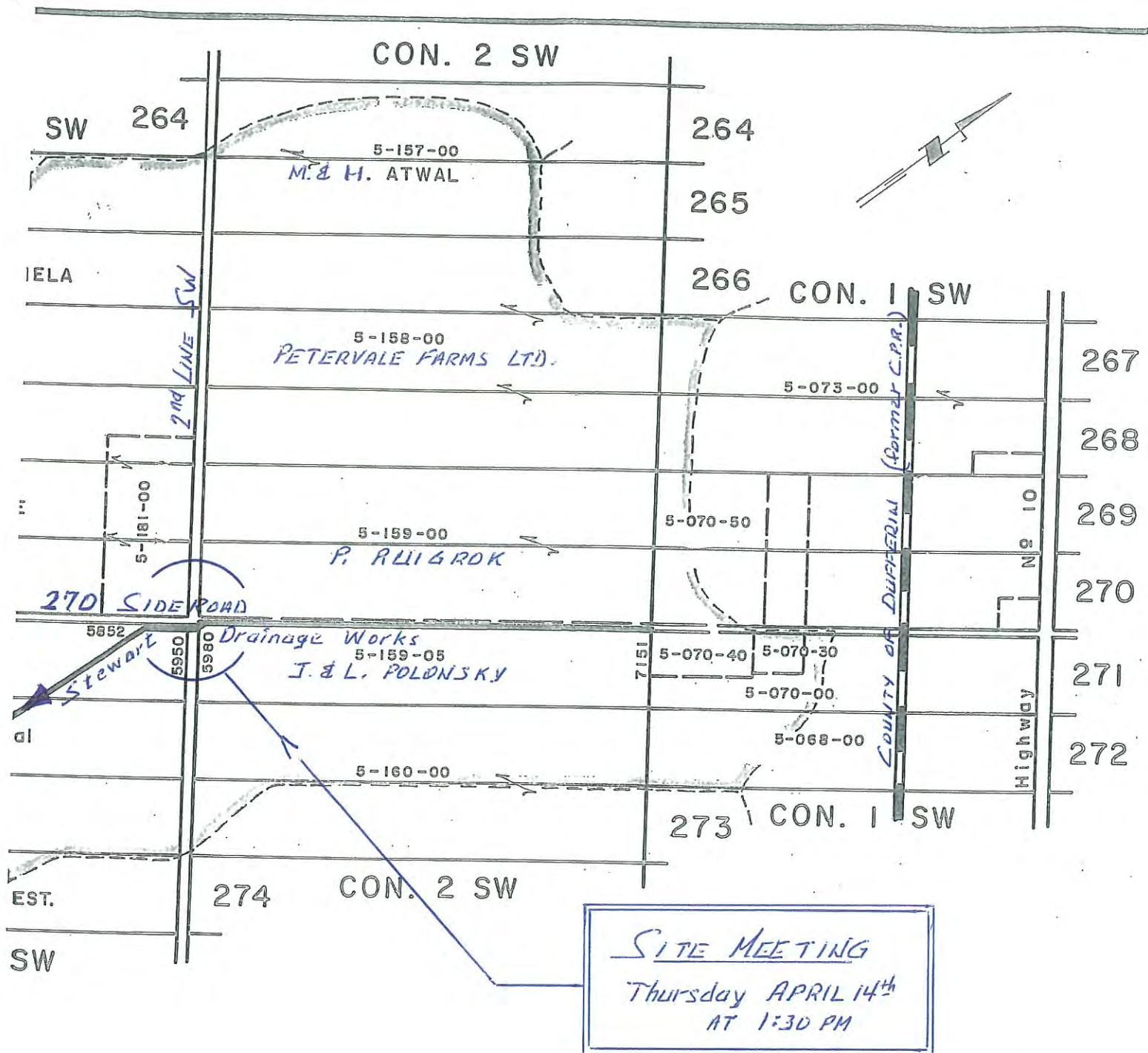
Dated this 24th day of March 2016

Signature of Clerk

Township of Melancthon

Name of Municipality

Failure to attend examination - You are hereby notified that if you do not attend at the examination, it may proceed in your absence and except as otherwise provided in the *Drainage Act*, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.



PETITION FOR DRAINAGE WORKS
LOT 266, 267 and 268 CONCESSION 2 SW

DATED MARCH 2016

R.J. BURNSIDE & ASSOC. LTD.



PRESS RELEASE

County of Dufferin
55 Zina Street
Orangeville, ON L9W 1E5

For Immediate Release: March 29, 2016

DUFFERIN YARD WASTE OPTIONS FOR ICE STORM DEBRIS

Following the Easter weekend ice storm, Dufferin County residents are asked to be patient while clean-up efforts progress within each local municipality. For all of Dufferin, general yard waste collection begins in April. As well, fees will be waived for bringing branches and brush brought down by the ice storm to the GFL Dufferin Transfer Station until Saturday, April 16th.

