



# TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

## A G E N D A

Thursday, June 2, 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 - May 19, 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. Other Business
10. **Planning Matters**
  1. Report to Mayor White and Council from Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk dated May 26, 2016, Re - Recommendation From Committee Of The Whole Meeting Held On May 19, 2016
11. **County Council Update**
  1. Council In Brief for Thursday May 12, 2016
12. **Committee Reports**
13. **Correspondence**

### **\*Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex - Meeting March 30, 2016
2. North Dufferin Community Centre Advisory Board - Meeting March 22, 2016
3. North Dufferin Community Centre Advisory Board - Meeting April 5, 2016

### **\* Items for Information Purposes**

1. Dufferin County - Press Release - For Immediate Release - May 16, 2016, New Tools Make Garbage Day Hard To Miss
2. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Mono dated May 10, 2016, Re - Resolution regarding Independent Electrical System Operator Review of Request for Proposal Process for the Award of Renewable Energy Contracts
3. Email from Tracey Atkinson, Planner - Township of Mulmur dated May 16, 2016, Re - NEC Expansion
4. Letter from Ted McMeekin, MMAH and Bill Mauro, MNRF dated May 10, 2016, Re - Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review
5. Letter from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority dated April 22, 2016, Re - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's 2015 Annual Report
6. Email from Michelle Dunn, Deputy Clerk - County of Dufferin dated May 18, 2016, Re - Federal Budget 2016-2017 Review
7. ROMA - Rural Ontario Municipal Association dated May 13, 2016, Re - The Rural and Northern Lens

8. Email from Diane Ploss, MAH dated May 18, 2016, Re - Ontario Passes Landmark Climate Change Legislation
9. Invitation to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Review - 164 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron being held Saturday June 4, 2016 at Shelburne Fairgrounds and Agricultural Centre
10. Email from Diane Ploss, MAH dated May 18, 2016, Re - Ontario Introduces Legislation to Encourage More Affordable Housing
11. OGRA - Ontario Good Roads Association dated May 19, 2016, Re - OGRA Calls Upon Province to Review Funding Allocation Formula
12. Letter from Enbridge dated May 19, 2016, Re - Ontario Energy Board Application #EB-2016-0004 - Review of Mechanisms to Recover the Costs of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
13. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Russell dated May 16, 2016, Re - Support Rural Economic Development Program
14. Letter from Triton Engineering Services Limited dated May 19, 2016, Re - Township of Southgate - Dundalk Wastewater Treatment Capacity
15. AMO Communication - Policy Update - Bill 181, The Municipal Elections Modernization Act 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
16. Government of Canada - News Release - FedDev Ontario Launches Intake Two of The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in Southern Ontario
17. Letter from R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited dated May 24, 2016, Re - Petition for Drainage Works Pt Lot 32, Concession 7 NE - Bradley Drainage Works A and C Drains - Site Meeting to be held June 9, 2016 at 10:00 am.
18. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Caledon dated May 24, 2016, Re - Autism Spectrum Disorder
19. Copy of a letter to Minister McMeekin, from Mayor Laura Ryan, Town of Mono dated May 19, 2016, Re - Compensation for having to defend Provincial Policy at a Normal Farm Practices Protection Board Hearing
20. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Augusta dated May 24, 2016, Re - Lyme Disease resolution passed by the Niagara Region
21. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Gillies dated May 17, 2016, Re - Resolution for Private Supportive Living Accommodations
22. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Gillies dated May 17, 2016, Re - Bill 180, Workers Day of Mourning Act, 2016
23. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Gillies dated May 17, 2016, Re - Suspension of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program

**\* Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from Sean Stewart, Niagara Escarpment Commission Request for Comments dated May 12, 2016, Re -Part Lot 8, Concession Plan 132 - 4 Fieldway Court
2. Notification for Maintenance and Repairs - Bradley - French Drain - Lot 26, Concession 4 NE
3. Drainage Engineer's Tender Report from Tom Pridham to Mayor White and Members of Council dated May 24, 2016, Re - Tender Results: Martin Drainage Works
4. Letter from Kelly McDowell to Mayor White and Council dated May 16, 2016, Re - Township of Melancthon's Accessibility Plan and acquiring recreational services
5. Letter to Council from Evan Bearss submitted May 18, 2016, Re - McCue Drainage Works By-law
6. Application for Special Event Permit - Dunadel Golf Course - Festival on 10 - July 30, 2016

**14. General Business**

1. Accounts
2. New/Other Business/Additions
  1. Fluney Drainage Works - Update by Mayor White
  2. Motion to release 2015 Paving Tender Security Deposit to AECON
  3. Update regarding Mulmur Melancthon Recreation Advisory Board - Correspondence Item # 13 from May 19, 2016 Council meeting - Councillor Besley
  4. Bretton Estates Subdivision - Release of Building Permits (pending approval from the Township's Engineers)
3. Unfinished Business
  1. Rogers Communication Tower - Update

**15. Delegations**

1. 5:20 p.m. - Notice Of A Public Meeting For A Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Part of Lot 278, Concession 2 NE - 197255 2<sup>nd</sup> Line NE (D. Martin)
2. 5:30 p.m. - Notice Of A Public Meeting For A Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Part of Lot 25, Concession 9 NE - 318269 8<sup>th</sup> Line NE (I. Martin)
3. 5:40 p.m. - Notice Of A Public Meeting For a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Part of Lot 28, Concession 9 NE - 318401 8<sup>th</sup> Line NE ( R. Bowman)

**16. Closed Session (if required)**

**17. Third Reading of By-laws**

**18. Notice of Motion**

**19. Confirmation By-law**

**20. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, June 16, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.**

**21. On Sites**

**22. Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office**



*The Corporation of*

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## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**TO: MAYOR WHITE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**FROM: DENISE HOLMES, CAO/CLERK**

**DATE: MAY 26, 2016**

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2016**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Be it resolved that: Council accepts the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 19, 2016 and directs Staff and the Township's Planning Consultant, Chris Jones, to prepare the required Zoning By-law Amendment to amend the Township's Zoning By-law 12-1979, as amended, to incorporate definitions pertaining to Home Occupation and Home Industry in the Zoning By-law.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Report is to provide information to Council regarding the Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 19, 2016.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Over the course of the past few months and various meetings, the Committee of the Whole has been reviewing and discussing the Home Based Business Definitions and Regulations that were prepared by Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant in January of this year. The definitions were prepared by Mr. Jones as a result of a Report he prepared for Council dated August 25, 2015 regarding Home Occupations and On-Farm Uses.

At the meeting held on May 19, 2016, the Committee was asked to bring forth their questions, comments, concerns with the definitions. The definitions prepared by Mr. Jones are definitive and something that draws a line through the different industries that could be in our Township and fits within our new Official Plan.

It was advised that in order to include these definitions in the Township's 1979 Zoning By-law, a zoning by-law amendment is required. Through this process, a Statutory Public Meeting is required and the public will be invited to provide input on these draft definitions.

The following recommendation was passed at the May 19, 2016 COW meeting:

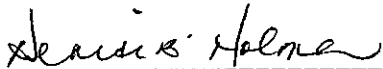
***Moved by Webster, Seconded by White that we recommend to Council to amend the Township Zoning By-law 12-1979 as amended to implement the Definitions/Regulations for Home Based Businesses. Carried.***

### **FINANCIAL**

The approximate cost to implement the zoning by-law amendment is \$3,000.00. This includes the services of the Planning Consultant to prepare the background report, the notice of public meeting and zoning by-law, his attendance at the Statutory Public Meeting and to answer inquiries on the amendment, a subsequent report and advertising. In the event that the By-law is appealed to the OMB, there would be extra costs incurred.

There is money budgeted under Planning that would cover the costs associated with this Zoning By-law Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk

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# COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For Thursday, May 12, 2016

For the full agenda and minutes, please visit our website.

## FORT MCMURRAY- COUNTY OF DUFFERIN SUPPORT

Council approved a motion for the County of Dufferin to help those affected by the Fort McMurray wildfires. The County of Dufferin will donate \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross Alberta Fire Appeal Campaign.



*To donate to the Red Cross, please click [here](#).*

## TAX ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR 2016

A report from the Treasurer, dated April 27, 2016 has been received and approved by council. This report sets the eligibility threshold for tax assistance to remain at increases over \$50.00.

## WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN-GUELPH PUBLIC HEALTH - SMOKE FREE ONTARIO



Council approved working with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health to develop, communicate and administer a survey specific to a smoke-free housing environment for social housing

buildings owned by Dufferin County.

## **VETERAN PARTICIPATION ON BATTLEFIELD TOURS**

As a way to support veterans, the County of Dufferin will direct a total of \$9000 to the Battlefield Tours scheduled for November 2016 and April 2017. Council has committed \$4,500 annually to this program.

## **BY-LAWS**

**The following by-laws were enacted:**

2016-22

A by-law to adopt the optional tools for calculating the amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes payable in respect of property in the commercial classes, industrial classes or multi-residential property class during the year 2016.

(Authorization: General Government Services – April 27, 2016)

2016-23

A by-law to provide property tax rebates to eligible charities for the year 2016.