Yard waste will be collected in the Town of Orangeville (Week A) during the week of April 4th. During the following week of April 11th, yard waste will be collected in the urban areas of Grand Valley and Shelburne, as well as in rural subdivisions (Week B). Rural subdivisions include Brookfield, Brookhaven Crescent, Campbell Road, Cardinal Woods, Grand View Road, Island Lake, Kingfisher Drive, Madill Drive, Purple Hill, Rayburn Meadows, Robinson Road, Starrview Crescent, Sylvanwood Estates, Village Green and Waldemar. Residents in all other rural areas of Dufferin must call 1.888.941.3345 ext. 1 to be added to the collection list for the week of April 25th. For a map of the yard waste schedule and collection areas, please visit dufferincounty.ca/waste or see below.

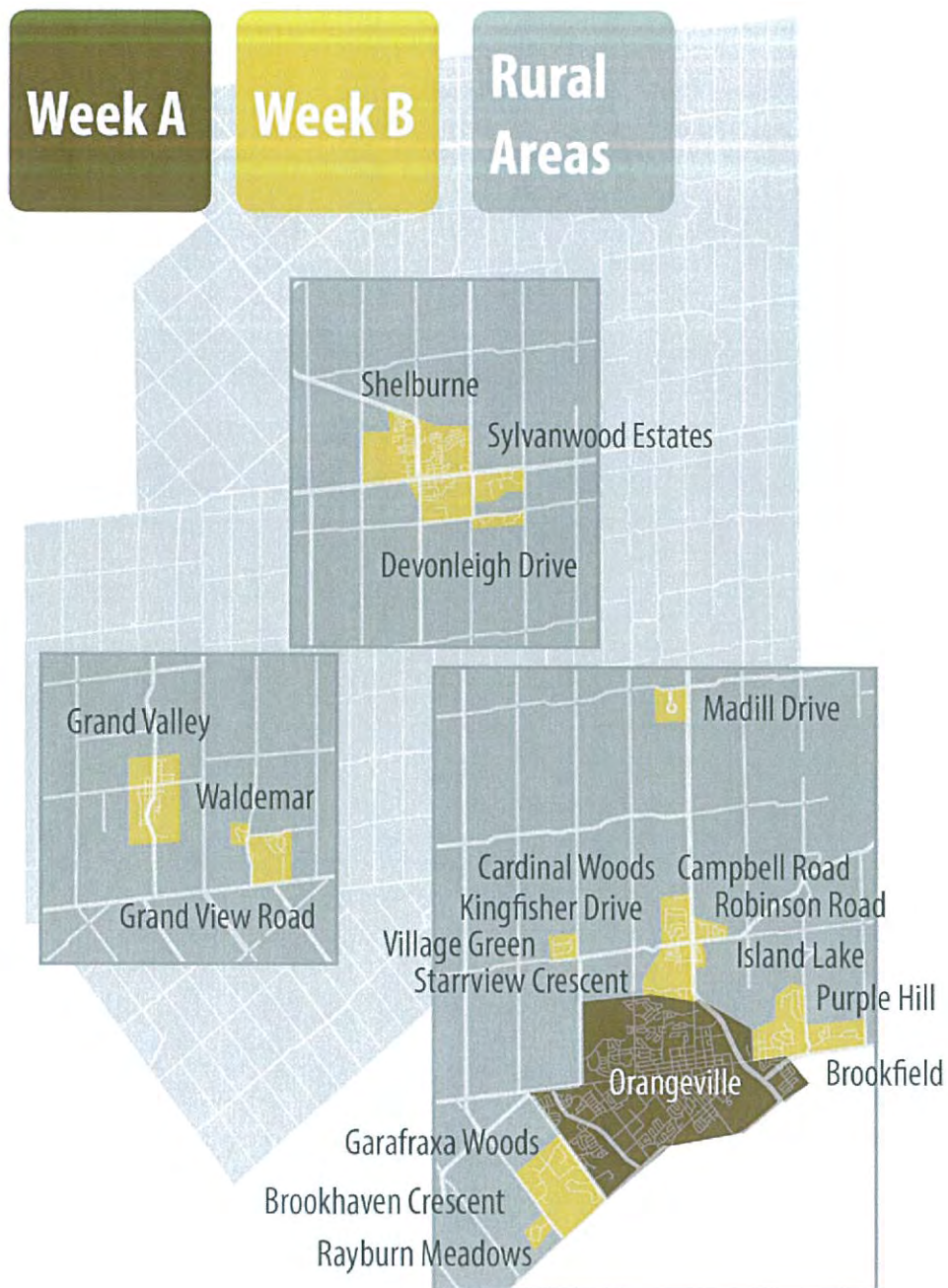
Yard waste set out to the curb for this collection must be no longer than 1.25m (4 feet) in length, and in bundles no heavier than 20kg (44lbs). For more information regarding the yard waste program, residents can contact Dufferin County Waste Services at dufferinwaste@dufferincounty.ca or 519-941-2816 ext. 2620.