(Authorization: General Government Services – April 27, 2016)

2016-24

A by-law to provide for a rebate of a portion of property tax increases for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities, for the year 2016.

(Authorization: General Government Services – April 27, 2016)

2016-25

A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and Clerk executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Product Care Association of Canada (Municipal Industry Stewardship Plan Service Agreement).

(Authorization: Public Works – April 27, 2016)

2016-26

A by-law to approve an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Dufferin Wind Power Inc. (Line Fences Fund Agreement)

(Authorization: Council - March 6, 2014).

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

*Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee – Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. (55 Zina Street)*

*Public Works Committee – Wednesday, May 25, 9:00 a.m. (Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne)*

*General Government Services – Wednesday, May 25, 4:00 p.m. (55 Zina Street)*

*Forest Advisory Committee – Tuesday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. (55 Zina Street)*



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**CENTRE DUFFERIN RECREATION COMPLEX**

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

**Minutes of the Regular meeting held March 30, 2016 at the CDRC**

Attendance:	Walter Benotto	Shelburne
	Wade Mills	Shelburne
	Dan Sample	Shelburne
	Heather Foster	Amaranth
	Ralph Manktelow	Mono
	Ron Webster	Melancthon
	Kim Fraser	Facility Administration Manager
	Marty Lamers	Facility Maintenance Manager

Absent: J. Elliott, C. Gerrits and AJ Cavey  
Meeting called to order by Chair, Walter Benotto at 6:00pm.  
A quorum was present.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:**

Walter Benotto stated that if any member of the board had a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

**Agenda:**

Addition-Sports Hall of Fame to New Business.

**MOTION #1** – Moved by R. Webster seconded by H. Foster. Be it resolved we approve the agenda dated March 2, 2016 as circulated and amended.  
Carried

**Discussion of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**MOTION #2** – Moved by H. Foster seconded by R. Webster. That the minutes of the CDRC Board of Management regular board meeting held March 2, 2016 be approved as presented and circulated.  
Carried

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from the Town of Mono accepting the 2016 CDRC Budget

**MOTION #3** – Moved by W. Mills seconded by H. Foster. That correspondence is received and placed on file.  
Carried

**Finance Committee Report:**

Heather Foster, Finance Chair presented an updated 2016 Budget forecast representing expected changes.

**MOTION #4** – Moved by W. Mills seconded by R. Webster. That the bills and accounts, as presented in the amount of \$43,671.28 be approved and paid.  
Carried

**Pool Committee Report:**

Interviews for the remainder of the Seasonal Summer Lifeguard/Instructor and Camp Counselor positions were conducted on March 3, 2016. D. Sample spoke to the interview session and the recommendation given by the Committee that season end staff evaluations be conducted.

**MOTION #5** – Moved by W. Mills seconded by D. Sample. Be it resolved that the CDRC Board of Management hires the following for the 2016 contract seasonal summer positions: Assistant Head Lifeguard-Shauna Staveley, Melissa Matthews and Michaela Donato; Lifeguard/Instructor-Nina Ronczka, Emma McLaughlin, Tiffany Hunt, Aidan Bruce, Holly Tremills, Megan Campbell, Cassie Galbraith and Hunter Millsap; Day Camp Counselor-Lauren Smith, Maddison Green and Kaitlyn Mackenzie.  
Carried

**MOTION #6** – Moved by R. Webster seconded by H. Foster. That we receive the verbal report from the Pool Committee.

Carried

**Human Resource Committee Report:**

Interviews Full-time Facility Operator-Maintenance Attendant (Lead Hand) position were conducted on March 7, 2016.

**MOTION #7** – Moved by R. Manktelow seconded by W. Mills. Be it resolved that the CDRC Board of Management hires Tyler Cardella for the position of Facility Operator-Maintenance Attendant (Lead Hand).

Carried

**MOTION #8** – Moved by W. Mills seconded by D. Sample. That we receive the verbal report from the Human Resource Committee.

Carried

J. Telfer 6:30pm

**In Camera Session:**

K. Fraser & M. Lamers step out of the meeting.

**MOTION #9** – Moved by H. Foster seconded by D. Sample. Be it resolved that the Board move into a closed session meeting pursuant to section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including an employee.

Carried

K. Fraser & M. Lamers return to the meeting.

**MOTION #10** – Moved by D. Sample seconded by H. Foster. That the CDRC Board of Management rise from "In Camera" at 7:17pm.

Carried

**MOTION #11** – Moved by W. Mills seconded by D. Sample. That the CDRC Board of Management directs the Town of Shelburne CAO/Clerk to formulate job descriptions and employment contracts for all employees and to provide same to the Board for adoption and execution.

Carried

**Facility Administration Manager's Report:**

See Schedule A

**MOTION #12** – Moved by H. Foster seconded by D. Sample. That the CDRC Board approves one (1) CDRC Management to attend JHSC Part 1 on April 5, 6 & 7 at a cost of \$439.00 and Part 2 on April 13 and 14 at a cost of \$339.00.

Carried

**MOTION #13** – Moved by R. Manktelow seconded by D. Sample. That we receive the report from the Facility Administration Manager.

Carried

**Facility Maintenance Manager's Report:**

See Schedule B

**MOTION #14** – Moved by R. Manktelow seconded by H. Foster. That we receive the report from the Facility Maintenance Manager.

Carried

**New Business:**

**Shelburne & District Sports Hall of Fame:**

D. Sample has been contacted by an individual, inquiring on the process to nominate a Muskie team. After discussion it was recommended that the Hall of Fame Committee be reestablished and a committee meeting be set up.

**Confirmation by By-law**

**MOTION #15** – Moved by D. Sample seconded by H. Foster. Be it resolved that leave be given for the reading and enacting of by-law #04-2016 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of the CDRC Board of Management for its Regular Board meeting held March 30, 2016.

Carried

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION #16**-Moved by R. Manktelow seconded by H. Foster. That we now adjourn at 7:45pm to meet again on April 27, 2016 at 6:00pm, or at the call of the chair.

Carried

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Secretary - Treasurer

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Chairperson

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Dated

SCHEDULE 'A'

Facility Administration Managers Report – March 30 2016

- The Summer Jobs Service (SJS) program, one of the summer grants, has been discontinued. I am looking to see if there are any alternative/replacement programs. The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) application has been submitted and the Rural Summer Jobs (RSJ) application process has not yet begun.
- I would like to attend Part 1 of Joint Health & Safety Certification (JHSC), April 5, 6 & 7 in Brampton. The cost is \$439.00. Part 2 of the JHSC Certification is April 13 & 14 in Brampton. The cost is \$339.00.
- The 2016 Spring/Summer Recreation in the final proof stages. It is scheduled for distribution on April 14, 2016.
- I plan to attend the Heritage Music Festival meeting on March 29. I will bring back a report.

Kim Fraser  
Facility Administration Manager

SCHEDULE 'B'

Facility Maintenance Managers Report – March 30 2016

SAFETY:

There were no incidents.

March fire alarms, extinguishers and emergency lighting inspections have been completed.

TSSA Compressor room inspection 03/02/2016, 3 issues, all resolved by 03/16/2016

ARENA:

Ice being removed Saturday April 2 2016

Arena glass broken, replaced \$420.00

BUILDING:

Roofing quote from Conestoga roofing March 16 2016 had site visit.

Tremco roofing quote site visit March 17 2016 will compile information to determine this year's replacement and repair cost and requirements and information for large future replacement of roof cost.

Light bulb sourcing (Dan Sample) cost was 20% more

LED arena lights quotes for incentives saving and cost.

POOL:

New pool solar blanket ordered \$1,135.00 chair approval.

GROUNDS:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Interviews were conducted for a vacant full-time Maintenance-Operator (Lead Hand) position

Marty Lamers  
Facility Maintenance Manager

# **NORTH DUFFERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting at 8:30 p.m. March 22/2016**

In attendance: Paul Mills, Carter Atkinson, Dave Besley, Janice Aldcorn,

Chester Tupling and Bert Tupling

Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

Adoption of the minutes as circulated, moved by Paul, seconded by Carter

Adoption of Agenda, moved by Dave, seconded by Paul

Report from Paul Mills "Mulmur" on happenings at the arena

New doors for outside entrance and new door for upstairs

Report from Dave Besley "Melancthon" on a letter sent to the townships from Sunday morning hockey questioning the user fee for Melancthon township residents. Discussion took place with the decision that the townships have made note and further results will come prior to next year.

Report from the arena manager regarding a wish list which included:

Floors in players boxes

Headers and header trench

Accessibility to Norduff Room

Brine filter

Replace secondary doors to lobby

Replace old dehumidifier south east corner

New flooring in lobby and dressing rooms

Update electrical in Norduff Room

Air exchanger in lobby

Showers and toilets in referee room and girls room

Accessible washrooms

New vestibules

New door from Zamboni room to ice surface

Bigger dressing rooms

More dressing rooms

As general discussion took place on the above, it became evident that many of the requests fell under two major categories:

The need for new and the need for funds to proceed

Of special note was the referee's needs for 2017 as implemented by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association

In the interest of time, the Chairman moved on to Barbeque needs:

- 1) Advertising in local papers (Dundalk, Shelburne, Creemore, Alliston, Orangeville)
- 2) The use of Country 105 to promote the day
- 3) The discussion on side entertainment, like a ball tournament, demolition derby, tractor pull, horse pull, donkey baseball
- 4) Request from surrounding residents to have a shuttle bus from Pickin In The Park to the beef barbeque meal
- 5) The opportunity to have tickets for three prizes of beef made available by local businesses

1<sup>st</sup> prize ½ side of beef cut and wrapped

2<sup>nd</sup> prize ½ of ½ side of beef cut and wrapped

3<sup>rd</sup> prize ¼ of ½ side of beef cut and wrapped

Cash value of each prize to be at the discretion of the businesses

The next meeting is to take place Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30

# NORTH DUFFERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. April 05/2016

In attendance: Paul Mills, Carter Atkinson, Alesha Emmons, Janice Aldcorn, Greg Patton, Chester Tupling, Bert Tupling.

Minutes of the previous meeting March 22/2016 were discussed and the error made by the secretary in the use of Brian Besley's name instead of Dave Besley as it should have been was noted and an amendment was made to correct the mistake.

Also noted was the motion made that the Chairman and the Secretary look into pricing and structure of a new front to the present ice surface be investigated. Chester and Bert felt they need more time before this can be done.

Discussion took place that a monthly financial statement would be helpful in making decisions.

There were no further reports from councils or from the arena manager.

Chester thanked the arena for extending the closing date to accommodate the Men's Hockey Tournament.

Confirmation of the annual barbeque is Saturday July 23/2016, with special notes including:

- 1) Beef for this year would be approximately .59/lb higher
- 2) Arranging the busing from Shelburne's "Pickin in the Park" to the Barbeque and the pricing was discussed. Alesha Emmons made a motion for Janice to proceed on quoted cost on a trial for this year and Paul Mills seconded it. Carried.
- 3) Ticket printing pricing was discussed and Carter Atkinson moved that Janice proceed with the best offer, seconded by Paul.
- 4) Due to other commitments by regular volunteers on barbeque day, Janice will approach Scott Richardson to be in charge of meat cooking.
- 5) Paul asked for a person to replace Janice as barbeque chair as she has said that this is her last year. Paul felt this is a challenging position and someone needs to be trained in advance. All this had Janice's blessing.
- 6) Greg Patton suggested a family hockey and ball day in the form of a small winterfest.
- 7) Karla and Chester attended a fund raiser of hockey coaches and fire fighters that appealed to community spirit.
- 8) Discussion was held on recreational hockey user fees as per each township needs to have more explanation given to all individuals.
- 9) It was felt that as we move forward, this board needs a mission statement. As a start to this... a community based advisory group from both townships of Mulmur and Melancthon that would give a better community centre and recreation facility for the support of all ages.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14/2016 at 8:30 p.m. or at the call of the chairman.

Greg Patton made the motion to adjourn.



## PRESS RELEASE

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

*For Immediate Release: May 16, 2016*

## NEW TOOLS MAKE GARBAGE DAY HARD TO MISS

Dufferin County has made it even easier for residents to stay connected about waste collections and programs with new and improved web and mobile tools.

Residents can now search their home address in the new *My Schedule* tool, available at [dufferincounty.ca/waste](http://dufferincounty.ca/waste), and use it to:

- sign up for waste collection reminders by email, phone call, text, or Twitter;
- download a personalized collection schedule into an iCal, Google, or Outlook calendar; or
- print a personalized collection schedule, specific to their address.

Not sure how to properly dispose of something? The new *Which Bin?* tool allows residents to find out if and how an item can be reused, recycled, composted, taken back or disposed of.

Residents can also download the new mobile app, *DufferinWaste*, for free on Apple and Android devices. The County will be discontinuing the 'My Waste' app launched in 2013 and residents are encouraged to download the new *DufferinWaste* app for future use.

"With the new DufferinWaste app and reminder service, residents really have the ability to stay connected in the way that's most convenient for them," says Councillor Paul Mills, chair of the Public Works Committee. "It makes it simple to remember collection dates for yard waste, bulky items, holiday interruptions, double up days, hazardous and electronic waste events, and everything else our waste programs offer."

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# Town of Mono

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May 12, 2016

Ms. Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager  
Township of North Frontenac  
Email: [Clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca](mailto:Clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca)

Dear Ms. Mieske,

**RE: Resolution regarding Independent Electrical System Operator Review of  
Request for Proposal Process for the Award of Renewable Energy  
Contracts**

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Town of Mono Council considered your resolution during their May 10, 2016 Council meeting. The following resolution was passed:

**Resolution #3-8-2016**

*WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy and the Independent Electrical System Operator has requested input on the RFP process used to award renewable energy contracts;*

*AND WHEREAS the government indicated that new contracts would be directed to willing host communities and the Minister of Energy indicated that it would be 'almost impossible' for a contract to be granted under the current process without municipal agreement;*

*AND WHEREAS one-quarter of all contracts announced did not have any municipal support for the projects;*

*AND WHEREAS the current process does not meet the government's standards for openness and transparency because municipal Councils are asked to support power projects based on little or no detail and further, the public consultation procedures are not specifically defined and only require a "best efforts" approach in consulting municipalities;*

*AND WHEREAS the province has not demonstrated that renewable energy projects are cost effective and of sufficient strategic importance in meeting Ontario's electricity generation requirements and/or carbon emission reduction targets to warrant the province taking action to override local municipal decisions;*

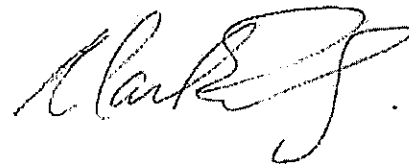
*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mono recommend:*

- 1. That all new contracts awarded by the IESO shall be accompanied by a Municipal Support Resolution;*

2. That all applicants/proponents shall comply with any municipal public engagement policies in seeking a Municipal Support Resolution;
3. That the rules be amended to require that the resolution related to this support must be considered in an open Council meeting held after the community engagement meeting organized by the proponent;
4. That full details of the project, including siting of project elements and site consideration reports, are required to be made available at the community engagement meeting and to the Council before the resolution is considered;
5. That the terms of any municipal agreement related to the project also need to be discussed in open Council and that such agreements cannot contain terms that limit the municipality's ability to exercise Municipal Act powers relative to the project;
6. That the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan includes the requirement for the municipality and all interested parties to provide comments on the project directly to the IESO;
7. That any announcement of the successful bidders includes an explanation of the points awarded to every bid submitted to the IESO.

AND THAT this Resolution be provided to the President of IESO; Minister of Energy; Dufferin-Caledon, MPP Sylvia Jones, AMO and Dufferin Municipalities.

Yours truly,



Mark Early, MCIP, RPP, CMO  
CAO/Clerk  
Director of Planning

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Minister of Energy  
AMO  
Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones  
Dufferin Municipalities

## Denise Holmes

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Hi Planners/CAOs

The Township of Mulmur has been monitoring the proposed NEC expansion as part of the Co-ordinated land Use Review. We are happy to report that the NEC expansion area has not been included in the Greenbelt mapping, nor has the NEC plan been drafted to include the NEC expansion lands. However, "the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has asked the Niagara Escarpment Commission to seek feedback from the public, municipalities, First nations and Metis communities, and stakeholders on these proposals", (being the proposed expansion of 45,000 hectares).

Please find attached a copy of our letter sent a few days before the Provincial release. It is sent in a word version for your convenience should you wish to echo our comments. We have received correspondence back MNRF acknowledging receipt and believe it is important to continue correspondence and discussions during the consultation period, which extends until September 30, 2016.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

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**Re: Co-ordinated Provincial Land Use Planning Review  
Greenbelt Expansion (NEC Expansion)**

Dear Sirs and Madams;

This letter has been prepared to provide possible alternatives for consideration relating to Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) Advice on Potential Addition of Land to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, which was prepared for the Co-ordinated Provincial Land Use Planning Review.

The Township's original concerns (November 19, 2015) relating to the expansion criteria, evaluation size, mapping, and specific evaluated areas continues to exist. We believe that it is appropriate to re-examine the extent of the proposed expansion based on our original comments. Based on our continued correspondence there have also been discussions relating to the possibility of exploring non-contiguous areas and reconsideration of the 300m brow width protection.

The Township's concerns, as expressed through our previous correspondence, ROMA deputation and at our meetings with various levels of Government are threefold. Our first concern is with the extent of the proposed expansion. Our second concern is with

the intended value added/intent and the third, and the focus of this correspondence is the financial implications.

As previously discussed, the expansion of the "Natural Area" designation could have significant financial implications to the Township of Mulmur due to the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program (CLTIP). Our municipality is fully supportive of the protection of our natural environment and watersheds but feel that we should not be penalized for the provision of ecological goods and services for the greater good.

At our past meeting it was mentioned that the Township suggest approaches that could be applied consistently throughout the NEP as opposed to a Mulmur-specific approach. Each of the options below could be applied throughout the escarpment or Mulmur specific. The following are provided for consideration:

#### Option 1: OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

While we recognize the momentum to Grow the Greenbelt, a "no expansion" is an option to be considered and evaluated. Growth of the Greenbelt in areas with higher growth pressure and requiring protection may be worthy of consideration, as opposed to where Municipalities experience less pressure and have significant amounts of protected lands and related planning protection.