Dufferin County is also offering to cover the cost for residents to bring ice storm debris to the GFL Dufferin Transfer Station until Saturday, April 16th, 2016. The Transfer Station is located at 473051 Dufferin Road 11, Amaranth. Branches and brush brought down by the ice storm will be accepted free of charge for residents who provide photo ID with a Dufferin County address. This is being offered to residents and is not intended for commercial loads or vehicles. Branches and brush will be mulched and/or composted.

Residents should contact their local municipality or visit local municipal websites for specific information on how each municipality is addressing clean-up of branches and brush brought down by the ice storm.

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Media contact:

Scott Burns, P.Eng., C.E.T.
Director of Public Works & County Engineer
sburns@dufferincounty.ca
519.941.2816 ext. 2601



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A Sweet Taste of the Season: Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, April 9 & 10, 2016

UTOPIA, Ontario (March 31, 2016) – Come celebrate all things maple at the tenth annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, April 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

"The Spring Tonic Festival gives visitors of all ages a chance to learn more about that most Canadian of treats, maple syrup," said Byron Wesson, director of land, education and stewardship services with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). "We are pleased to once again be partnering with the Rotary Club of Barrie to offer this family-friendly festival."



Maple syrup takes centre stage at the Spring Tonic festival, with a pancake and sausage breakfast served daily until 2 p.m. Costumed re-enactors will be on hand to demonstrate pioneer and First Nations methods of making maple syrup, and Tiffin's sugar shack will be open for visitors to see how syrup is made today. Tiffin maple syrup and other Simcoe County maple products will be on sale.

Other activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, crafts, live music, visits with local fire and police officers, and a "Zoo to You" animal show. For a small materials fee of \$5, visitors can build a bird feeder to take home. Tiffin's scenic hiking trails will be open, with long and short paths for hikers of all abilities.

All-inclusive admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 12 and under, and free for infants (cash only please).

"With the funds raised at Spring Tonic, Barrie Rotary is able to continue its support of many worthwhile community projects," said Rotarian Jody Patfield. "Environmental restoration

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0
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projects in partnership with the NVCA, Christmas Cheer, and enhancements to the Royal Victoria Hospital are just some of the many projects supported by the Spring Tonic Festival.”

The Tiffin Centre is located 10 minutes west of Barrie at 8195 8th Line of Essa, 4 km south of Highway 90 – watch for the signs. Visit nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479 for more information including maps and directions.

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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

About Rotary International: Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Media contact: Heather Kepran, Communications Coordinator 705-424-1479 ext.254, hkepran@nvca.on.ca

Photo caption: Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast among the maple trees, and then learn how maple syrup is at the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, April 9 and 10.

**Petition for Drainage Works by Owners
Form 1**
Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, clause 4(1)(a) or (b)

This form is to be used to petition municipal council for a new drainage works under the *Drainage Act*. It is not to be used to request the improvement or modification of an existing drainage works under the *Drainage Act*.

To: The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

The area of land described below requires drainage (provide a description of the properties or the portions of properties that require drainage improvements)

Pt. Lot 42, Concession 6 Township of Southgate (former Proton)

An outlet is required across the Melancthon-Southgate (Proton) Townline to the proposed Municipal Drain in Lot 22, Concession 7 SW Township of Melancthon.

In accordance with section 9(2) of the *Drainage Act*, the description of the area requiring drainage will be confirmed or modified by an engineer at the on-site meeting.

As owners of land within the above described area requiring drainage, we hereby petition council under subsection 4(1) of the *Drainage Act* for a drainage works. In accordance with sections 10(4), 43 and 59(1) of the *Drainage Act*, if names are withdrawn from the petition to the point that it is no longer a valid petition, we acknowledge responsibility for costs.

Purpose of the Petition (To be completed by one of the petitioners. Please type/print)

Contact Person (Last Name) Schill	(First Name) Pete	Telephone Number 519 897-1267 ext.
Address		
Road/Street Number 5105	Road/Street Name Perth Line 91, R.R. No. 2, Palmerston, ON N0G 2P0	

Location of Project			
Lot Pt. Lot 42	Concession 6	Municipality Southgate	Former Municipality (if applicable) Proton

What work do you require? (Check all appropriate boxes)

- ☐ Construction of new open channel
☒ Construction of new tile drain
☐ Deepening or widening of existing watercourse (not currently a municipal drain)
☐ Enclosure of existing watercourse (not currently a municipal drain)
☐ Other (provide description ▼)

Name of watercourse (if known)
N/A

Estimated length of project
200 metres (including Townline Road Allowance)

General description of soils in the area
Clay Loam

What is the purpose of the proposed work? (Check appropriate box)

- ☐ Tile drainage only ☐ Surface water drainage only ☒ Both

Petition filed this 21st day of March, 20 16

Name of Clerk (Last, first name) <u>Holmes, Denise B.</u>	Signature <u>Denise Holmes</u>
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Property Owners Signing The PetitionPage 1 of 1

- Your municipal property tax bill will provide the property description and parcel roll number.
- In rural areas, the property description should be in the form of (part) lot and concession and civic address.
- In urban areas, the property description should be in the form of street address and lot and plan number if available.
- If you have more than two properties, please take copy(ies) of this page and continue to list them all.

Number	Property Description
1	Pt. Lot 42, Concession 6

Ward or Geographic Township
Southgate (Proton)

Parcel Roll Number
7-078-01

I hereby petition for drainage for the land described and acknowledge my financial obligations.

Ownership☐ Sole Ownership

Owner Name (Last, First Name) (Type/Print)

Signature

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

☐ Partnership (Each partner in the ownership of the property must sign the petition form)

Owner Name (Last, First Name) (Type/Print)

Signature

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

☒ Corporation (The individual with authority to bind the corporation must sign the petition)

Name of Signing Officer (Last, First Name) (Type/Print)

Schill, Pete

Signature



Name of Corporation

Schill-Land Holdings Inc.

I have the authority to bind the Corporation.

Position Title

President

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

2015/10/28

Number	Property Description
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Ward or Geographic Township

Parcel Roll Number

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Name of Signing Officer (Last, First Name) (Type/Print)

Signature

Name of Corporation

I have the authority to bind the Corporation.

Position Title

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

☐ Check here if additional sheets are attached

Clerk initial

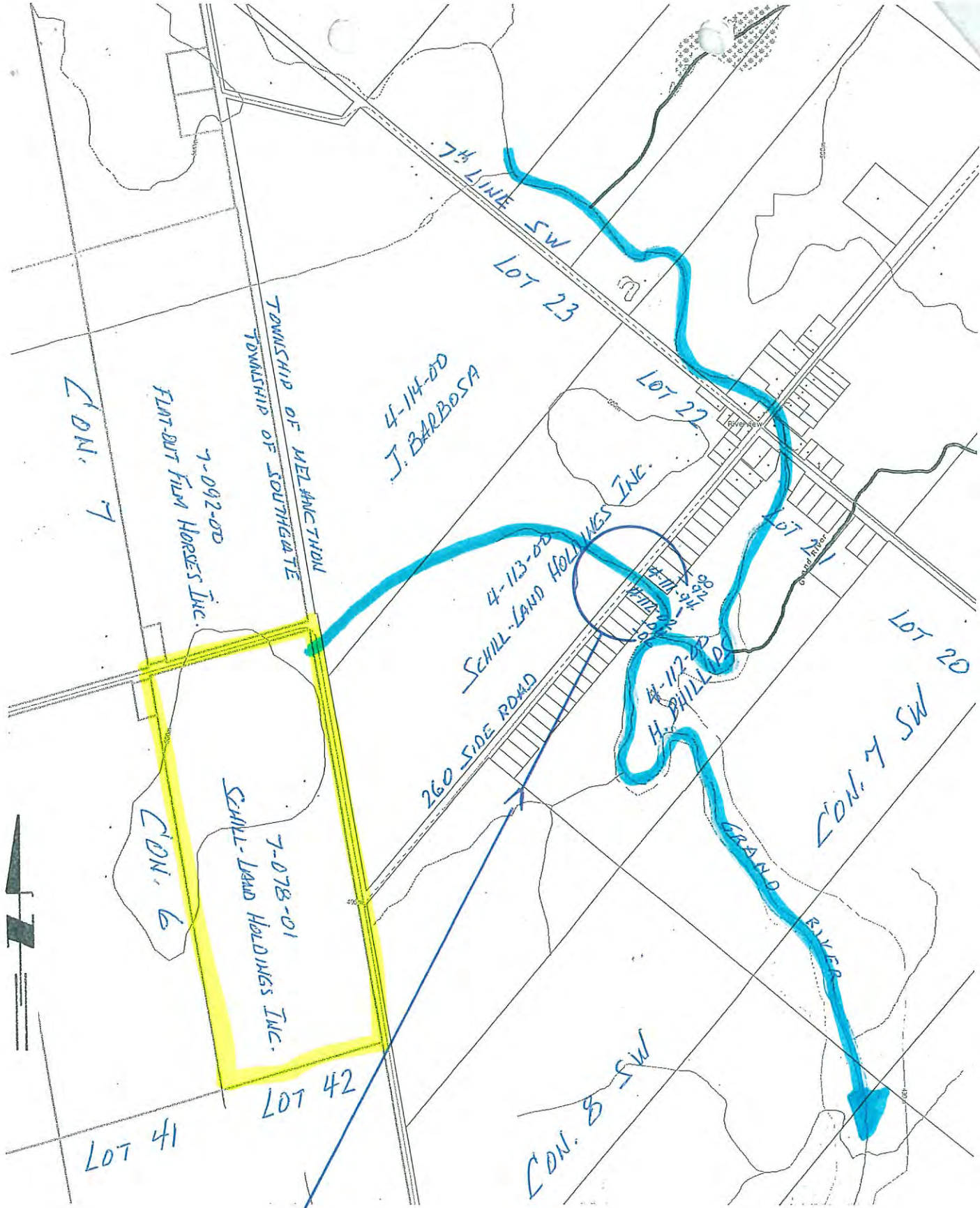
Petitioners become financially responsible as soon as they sign a petition.