The Township has strong policy protection for natural features and functions and is willing to explore opportunities to modify the policies of the Mulmur Official Plan such that the policies of the Niagara Escarpment Plan are echoed and appropriately designated outside the NEP Area. Other municipalities could enact the same verbiage.

#### Option 2: REDISTRIBUTE FEATURE/FUNCTION WITHIN DESIGNATIONS

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. Features/functions within the Natural Area designation could be redistributed into the Protection designation. Through the same amendment, the Protection designation could be enhanced to provide additional protection, echoing the Natural Area designation

#### Option 3: RENAME THE NATURAL AREA DESIGNATION

It is our understanding that at the time when the Natural Area designation was created there were financial contributions made to municipalities to off-set the tax losses incurred. Since the financial contribution has subsequently been removed, it may be appropriate to remove the "Natural Area" associated with the CLTIP and replace it with a new designation ("Significant Natural", or "Natural Vital") that maintains the same identification and protection. This would result in no loss and would allow the Township to recoup the taxes it currently loses.

#### Option 4: CREATE A NEW DESIGNATION

The Township recognizes the desire to provide an incentive to landowners for protecting natural features and functions of the Niagara Escarpment. The Township, through Zoning and Official Plan policies aims to do the same for features and functions outside the Escarpment. The Township has certain designations where development is prohibited. No financial compensation of tax breaks is given on these lands. The NEC could consider creating a new designation that prohibits development and that coincides with a tax break program. For example, the most precious features of the Escarpment could be included in a no-development designation named "Natural Area". This no-development designation would have limited existing development and no new development, therefore minimizing the amount of assessment that would be untaxed. The remaining lands, previously designated "Natural Area" could be placed into a new designation, for example, "Natural Protection Area", which would benefit from increased policy protection without tax loss to the Township.

#### Alternative Approaches

There are many other approaches or variations that could provide the desired protection without the financial hardship to the Township. The Township is interested in continued communications and is open to discussing any of the options above or an alternative approach, and request a meeting with MNRF, Ministry of Finance and NEC to move forward with a workable plan.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Township of Mulmur

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# SHAPING LAND USE IN THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE

## A Guide to Proposed Changes to:

- ▶ The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- ▶ The Greenbelt Plan
- ▶ The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and
- ▶ The Niagara Escarpment Plan



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# A message from Minister McMeekin and Minister Mauro



*Hon. Ted McMeekin  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing*



*Hon. Bill Mauro  
Minister of Natural Resources  
and Forestry*

Ontarians deserve communities where they can work and play, go to school and shop all in the same area.

Communities that are well-connected with modern infrastructure and accessible transit.

In other words, complete communities.

The Greater Golden Horseshoe is Canada's largest economic engine and one of the fastest growing regions in North America.

This region contains some of the country's best farmland and world-renowned natural features, like the Niagara Escarpment.

We need to continue to plan for a future in which we expect to have 6.3 million jobs and welcome another 4 million people over the next 25 years.

That is why it's so important that we update the four land use plans that cover this area: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

These four plans work together to build complete communities, manage growth, curb sprawl, protect the natural environment and support economic development.

We began our co-ordinated review of these plans over a year ago. Since then, more than 3,000 people have attended town hall meetings across the region. We received more than 19,000 submissions. We heard from municipalities and many stakeholders – from farmers and developers to environmental organizations. And, most importantly, we heard from the people who live and work in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region.

We heard the plans are generally working well, but there is room for improvement.

David Crombie, a former federal cabinet minister and former mayor of Toronto, chaired an advisory panel with members from a variety of sectors affected by the plans. The panel listened, considered and came to consensus on 87 recommendations to improve the plans.

We have also met with and continue to engage with members of First Nations and Métis communities with interests in the region.

Now, we are ready to move forward.

The proposed changes would allow our communities to continue growing in ways that attract jobs and investments, create vibrant urban centres and strong rural communities. They would also minimize impacts of urban growth on productive farmland, heritage buildings, archaeological resources, green spaces, and important natural areas.

We're proposing ways for communities to grow to better meet their needs, now and in the future.

We're proposing to make new communities more transit friendly to help reduce congestion. These policies will also help deliver the greatest return on the government's investments in the region's transportation infrastructure.

And we're going to do it in ways that better protect our farmland and natural environment.

We are looking towards a greener Ontario. We are proposing to grow the Greenbelt by adding Urban River Valleys and protecting large coastal wetlands along Lake Ontario.

Together, the proposed changes would also help the province and municipalities take major steps in addressing one of the most pressing issues of our generation — climate change.

We now invite you to go through the proposed revisions to the plans and provide us with your feedback.

You are the heart of the Greater Golden Horseshoe and Niagara Escarpment area. Let's move towards the future, together.



**Hon. Ted McMeekin**  
Minister of Municipal  
Affairs and Housing



**Hon. Bill Mauro**  
Minister of Natural  
Resources and  
Forestry

# Introduction

**The Greater Golden Horseshoe and Niagara Escarpment area is a dynamic and diverse region, rich in agricultural, natural and water resources. Managing growth and responding to challenges from climate change are essential if we are to maintain the high quality of life and internationally competitive economy we enjoy today.**

Over the years, the province has implemented legislation, plans, policies and programs to guide the region's growth and protect its environment. In 1985, the province established the Niagara Escarpment Plan. In 2002, it put in place the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. In 2005, the province launched a landmark initiative for the region and created the Greenbelt Plan, followed by the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden

Horseshoe in 2006. These plans inform other provincial initiatives, such as Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan (also known as "The Big Move").

## The Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review

The province initiated a co-ordinated review of the four plans in 2015. Members of the public, stakeholders, municipalities and organizations provided feedback on how the plans are performing and how they may be improved. To support the co-ordinated review, the province appointed an advisory panel. Panel members attended public meetings, reviewed submissions, met with stakeholders, and spoke with experts. The advisory panel made 87 recommendations to help the plans better meet their objectives. This report is available at [Ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview](http://Ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview).



*Co-ordinated Review Town Hall meeting in Peterborough*



*GO bus station in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area*



*Urban growth in downtown Toronto*

The province also met with First Nations and Métis communities with an interest in the region to discuss the plans. Several of these communities provided feedback and offered suggestions on how the plans could be improved. The government is committed to continuing this process and honouring its obligations to Indigenous peoples.

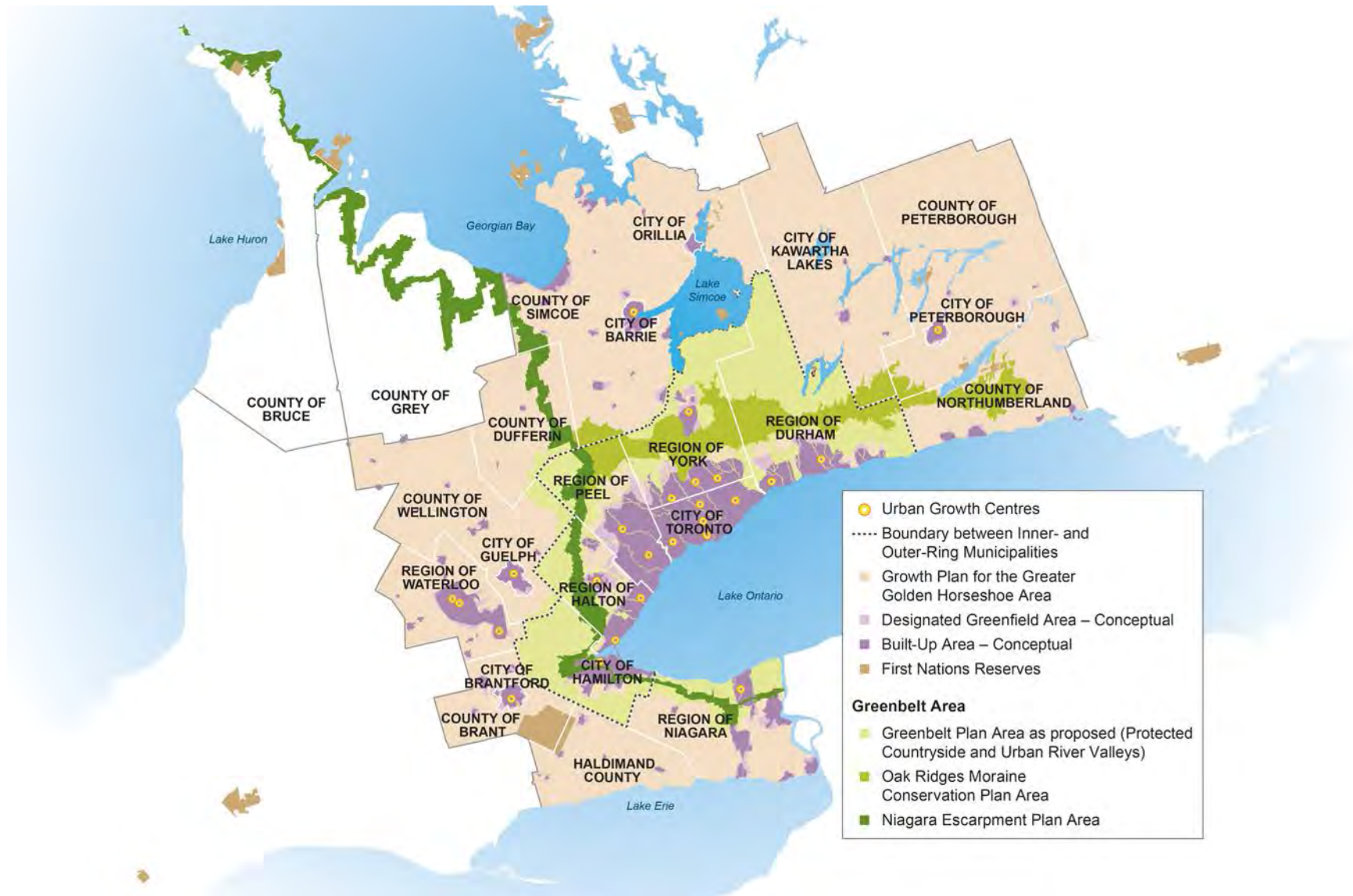
This guide makes it easy to see how changes from the co-ordinated review have been reflected in the amendments proposed to the four plans. If you need more detailed information on the precise wording of a change or definitions of a term used in this guide, please refer to the proposed plans. The proposed plans are also available at [Ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview](https://Ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview).