- Once the petition is accepted by council, an engineer is appointed to respond to the petition. *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17 subs. 8(1).
- After the meeting to consider the preliminary report, if the petition does not comply with section 4, the project is terminated and the original petitioners are responsible in equal shares for the costs. *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17 subs. 10(4).
- After the meeting to consider the final report, if the petition does not comply with section 4, the project is terminated and the original petitioners are responsible for the costs in shares proportional to their assessment in the engineer's report. *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17 s. 43.
- If the project proceeds to completion, a share of the cost of the project will be assessed to the involved properties in relation to the assessment schedule in the engineer's report, as amended on appeal. *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17 s. 61.

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

Any personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17 and will be used for the purposes of administering the Act. Questions concerning the collection of personal information should be directed to: where the form is addressed to a municipality (*municipality to complete*)

and where the form is addressed to a territory without municipal organization, the Drainage Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 1 Stone Rd W, Guelph ON N1G 4Y2, 519 826-3552.



SITE MEETING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2014
AT 10:00 AM

DATED OCTOBER 2014

R.J. BURNSIDE & ASSOC. LTD.

REQUISITION DRAINS

3(1) - (17) REPEALED: 2010, c. 16, Sched. 1, s. 2 (1).

Existing ditches

3(18) Every ditch constructed under *The Ditches and Watercourses Act*, being chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960, shall be maintained in accordance with the award of the **engineer** providing for such maintenance until such ditch is brought under the provisions of this Act by petition under section 4. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 1, s. 2 (2).

- Requisition Drains sections repealed in 2010
- **Award Drains:** Refer to "Mutual Agreement Drains" factsheet. The municipality is not responsible for maintaining award drains unless specifically stated in the report.

PETITION DRAINS

Petition

4(1) A petition for the drainage by means of a drainage works of an area requiring drainage as described in the petition may be filed with the **clerk** of the local municipality in which the area is situate by,

- (a) the majority in number of the **owners**, as shown by the last revised assessment roll of lands in the area, including the **owners** of any roads in the area;
- (b) the **owner** or **owners**, as shown by the last revised assessment roll, of lands in the area representing at least 60 per cent of the hectareage in the area;
- (c) where a drainage works is required for a road or part thereof, the **engineer**, road **superintendent** or person having jurisdiction over such road or part, despite subsection 61 (5);
- (d) where a drainage works is required for the drainage of lands used for agricultural purposes, the **Director**.

Form of petition

4(2) A petition under subsection (1) shall be in the form prescribed by the regulations and, where it is filed by an **owner** or **owners** under clause (1) (a) or (b), shall be signed by such **owner** or **owners**.

Petition where area lies on each side of boundary line

4(3) Where it is desired to construct a drainage works for the drainage of an area composed of lands or roads lying on each side of a boundary line between two or more local municipalities, the **council** of any of them may proceed upon a petition as required by this Act in all respects, including the sending of notices, as if such area were entirely within the limits of the municipality.

- S. 4 projects are eligible for grants - S. 85(a)(i)
- For more information, refer to Clerk's Guide in Manual.
- Note difference between "area requiring drainage" and "drainage area" or "watershed"
- "Drainage works" defined in S. 1
- "Owner" and "property" in S. 1
- 4 criteria for a valid petition – each one on its own makes it valid

Person deemed owner

4(4) Where a person who is the **owner** of land, but does not appear by the last revised assessment roll of the municipality to be the **owner**, is a petitioner, the person shall be deemed an **owner** if the person's ownership is proved to the satisfaction of the **clerk**, and, if the person who appears by the assessment roll to be the **owner** is a petitioner, the person's name shall be disregarded in determining the sufficiency of the petition.

Persons jointly assessed

4(5) Where two or more persons are jointly assessed for a property, in determining the sufficiency of a petition, they shall be deemed to be one **owner**.

R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, s. 4.

- If current owner isn't in the last revised assessment roll, the owner must demonstrate ownership to clerk.
- Partnerships – all must sign
- Corporations, properties held in trust – signing authority must sign
- Clerk should review this aspect of petition.

Drainage works constructed on petition

5(1) Where a petition in accordance with section 4 has been filed, the **council** shall forthwith consider the petition and shall, within thirty days after the filing of the petition,

- (a) if it decides not to proceed with the drainage works, send notice of its decision to each petitioner; or
- (b) if it decides to proceed with the drainage works, send notice of the petition and of its decision to each petitioner, the **clerk** of each local municipality that may be affected, and the **conservation authority** that has jurisdiction over any lands in the area or, if no such **conservation authority** exists, the **Minister of Natural Resources**.

R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, s. 5 (1); 2010, c. 16, Sched. 1, s. 2 (3, 4).