The chapters in this guide describe the key proposed changes to the four plans across the following themes:

- ▶ **Building Complete Communities**
- ▶ **Supporting Agriculture**
- ▶ **Protecting Natural Heritage and Water**
- ▶ **Growing the Greenbelt**
- ▶ **Addressing Climate Change**
- ▶ **Integrating Infrastructure**
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## The Greater Golden Horseshoe and Niagara Escarpment Area



**Note:** The information displayed on this map is not to scale, does not accurately reflect approved land use and planning boundaries, and may be out of date. For more information on precise boundaries, the appropriate municipality should be consulted. For more information on proposed Greenbelt Area boundaries, the Greenbelt Plan 2016 should be consulted. The Province of Ontario assumes no responsibility or liability for any consequences of any use made of this map.

# Building Complete Communities

**Whether they are urban, suburban or rural, complete communities share many common characteristics. They are places where homes, jobs, schools, community services, parks and recreation facilities are easily accessible. Complete communities encourage active transportation, like walking or biking, support public transit, and provide opportunities for people to connect with one another.**

Complete communities are more compact, occupy less land, reduce the costs of infrastructure and offer access to healthy local food. They also provide a range of employment opportunities and a mix of housing that offers a range of affordability. With all of these characteristics, complete communities contribute significantly to a high quality of life.

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe already includes measures to encourage the development of complete communities. For example, municipalities are already required to:

- ▶ Develop and grow with a mix of uses, such as residential, employment, cultural, recreational and other uses that contribute to building complete communities.
- ▶ Intensify by accommodating a large portion of residential growth in areas that are already built-up, especially around transit and in urban growth centres (existing and emerging downtowns).
- ▶ Plan for a minimum density of people living and working in new development areas known as “designated greenfield areas”.
- ▶ Protect land used primarily for employment from being converted to non-employment uses, such as housing.



*Street retail in Waterloo*



*National Ballet School and mixed-use development in Toronto*

Separately, the existing plans restrict the expansion of municipalities' urban boundaries, known as "settlement areas".

Combined, these approaches have begun to reduce the amount of new land needed for growth and helped preserve natural and agricultural areas.

The proposed changes would take the plans further towards building complete communities. They would increase density and intensification targets, promote transit supportive density, encourage the development of community hubs and provide greater protection for agricultural land and natural heritage features.

### **In summary, the proposed changes would:**

- ▶ Provide more guidance on achieving complete communities and require municipalities to plan for sustainable and livable communities.
- ▶ Increase the intensification target in the Growth Plan to a minimum of 60 per cent of all new residential development occurring annually in the existing built-up area.
- ▶ Increase the designated greenfield area density target in the Growth Plan to a minimum of 80 residents and jobs per hectare (excluding certain non-developable natural heritage features, such as wetlands and woodlands, rights of way for certain infrastructure, and "prime employment areas").
- ▶ Require municipalities to plan for density targets around major transit stations which support that type of transit.
- ▶ Show priority transit corridors in the Growth Plan where municipalities would focus transit-related planning, zoning and development efforts. New policies would also provide the province with the authority to identify additional priority transit corridors.
- ▶ Support the development of community hubs by encouraging public services to be located together in existing facilities near strategic growth areas, accessible by active transportation and transit.
- ▶ Establish stronger environmental, agricultural and planning criteria in the Growth Plan for settlement area boundary expansions.



*Compact urban form in Markham*





*Market Commons multi-residential project in Burlington*

- ▶ Require municipalities to identify and protect prime employment areas. Prime employment areas, as defined in the Growth Plan, typically accommodate uses such as warehousing, logistics, and manufacturing that require a lot of land and access to transportation infrastructure, such as highways and railway lines. Certain employment uses, such as stand-alone office buildings, would be permitted in employment areas that are not identified as “prime”. New policies would serve to improve transit connections for employment areas.
- ▶ Require the province, through direction in the Growth Plan, to establish a standard methodology used by all municipalities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe for assessing land needs.
- ▶ Provide new policies in the Growth Plan to help municipalities in the outer ring (outside the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area) manage any lands that are designated but not required for growth to 2041, and provide specific tests and flexibility for appropriate growth in these municipalities.
- ▶ Strengthen policies regarding the preservation of cultural heritage to align with those in the Provincial Policy Statement.



# Supporting Agriculture

**Rural and agricultural communities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe and Niagara Escarpment area are important contributors to Ontario's economy and our quality of life. The agri-food sector supports tens of thousands of jobs, produces food consumed by people locally and all over the world, and contributes billions of dollars annually to the region's economy.**

The four plans currently work together to protect the region's high-quality agricultural lands from urban sprawl by restricting the expansion of settlement areas.

The Greenbelt Plan already describes and protects the land base of an agricultural system.

The proposed changes would enhance the agricultural system to include not only the land base, but also the infrastructure and other assets (e.g., food and beverage processors, cold storage, grain dryers and abattoirs) that collectively support a flourishing agricultural sector.

## Supporting local farms

Proposed changes to the Growth Plan would require the province to identify an agricultural system for the entire Greater Golden Horseshoe that builds on the Greenbelt, in collaboration with municipalities. Municipalities would be required to plan to protect the agricultural system's long-term viability.

The types of uses allowed on agricultural land would also be clarified by making the plans' policies consistent with those in the Provincial Policy Statement. New policies would ensure a thriving agricultural sector and support the production and availability of locally-grown food in our communities.



*Farmers' Market in Burlington*

Credit: Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation



*Grape harvest in Niagara Region*

Credit: Grape Growers of Ontario



*Farming and cattle in Caledon*



*Locally grown fruit*

## Reducing conflict between land uses

The proposed policy changes would reduce conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses (such as residential areas, major infrastructure or natural heritage). The plans would support the agricultural sector by clarifying when and how new or expanded agriculture and related uses (e.g., farm sheds) would be permitted next to natural heritage features (e.g., wetlands and woodlands) and hydrological features (e.g., streams and inland lakes), while still protecting natural heritage and hydrological features.

To minimize impacts that infrastructure and other developments could have on agricultural operations, municipalities and other proponents would be required to do agricultural impact assessments for proposed settlement area expansions or major new infrastructure projects.

## In summary, the proposed changes would:

- ▶ Require that the province, in collaboration with municipalities, identify an agriculture system for the entire Greater Golden Horseshoe that builds on the Greenbelt. Municipalities would be required to plan to protect the agricultural system's long-term viability.
- ▶ Clarify the types of uses permitted in prime agricultural areas (e.g., on-farm diversified uses such as home industries and agri-tourism) to align with the Provincial Policy Statement.
- ▶ Clarify how setbacks from natural features (e.g., streams) would apply to new or expanded buildings for agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses and on-farm diversified uses on agricultural land.

# Protecting Natural Heritage and Water

**The Greater Golden Horseshoe and Niagara Escarpment area are home to many unique plants and animals. The region's natural heritage features and systems sustain valuable ecosystems that ensure a high quality of life. For example, they clean our water and air, help control floods, and store carbon that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere. They help us address climate change, as well as provide spaces for recreation and reflection.**

The region is home to a vibrant system of lakes, rivers and streams including Lake Ontario, Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake Simcoe, as well as many hydrogeologic formations called aquifers (underground water reservoirs).

Water sustains life. In the face of the dramatic growth we expect in the coming decades, we need to strengthen our efforts to preserve and protect this precious resource and direct growth to areas that can best accommodate it.

The four plans already have common objectives to protect, maintain and improve natural heritage features and water quality and quantity.

For example, the current Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan restrict development near key natural areas such as lakes, streams, wetlands and significant woodlands.

## **Enhancing protection for natural heritage and water resource systems**

Under the proposed changes, the province would identify a natural heritage system in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, outside of the Greenbelt Area. Natural heritage systems are made up of natural features and areas (e.g., wetlands and woodlands) and the lands linking them.

In rural areas, the Growth Plan would require protections for the natural heritage system similar to those that exist in the Greenbelt Plan. In existing settlement areas, the protections in the Provincial Policy Statement for natural heritage systems would continue to apply. Municipalities would be required to



*A river in the Rouge Valley*

maintain the interconnections and diversity of the natural heritage system on any new lands added to a settlement area.

Revised water policies in the Greenbelt Plan would require development in important water features, such as significant groundwater recharge areas, to ensure that water quantity and quality is maintained. This is also reflected in new policies in the Growth Plan applicable to rural areas. Proposed revisions to the Niagara Escarpment Plan's water resource policies would be aligned more closely with other provincial land use plans.



*Natural area and river in St. Jacobs*

Watersheds are the area of land drained by a particular river. By requiring watershed planning, the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan would be aligned with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Watershed planning identifies water resource systems and informs planning for water and wastewater servicing and stormwater management. This ensures that as communities grow, water quality and quantity is protected, improved or restored.

Proposed policies in the plans would encourage municipalities to develop ways to re-use soil excavated from developments (i.e., “fill”) and include sustainable soil management practices in planning approvals. The goal is to sustainably manage excess soil produced by infrastructure and other development projects.

Land use designation mapping in the Niagara Escarpment Plan, some of which dates back to 1985, would be updated to ensure it is accurate and current.

### **In summary, the proposed changes would:**

- ▶ Require the province to identify a natural heritage system across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- ▶ Apply natural heritage and water protection policies consistent with the Greenbelt Plan outside settlement areas across the entire Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- ▶ Direct municipalities to avoid settlement area expansion into natural heritage systems with important water features, where possible.
- ▶ Require that natural heritage systems are protected if and when they are incorporated into an expanded settlement area.
- ▶ Require watershed planning across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- ▶ Encourage municipalities to develop soil re-use strategies and sustainably manage excess soil through planning approvals.
- ▶ Update land use designation mapping in the Niagara Escarpment Plan to reflect the most current and accurate information.



# Growing the Greenbelt

**The Greenbelt Area comprises 800,000 hectares (almost two million acres) covered by the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.**

These three Greenbelt plans permanently protect important natural heritage and agricultural areas from urban sprawl. They also support a wide range of economic, recreational and cultural opportunities.

## Proposed amendments

If approved, new policies in the Greenbelt Plan would describe ways the Greenbelt could be grown.

Specifically, 21 major river valleys and seven associated coastal wetlands would be added to the Greenbelt Plan's "Urban River Valley" designation.

In addition, four parcels of land identified by the City of Hamilton and the Region of Niagara would be added to the Greenbelt Plan's "Protected Countryside" designation.

Proposed new policies in the Greenbelt Plan would support a provincially led process to identify additional areas of ecological significance and important water features where urbanization should not occur. This work would build on the Greenbelt Plan by considering connections to the agricultural, natural heritage and water resource systems.

The province is also looking at the possible expansion of the Greenbelt outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area where important water resources are under pressure from urban growth.



*Glenorchy Conservation Area in Oakville*

Credit: Conservation Halton



*Natural area outside of Burlington*



*Wetland in Caledon*

Under the proposed changes to the Greenbelt Plan, municipal support would not be required to add new lands to the Greenbelt.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has proposed expanding the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area by approximately 45,000 hectares to provide greater protection to the Niagara Escarpment's natural heritage and water features and functions, and its cultural heritage and scenic resources. The Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry has asked the Niagara Escarpment Commission to seek feedback from the public, municipalities, First Nations and Métis communities, and stakeholders on these proposals.

### **In summary, the proposed changes would:**

- ▶ Grow the Greenbelt to include major river valleys and large coastal wetlands. "Urban River Valley" policies in the Greenbelt Plan would apply only to publicly owned lands in these areas (existing land use permissions on privately owned lands in "Urban River Valley" areas would not change).
- ▶ Not require municipal support to add lands to the Greenbelt.
- ▶ Add four parcels of land identified by the City of Hamilton and Niagara Region to the Greenbelt Plan's "Protected Countryside" designation. Protected Countryside policies would apply to both public and private land in these four new areas.

# Addressing Climate Change

**Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing our generation. Ontario is a leader in North America in the fight against climate change. We are taking strong action now to protect Ontario's economy, environment, and quality of life.**

Since most of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions originate in the transportation, industrial and building sectors, the impact of the four plans' policies on these activities has implications for the province's climate change goals. Ontario's Climate Change Strategy identifies improved transportation and land use planning initiatives as key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The strategy helps Ontario move towards "net-zero communities". These communities use low-carbon or carbon-free sources of energy and offset the release of any greenhouse gas emissions they produce.

The four plans' policies support reducing greenhouse gas emissions to address the impacts of climate change. The plans work together to curb urban sprawl and create healthy, walkable, higher-density

communities that support transit and have more green space. Since these compact, complete communities are more energy efficient, they also produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

The Greenbelt acts as a carbon sink. It absorbs and stores greenhouse gases, reducing the region's overall emissions. The Greater Golden Horseshoe's agricultural land and water resources will become increasingly important as other food producing regions face lower crop yields due to changes in weather patterns.

## Responding to climate change

The proposed revisions to the plans would require all municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to incorporate climate change policies in their official plans. These policies would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change adaptation goals. Municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe would also be encouraged to inventory greenhouse gas emissions and develop targets to reduce them.

Under proposed new policies in the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges



*Solar panel installation in southwestern Ontario*

Moraine Conservation Plan, municipalities would be required to develop plans for managing stormwater in their settlement areas. These plans would incorporate low-impact development techniques (which manage rainfall at the source) and green infrastructure. Proposals for major developments (e.g., plans of subdivision, settlement area expansions, and secondary plans) would have to be supported by plans for stormwater management. Municipalities would also be required to examine their infrastructure for weaknesses and identify priority actions to increase their resilience and decrease the risks associated with extreme weather events.





*Storm management park in Unionville*



*Flood risk reduction infrastructure in Corktown  
Common Park, Toronto*

Other proposed changes to the plans, described in greater detail in other sections, would also make an important contribution to Ontario's Climate Change Strategy. These include increased intensification targets, higher density targets for greenfield developments, and enhanced policies that support transit in the Growth Plan. In addition to using less land for growth, the plans' policies are intended to make transit use a sustainable and preferred choice. The enhanced policies pertaining to agriculture and natural heritage (e.g., wetlands and woodlands) would further protect and restore ecosystem services and green infrastructure, helping us mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

### **In summary, the proposed changes would:**

- ▶ Require upper- and single-tier municipalities to incorporate climate change policies in their official plans, consistent with the objectives of the province's Climate Change Strategy and greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- ▶ Encourage municipalities to develop greenhouse gas inventories, emission reduction strategies, and related targets and performance measures.
- ▶ Require municipalities to undertake more comprehensive stormwater management planning for their settlement areas and for major developments and to examine their infrastructure for weaknesses associated with climate change.
- ▶ Encourage the use of green infrastructure and require low-impact development techniques that include integrating green space in design strategies, landscaping with native plants, and using natural water systems to generate less runoff from developed land.
- ▶ Enhance policies to align with those in the Provincial Policy Statement regarding planning for resilient infrastructure.



# Integrating Infrastructure

**Matching infrastructure investments with long-term land use decisions makes the best use of our limited resources, reduces overall costs and can shorten construction time. It ensures that infrastructure is built where it is needed, when it is needed.**

The Growth Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan all have policies that promote a co-ordinated approach to infrastructure and land use planning. The population and employment forecasts of the Growth Plan are used by municipalities to develop their official plans. The official plans, in turn, inform the planning for transportation, water, wastewater, stormwater management and other infrastructure.

## **Integrating land use and infrastructure planning**

Proposed changes would ensure a more integrated approach to land use and infrastructure planning.

All major planned and existing transportation corridors (e.g., highways and railroads), intermodal hubs (where goods are moved from one type of transport to another), and major ports are identified in an updated Schedule 6 of the Growth Plan ("Moving Goods"). All major planned and existing transit corridors are shown in an updated Schedule 5 ("Moving People").

To ensure efficient and quick movement of goods and a stronger manufacturing economy, municipalities would be required to use provincially established freight-supportive planning practices. New policies in the Growth Plan would also protect existing and planned infrastructure corridors from being impacted by conflicting adjacent land uses.



*GO transit on the Milton rail corridor*



*Viva bus stop in York Region*



Light rail transit construction, Region of Waterloo

Policies would also encourage the placement of linear infrastructure (e.g., roads, pipes, and electricity transmission wires) all together in the same areas or corridors, where appropriate.

Enhanced density and intensification requirements, particularly around major transit station areas, would ensure value for money and provide residents with transportation options. Requiring plans for managing stormwater before expanding settlement area boundaries or permitting major development would also help to better align land use with infrastructure planning. Encouraging public services to locate together in existing public buildings would help establish community hubs that integrate services while reducing the cost of constructing new facilities.

Making these changes will better link provincial initiatives including the review of Metrolinx's "The Big Move", the implementation of Regional Express Rail service across the region, and the ongoing development of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Multimodal Transportation Plan.