- Council must make decision. They do have the right to say "No", but the decision must have grounds.
- Responsibility of Clerk
- Trib. decision maybe appealed to Referee (S. 101 and 106-2)

Denise Holmes

From: Dan Bernhard <dan.bernhard@clypg.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 3:02 PM
To: 'Denise Holmes'
Cc: 'Michelle Sage'
Subject: Gravel Donation
Attachments: Bob Hiltz Ack. for gravel.pdf

Hi Denise,

I am pleased that I am able to contact you today and confirm that Dufferin Wind Power has come to an amicable agreement with Robert Hiltz with regards to the aggregate that we have stored on his property. He has graciously acknowledged and confirmed that the Township may remove the aggregate. We ask that it done as soon as is possible/practical. All parties concerned feel that the donation of the aggregate to the Township is the best possible use of this resource at this time.

Dan Bernhard

Wind Farm Site Manager
705357 County Road 21, Melancthon, Ontario L9V 2A3
w. 519-925-5599
dan.bernhard@clypg.ca
www.dufferinwindpower.ca



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• Municipal Planning Services Ltd. •

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor White and Members of Council
Copy: Ms. Denise Holmes, CAO
From: Chris D. Jones MCIP, RPP
Date: March 30, 2016
Re: Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Swidersky)

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Township has received an application for a zoning by-law amendment for lands owned by Amber and Mike Swidersky. The subject lands are located in Part of Lot 22, Concession 5, S.W. and have a lot area of 38.8 hectares (96 acres), and a lot frontage of approximately 388.6 metres (1,275 feet) on the 260 Side Road.

The subject lands are utilized for the keeping of a sheep herd and are occupied by a barn, three small sheds and a grain bin in addition to the applicant's residence.

The purpose of the application is to request zoning approval to permit the holding of special events, such as weddings, as an accessory use to the farm operation.

2.0 THE BUSINESS PLAN

Ms. Swidersky has submitted a business plan in conjunction with the application. The business plan reviews the applicant's objectives, mission statement and keys to success for the proposed business. The following is a summary of some of the proposed operational aspects of the business:

- The special event business would be an accessory use to the farm operation which includes a sheep farm and a wild flower business;
- The barn is intended to be the focal point for events and offers a seating capacity of 300 people;
- Parking would be accommodated along the grassed shoulder of the driveway and in the western pasture field;
- The business would operate only during the warmer months as the barn will not be heated;

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Chris D. Jones BES, MCIP, RPP
51 Churchill Drive, Unit 1
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dwelling and limited in area;

- The on-farm diversified use must be compatible with and shall not hinder surrounding agricultural operations;
- Zoning regulation shall be used to ensure the use is secondary and properly sited and regulated on the farm;
- Site plan control may also be utilized;
- On-farm diversified uses may be subject to restrictions on hours of operation; and,
- Once established, a separate lot is not permitted to be created for an on-farm diversified use.

5.0 ANALYSIS

We have had an opportunity to meet with the applicant for the purpose of a pre-consultation discussion and we have also reviewed the subsequent technical material she has compiled. We also had an opportunity to see the farm property on February 18, 2016 and are of the opinion that special events could be held in and adjacent to the barn in a compatible manner with the agricultural use on the property.

In our opinion, the establishment of such a facility in conjunction with the farm operation would be appropriate and in keeping with the development policies for such uses.

Through discussions with the applicant, we have indicated that it may be prudent for the proposal to be initially considered on the basis of a three-year temporary use in accordance with Section 39 of the Planning Act. The temporary use would provide a reasonable time frame to establish the business and confirm if the proposed business would be sustainable and compatible with the surrounding community. A temporary use would also provide the Township with an opportunity to monitor the business from an operational perspective. The applicant has considered this option and has expressed a willingness to proceed on this basis.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

Should Council be satisfied that the application is complete and in general conformity with the Township's Official Plan, the following recommendations are provided:

- a) That this report be received; and,

• *Municipal Planning Services Ltd.* •

Chris D. Jones BES, MCIP, RPP
51 Churchill Drive, Unit 1
Barrie, Ontario
(705) 725-8133

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

BY-LAW NUMBER _____ - 2016

BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE OMERS PRIMARY PENSION PLAN (THE "PRIMARY PLAN"), AND THE RETIREMENT COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PRIMARY PLAN (THE "RCA"), IN RESPECT OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON IDENTIFIED HEREIN

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 6(1) of the Primary Plan, as amended from time to time, an employer who is eligible under the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act, 2006 ("OMERS Act, 2006") to participate in the Primary Plan and the RCA may, by by-law or resolution, participate in the Primary Plan and the RCA and pay to the funds for the Primary Plan and the RCA the total of the employer and member contributions, and has all of the powers necessary and incidental thereto.

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THEREOF ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Election re: Employees

The Employer shall participate in the Primary Plan and the RCA in respect of each person who is employed by the Employer and who is eligible to be a member of the Primary Plan and the RCA under subsection 5(3) of the OMERS Act, 2006, as amended from time to time, ("Employee") as of the first day of July, 2016 ("Effective Date") and authorizes the Clerk to submit forthwith a certified copy of this By-law to the OMERS Administration Corporation ("AC").