### **In summary, the proposed changes would:**

- ▶ Direct planning authorities to take an integrated approach to land use and infrastructure planning.
- ▶ Include mapping of planned, conceptual, and existing transportation corridors, as well as major ports and intermodal hubs.
- ▶ Include mapping of the region's higher order transit network, including priority transit corridors.
- ▶ Clarify requirements in the Growth Plan to protect infrastructure corridors and support the movement of goods.
- ▶ Encourage the placement of linear infrastructure together in the same areas or corridors, where appropriate.

# Improving Plan Implementation

**The four plans were established at different times, for different areas, and with different but complementary visions. There are differences in the direction they provide, the terminology that they use, and how they interact with other planning documents.**

The Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan are implemented by local governments through the municipal planning process. Municipalities must amend their official plans to conform with these plans within specific, but differing timeframes. The province proposes to co-ordinate when these revised plans will come into effect. The deadline for municipalities to conform with the Growth Plan would be set to give municipalities, stakeholders and provincial ministries sufficient time to implement the range of changes proposed.

The Niagara Escarpment Plan is implemented by the Niagara Escarpment Commission through the approval of development permits in the plan area. To better harmonize and

align with the rest of the planning framework in the region, including the Provincial Policy Statement, the Niagara Escarpment Plan's policies would be updated and streamlined.

Generally, any decisions made on land use planning matters on or after the effective dates of revised plans would be subject to the revised policies. Decisions made before the effective date would have to conform with the existing plans.

Many of the proposed changes aim to make the policies in the four plans consistent and fully integrated with each other and the Provincial Policy Statement.

To support the implementation of all of the proposed changes to the four plans, guidance materials will be produced for the following areas:

- ▶ Standard methodology for land needs assessment.
- ▶ Identification of an agricultural system and related guidance.
- ▶ Mapping of a natural heritage system outside of the Greenbelt Area.



*Mount Pleasant Village development in Brampton*



*Cycling in Port Credit, Mississauga*





*Retail and transportation options in Roncesvalles, Toronto*



*Public square in Brampton*

- ▶ Watershed planning and stormwater management.
- ▶ Developing greenhouse gas inventories, targets and emission reduction strategies.

### **In summary, the proposed changes would:**

- ▶ Align with other provincial initiatives which complement the land use planning framework in the region (e.g., the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy and source water protection plans).
- ▶ Clarify in the Growth Plan how municipalities allocate and plan to accommodate their forecasted growth to ensure opportunities for intensification, support for transit and the development of complete communities are maximized.
- ▶ Require in the Growth Plan that only those upper- and single-tier municipalities in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe without urban growth centres would be eligible for alternative targets for intensification and greenfield density. Municipalities would have to revisit their existing targets. Revised policies would also require that any alternative target for a municipality be publicly requested by its council.
- ▶ Require upper- and single-tier municipalities to measure and report on implementation.
- ▶ Update and streamline the Niagara Escarpment Plan's policies and land use designations and align them with those found in the other plans and the Provincial Policy Statement.

# Measuring Performance, Promoting Awareness and Increasing Engagement

**We received suggestions from experts, stakeholders, municipalities, conservation authorities, First Nations and Métis communities, the public, and the advisory panel about the steps we need to take beyond the policies contained in the four plans. Measuring the four plans' performance and promoting public awareness and engagement were mentioned as top priorities.**

Reliable data and information will be essential to implementing the plans' objectives and determining if the desired changes are taking effect.

To meet this goal, the province will work with stakeholders, municipalities, conservation authorities, First Nations and Métis communities, experts and the general public to monitor the implementation and progress of the plans. In addition, upper- and single-tier municipalities would have to report on plan implementation regularly. The province would also now have the authority to obtain data directly from municipalities on implementation.

To ensure the success of the four plans, the province and the Niagara Escarpment Commission will, over the longer-term, build on their existing education and outreach programs to explain the intent of the plans, report on their progress, and promote their benefits.



*Co-ordinated Review regional Town Hall meeting in Ajax*

# Seeking Feedback

**The Ontario government is seeking feedback on the proposed changes to the plans.**

## Provide your feedback

We want to hear your comments and feedback on the proposed changes to the plans.

Please visit

[www.ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview](http://www.ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview) to:

- ▶ Submit or upload your feedback and comments using the online e-form by September 30, 2016.
- ▶ Learn more about attending a Public Open House in your area.

## Other ways to provide feedback

You also have the option to submit comments using one of the other methods listed below.

Environmental Bill of Rights Registry at [www.ontario.ca/ebr](http://www.ontario.ca/ebr)

1. Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2016. Notice #012-7194
2. Proposed Greenbelt Plan (2016). Notice #012-7195
3. Proposed Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2016). Notice #012-7197
4. Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan (2016). Notice #012-7228
5. Proposed Amendment to the Greenbelt Area Boundary Regulation. Notice #012-7198



*Walking on the Martin Goodman Trail in Toronto*

All comments received on proposed changes to the Niagara Escarpment Plan will also be shared with the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Comments can also be submitted directly to the Niagara Escarpment Commission at [www.escarpment.org/planreview](http://www.escarpment.org/planreview).

Regulatory Registry at  
[www.ontariocanada.com/registry](http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry)

1. Proposed Amendment to the Greenbelt Area Boundary Regulation. Notice #16-MAH017
2. Proposed Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2016). Notice #16-MAH016

Comments may also be mailed to:

**Land Use Planning Review**  
**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
**Ontario Growth Secretariat**  
777 Bay Street, Suite 425 (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

The deadline for providing feedback is  
September 30, 2016.

## **Notice Regarding Collection of Information**

Any collection of personal information for the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review is in accordance with subsection 39(2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It is collected under the authority of the legislation establishing the four plans for the purpose of obtaining input on revisions to the plans.

If you have questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of this information, please contact:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Senior Information and Privacy Advisor

777 Bay Street

Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E5

416-585-7094

## **Organizations and Businesses:**

Comments or submissions made on behalf of an organization or business may be shared or disclosed. By submitting comments you are deemed to consent to the sharing of information contained in the comments and your business contact information. Business contact information is the name, title and contact information of anyone submitting comments in a business, professional or official capacity.

## **Individuals:**

Personal contact information will be used only to contact you and will not be shared. Please be aware that any comments provided may be shared or disclosed once personal information is removed. Personal information includes your name, home address and personal e-mail address.



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*Healthy Watershed, Healthy Communities*



# 2015

*Annual Report*

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority







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## Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is your public agency dedicated to creating a healthy environment and communities through innovative watershed management.

We are committed to protecting watershed communities from natural hazards like flooding and erosion. We work to preserve and enhance watershed land and water resources. We connect our community with their watershed through nature-based educational and recreational opportunities.

As one of the 36 conservation authorities legislated by the Ontario *Conservation Authorities Act* of 1946, we are governed by a board of directors appointed by our 18 member municipalities. Critical to our success is our strong partnerships with our member municipalities, government agencies, community partners and local landowners.

NVCA's jurisdiction extends over the 3,700 km<sup>2</sup> of the Nottawasaga Valley watershed, excluding the lands within CFB Borden. The Nottawasaga River and its tributaries run from highlands on the Oak Ridges Moraine, Niagara Escarpment and Oro Moraine through the internationally significant Minesing Wetlands before flowing into Georgian Bay.





## Our Vision

Innovative watershed management supporting a healthy environment, communities and lifestyles.

## Our Mission

Working together to lead, promote, support and inspire innovative watershed management

The Pine River as it travels through Adjala-Tosorontio

# Delivering on Innovative Watershed Management

The NVCA's board of directors set a robust and forward-looking course for the authority through the development of the 2014-2018 strategic plan. The plan focused on three key goals: to protect, enhance and restore the watershed; to inspire others through leadership and innovation; and to connect people to the watershed through recreation and education.

Looking through the accomplishments highlighted in this report, you will see that through good science and good governance, NVCA is delivering on these goals. Through an updated business plan, action on governance recommendations from the 2014 service delivery review, and a continued emphasis on customer service, the board and staff are achieving the authority's mission to lead, promote, support and inspire innovative watershed management.

This success is rooted in the partnerships that form the basis for NVCA's programs and services. It is thanks to the contributions of our member municipalities, landowners, volunteers, businesses, program funders and community groups that we are able to continue our work building a healthy, vibrant watershed.

As we continue to implement our strategic plan in 2016, we look forward to receiving the recommendations of the provincial *Conservation Authorities Act Review* and to take bold steps to respond to the growing population, changing demographics and unpredictable climate change.

Now more than ever, we must work together to protect and enhance our shared watershed to support a healthy environment and healthy communities.



Doug Lougheed  
2015 Chair of the Board



D. Gayle Wood  
CAO

# Planning Services BY THE NUMBERS

490

applications reviewed and approved  
under *Conservation Authorities Act*

39

non-compliance issues investigated  
under the *Conservation Authorities Act*

106

zoning amendments, Official Plans and  
Official Plan amendments reviewed

15

new subdivision plans reviewed

285

consents, variances & Niagara  
Escarpment Commission reviewed

134

responses to solicitor inquiries

35

site plan reviewed

7

environmental assessments reviewed

98

preconsultation and other planning  
services offered



## Planning Services

NVCA's Planning Services protects people and property from risks posed by flooding and erosion and promotes sustainable development through regulating development in wetlands and near waterways and providing planning review and advice.