2. Current Continuous Full-Time Employees

An Employee who is employed on a continuous full-time basis ("CFT Employee"), as defined in subsection 9(1) of the Primary Plan, as amended from time to time, and who commenced employment with the Employer before the Effective Date is entitled to become a member of the Primary Plan and the RCA on the first day of the month following the month in which the CFT Employee's application is received by the AC, provided that the AC may, at the request of the Employer, fix an earlier date on which the CFT Employee becomes a member but not before the date on which the CFT Employee became entitled to be a member or the first day of January in the year in which the application is received by the AC, whichever is the later date.

3. Future Continuous Full-Time Employees

Every person who becomes a CFT Employee on or after the Effective Date shall, as a condition of employment, become a member of the Primary Plan and the RCA, or if such person is already a member, resume contributions to the Primary Plan and the RCA on the date so employed.

4. Pension Benefits Act Membership for Other Than Continuous Full-Time Employees

An Employee who is employed on other than a continuous full-time basis ("OTCFT Employee") and meets the eligibility criteria in subsection 9(6) of the Primary Plan, as amended from time to time, is entitled to become a member of the Primary Plan and the RCA on the first day of the month following the month in which the OTCFT Employee's application is received by the AC, provided that the AC may, at the request of the Employer, fix an earlier date on which the OTCFT Employee

becomes a member but not before the date on which the OTCFT Employee became entitled to be a member or the first day of January in the year in which the application is received by the AC, whichever is the later date.

5. Senior Management Official

Any person who holds a senior management position with the Employer ("Senior Management Official"), as the Employer may designate from time to time, is hereby authorized on behalf of the Employer to take all such action and execute all such documents, certificates and agreements, as they may consider necessary to give effect to the provisions of this By-law and to fulfill the Employer's duties and obligations with respect to the Primary Plan and the RCA, as required from time to time.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

BY-LAW READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

MAYOR

CLERK

CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

BY-LAW
Number _____

**"McCUE DRAINAGE WORKS, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT, 1989
MAINTENANCE LEVYING BY-LAW"**

A By-Law to provide for maintenance and repair
of the McCue Drainage Works, Repair and Improvement, 1989
and for the borrowing on the credit of
the municipality the amount required for such work

WHEREAS a number of owners, under Section 79 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17, have notified the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon of the deteriorating conditions of the said drainage works.

AND WHEREAS under the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17, it is the duty of the Township of Melancthon to maintain and repair that part of the drainage works lying within its limits.

AND WHEREAS the McCue Drainage Works, Repair and Improvement, 1989 has been constructed under By-Law No. 36-1989.

AND WHEREAS By-Law No. 36-1989 has subsequently been amended pursuant to Section 65(3) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Melancthon, pursuant to the recommendations made by the Township Drainage Superintendent, has ordered certain maintenance and repair work to be performed, under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Township Drainage Superintendent.

AND WHEREAS the work has now been completed

AND WHEREAS the construction cost of the work is \$22,973.09

AND WHEREAS the grant expected is \$5,244.42

AND WHEREAS the amount to be raised is \$17,728.67

1. The assessment shall be imposed in accordance with Section 74 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17, and in proportion to the governing By-Law No. 36-1989 as amended.
2. The amount of \$17,728.67 necessary to be raised for such work shall be made a cash assessment upon the upstream lands and roads affected, with interest at the rate set for collecting taxes in arrears being added after the date payment is called on the same.
3. This By-law shall be cited as the "McCue Drainage Works, Repair and Improvement, 1989 Maintenance Levying By-Law".
4. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

MAYOR

CLERK

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

BY-LAW No. __ - 2016

BEING a by-law amending Provisional By-law No. 21-2015 and to provide for the levying of costs resulting from the Stinson Drainage Works, D Drain

WHEREAS the Stinson Drainage Works, D Drain, has been constructed under the authority of By-law No. 21-2015;

AND WHEREAS the actual cost of the drainage works was \$33,103.07;

AND WHEREAS the grant received from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food was \$5,627.32;

AND WHEREAS the sum necessary to be raised by assessment is \$27,475.75;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Melancthon deems it expedient to amend By-law No. 21-2015 which provided for an amount less than that required to cover the cost of the said drainage works;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Melancthon, pursuant to the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, and amendments thereto, does hereby enact as follows:

1. THAT By-law No. 21-2015 is hereby amended to conform to the attached Schedule "A" which forms part of this By-law.
2. THAT the amount of \$27,475.75 necessary to be raised for such drainage works shall be made a cash assessment upon lands and roads as affected by the drainage works, with interest at the rate of 1¼% per month added after the date payment is due.
3. THAT By-law No. 21-2015, be amended to provide that all assessments shall be due on and that any assessments not paid in full on or before that due date shall be collected in the same manner as taxes.
4. THAT where any allowance or compensation has been determined for an owner pursuant to the provisions of the Drainage Act, and where the amount so determined is less than the total amount owing from the owner, the municipality shall deduct from the total amount so determined, and the owner shall be responsible for paying the balance in the manner prescribed in this By-law.
5. THAT where any allowance or compensation mentioned in Paragraph 4 exceeds the total amount owing by the owner, the municipality shall pay the balance to him.
6. THAT this By-law shall come into force on the passing thereof and may be cited as the "Stinson Drainage Works, D Drain, Levying By-law".

Read a first and second time this __ day of _____, 2016.

Read a third and final time this __ day of _____, 2016.

The Corporation of the
Township of Melancthon

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Darren White – Mayor

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Denise Holmes – CAO/Clerk

Denise Holmes

From: Sarah Smith <SSmith@wainfleet.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 2:47 PM
To: dholmes@melancthontownship.ca
Subject: RE: Resolution requesting Ontario to Cancel the RFP for Added Wind Power Generation
Attachments: 2015_Presentation_Elec_Dilem Ontario Electricity Option.pdf

Hi Denise,

I have contacted Warren Howard of Wind Concerns Ontario who assisted Alderman Konc with the resolution. He said that the statement is based on the attached assessment of the electrical system by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers. A detailed explanation of how they reached the conclusion about CO2 emissions and wind turbines is provided on slide 15.

Hope this helps.

Sarah Smith
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From: Meredith Kirkham
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:19 AM
To: Sarah Smith
Subject: FW: Resolution requesting Ontario to Cancel the RFP for Added Wind Power Generation

See below

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From: Denise Holmes [<mailto:dholmes@melancthontownship.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:54 AM
To: Meredith Kirkham
Subject: Resolution requesting Ontario to Cancel the RFP for Added Wind Power Generation

Good morning,

Township Council has been considering the above noted resolution passed by your Council on January 26, 2016 and the members have asked me to inquire with you, if you could advise where you found the information, or If you could provide us with the information, pertaining to this paragraph in that motion:

"AND WHEREAS adding wind to Ontario's grid drives CO2 emissions higher. The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers estimated that wind with natural gas backup produces base-load electricity at about 200 grams of CO2 emissions/kWh compared with the current system average level of 40 grams CO2 emissions/kWh."

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Regards,

Denise Holmes



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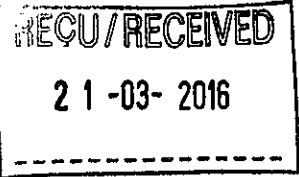
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Why Will Emissions Double as We Add Wind and Solar Plants ?

- ✧ Wind and Solar require flexible backup generation.
- ✧ Nuclear is too inflexible to backup renewables without expensive engineering changes to the reactors.
- ✧ Flexible electric storage is too expensive at the moment.
- ✧ Consequently natural gas provides the backup for wind and solar in North America.
- ✧ When you add wind and solar you are actually forced to reduce nuclear generation to make room for more natural gas generation to provide flexible backup.
- ✧ Ontario currently produces electricity at less than 40 grams of CO₂ emissions/kWh.
- ✧ Wind and solar with natural gas backup produces electricity at about 200 grams of CO₂ emissions/kWh. Therefore adding wind and solar to Ontario's grid drives CO₂ emissions higher. From 2016 to 2032 as Ontario phases out nuclear capacity to make room for wind and solar, CO₂ emissions will double (2013 LTEP data).
- ✧ In Ontario, with limited economic hydro and expensive storage, it is mathematically impossible to achieve low CO₂ emissions at reasonable electricity prices without nuclear generation.



March 8th.

To whom it may concern,

RE: Martin Drainage Works

Lot 17 and Pt Lot 18 Concession 7 SW and Pt Lot 17 Concession 8 SW

Adding to the letter we presented at the Council Meeting dated March 3rd. 2016, we conclude the following.

By not opposing this proposal which allows GMO and GE infected produce, this Township is posed to further contaminate God given resources which belong to all living organisms. Genetically modified organisms are not natures' products.

This Township is ignoring the fact that these harmful, toxic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers will seep into the river and contaminate the water, river bed and the air we need to breathe and our neighbours water wells.

We have to believe that our neighbours do not realize the harm this proposal will do to their health and future generations or they would be vehemently opposed and would have refused the few pennies they may have been offered.

We bought Lot 17 to use as our summer vacation spot, for its beauty, forests, river and clean air and to produce our own organic produce as this land was never farmed and therefore never contaminated. Now the beauty is gone as we are surrounded by the army of windmills. This proposal, if approved will add further injury to our Autistic son who is unable to metabolize toxins. The contaminants which will inevitably seep into our land due to this proposed drainage will present more harm to his immune system which will cause him to suffer seizures.

Our sons' condition will definitely deteriorate if this proposed drainage project occurs. Furthermore, we believe that our land will inevitably become contaminated with toxins in the soil, toxic rain, polluted air and infested with this bio-hazardous infected GMO seed which will render our land not merely worthless and useless but hazardous as well.

Generations to come will condemn your cold, indifferent, self-serving actions. You are exhibiting callous disregard for Gods' gifts to humanity which belong to all living things. You have now succeeded in rendering our land a worthless, wasteland.

Be assured that we will be seeking restitution for our son and our land.

Anna Fenech and John Simeon

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