- Worked with stakeholders from the development, aggregate and agriculture sectors, as well as past clients, to review and update the planning and permitting fees charged by NVCA. The suggested fee changes went to the NVCA board of directors for approval in early 2016.
- Developed a pilot project with the Township of Mulmur to streamline low-risk permit applications. Under the low-risk screening protocol, township staff review development activities like pools and decks in NVCA regulated areas more than 30 m from a wetlands.  
The screened applications are expedited through the NVCA approval process at no cost to Mulmur or the customer. The new protocol simplifies the approval process for customers, increases efficiency, and allows NVCA staff to focus on more significant, higher risk, development applications.
- Processed 1,209 applications and inquiries under various provincial acts: *Conservation Authority Act*, *Planning Act*, *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, *Aggregate Resource Act*, *Green Energy Act*, *Drainage Act*, and *Environmental Assessment Act*.
- Investigated 39 non-compliance issues under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.





## Lands, Education & Stewardship Services

NVCA's Lands, Education and Stewardship Services works to protect, enhance and restore natural areas to protect watershed health and safeguard sensitive natural areas. Through outdoor education and public programming, NVCA connects and engages residents with these special places in our watershed.

### Conservation Lands Program

- Hosted more than 25,000 visitors at 12 conservation areas across the watershed.
- Sold more than 100 annual parking passes and 116 hunting passes for NVCA conservation areas.
- Hosted 26 wedding celebrations at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation.
- Hosted more than 1,700 guests at 45 outdoor events at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation (including Scouts, Girl Guides, cadets and live-action role playing groups).
- Continued partnered efforts to eradicate invasive Phragmites in the Minesing Wetlands.
- Completed clean-up and restoration of a large section of the Tiffin Centre after a 2014 tornado destroyed 12 acres of forest and 13 outbuildings.
- Made several improvements at the Tiffin Centre, including constructing a new pavilion in the Rotary Community Campground and renovating the washrooms at the Jose Environmental Learning Centre.
- Introduced a new system that allows visitors to pay their parking fees using their smart phone. Parking fees collected at conservation areas increased by 47%. These fees, collected on an honour system, go back into maintaining and enhancing our conservation areas – a win-win for NVCA and our many regular visitors.
- Partnered with the Bruce Trail Conservancy to construct a boardwalk at the Nottawasaga Bluffs.
- Partnered with Bruce Grey Simcoe Tourism to install canoe route kiosks at six locations along the Nottawasaga River and Willow Creek.



Pine River Restoration (panorama by R. Klein)

## Community River Restoration

- Completed six large-scale habitat restoration projects in New Tecumseth (2), Wasaga Beach, Essa, Collingwood and Clearview. Municipalities contributed \$27,000 towards these works, with NVCA applying \$272,000 in grant funding.
- With the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, started the Pine River Fisheries Enhancement Program (funded by Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe/Southeastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund).
- With South Simcoe Streams Network (SSSN), Nottawasaga Futures and 348 volunteers, planted 2,912 trees along 1.3 km of stream in Adjala-Tosorontio, Essa, Innisfil and New Tecumseth.
- With the Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Program (NWIP), Essa Township and the Essa Healthy Communities Committee, created a new 50 m channel on the Pine River. The channel is surrounded by healthy forest and bypasses an 80 m stretch of bank that was eroding into a local soccer field.
- With SSSN, Nottawasaga Futures and the Town of New Tecumseth, stabilized eroding banks along 670 m of Beeton Creek and created 3,450 m<sup>2</sup> of new floodplain habitat.
- With NWIP and Town of Wasaga Beach, constructed a 35 m long shoreline wall on the Nottawasaga River. The wall was constructed using boulders and live vegetation. It is intended to serve as a habitat-friendly retaining wall demonstration site that showcases an alternative to the use of metal sheet pile or vertical cedar post walls.
- With the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and SSSN, opened a 50 m long log-jam on the Boyne River that was affecting rainbow trout and chinook salmon spawning migrations.
- With NWIP and the Georgian Triangle Anglers' Association, restored 120 m of urban trout habitat in Collingwood along the Black Ash Creek.

- With the township, NWIP, and local schools, began tree planting and stream habitat restoration activities along Lamont Creek at Clearview Township's EcoPark.

## Healthy Waters Program

- Leveraged \$164,000 of funding to support projects that improve water quality and restore habitat. Funders include Environment Canada, TD Friends of the Environment, RBC and corporate donations.
- Worked with farmers and rural landowners to reduce 750 kg/year of phosphorus runoff to streams and lakes. This will help prevent up to 375 tonnes of excessive algae growth! For a healthy watershed, phosphorus runoff needs to be cut in half, from 47 to 25 tonnes/year.
- Worked with the Nature Conservancy Canada and TD Friends of the Environment to enhance the Minesing Wetlands, including remeandering the Willow Creek and restoring swamp forest cover with the help of hundreds of volunteers.
- Worked with farmers to protect water and wetlands by installing over 2 km of fence that restricts livestock from sensitive areas.
- Along with NVCA's forestry program, planted trees along 15 km of stream and rivers. Trees helps cool the water, stabilize banks and reduce pollution runoff entering the river.
- Engaged over 650 volunteers in hands-on habitat restoration projects.
- Completed 14 groundwater protection projects with farmers and residents to reduce the risk of bacteria and nitrate contamination.
- Conducted 97 free site visits with landowners interested in stewardship projects. Answered 449 information requests. Engaged over 1,700 people at 36 fun and informative community events.





A day of outdoor exploration and learning at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation (students from Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School, Barrie)

## Forestry Program

- Planted 213,750 trees on 30 properties across the watershed. This is the most trees planted by NVCA's forestry program in a single year to date.
- Received financial contributions (outside of levy) from provincial and municipal governments, corporations and private landowners totaling \$386,700.
- Managed 858 acres of forest; worked with landowners to develop 28 Managed Forest Plans.
- Conducted Arbour Day sales in two municipalities, selling 2,000 tree seedlings to support tree-planting programs.

## Environmental Education & Public Events

- Provided quality outdoor and environmental education to 11,721 youth in all initiatives combined. This includes welcoming 300 youth over the summer as part of the Camp Tiffin day camp program.
- Expanded education program offerings, developing new programs on nature photography, photo orienteering and "wonderful wetlands," and introducing a program specific for home-schooled students.
- Offered public programming across all seasons:
  - Christmas Bird Count for Kids—40 participants
  - Family Day—470 participants
  - March Break Family Day—170 participants
  - Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival (with Rotary Club of Barrie)—3,000 participants
  - Festival at the Fort (with Friends of Fort Willow, Rotary clubs and Springwater Township)—750 participants

## Lands & Stewardship BY THE NUMBERS

12,961

acres of conservation lands managed in total

122

stewardship and forestry projects completed

\$774,437

awarded to watershed landowners for stewardship and forestry projects

224,902

trees planted in all programs

858

forest acres managed

19.7

km stream protected or rehabilitated

## Environmental Education BY THE NUMBERS

216

schools/groups visits to Tiffin Centre

11,721

youth participated in education programming at Tiffin Centre

4,400+

people reached through NVCA public programming





## Engineering & Technical Services

NVCA's Engineering and Technical Services cultivate our scientific knowledge of the watershed to advance effective decision making related to flood and low water conditions, watershed resources, groundwater management and source/drinking water protection.

### Source Water Protection

- Supported local efforts that saw the Source Water Protection Plan for the South Georgian Bay - Lake Simcoe Protection Region approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). The plan came into effect July 1, 2015.
- As Risk Management Official for Essa, Collingwood, Mono, Mulmur, New Tecumseth and Shelburne, began work on municipal risk management plans.
- Participated on the regional working group in support of the source water protection education and outreach strategy.

### Groundwater Monitoring

- Monitored groundwater at 36 locations in the watershed for water levels and ambient water quality both as part of the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network and other well networks.

- Continued the Drought Management Pilot Project for the Innisfil Creek sub-watershed for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).
- Completed Groundwater Drought Indicator Lag Time and Barometric Evaluation Project for the MNRF.
- Partnered with the Holland Marsh Growers Association to research water quality improvements for on-farm applications.

### Water Resources & Flood Warnings

- Inspected and operated flood and erosion control structures, including Utopia, New Lowell and Tottenham dams.
- Updated the hydrometric database to automatically import NVCA meteorological and stream gauge data for flood forecast operations.

## Engineering & Tech Services BY THE NUMBERS

- Improved the NVCA stream gauge network, equipping flood monitoring stations with solar panels, batteries and new data loggers.
- Issued 9 flood messages.
- Began work on a Nottawasaga watershed phosphorus management tool, with funding from the Lake Simcoe/ South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund.

### Watershed Monitoring

- Monitored water quality throughout the watershed: benthic macroinvertebrates (aquatic “bugs” that are an indicator of stream health) at 67 sites, baseflow at 7 sites and provincial water quality at 18 sites.
- Continued a reference site research project with the MOECC and other conservation authorities to improve watershed reporting and analysis of benthic macroinvertebrates.
- Initiated the West Collingwood Phragmites Community Action Plan in partnership with Georgian Bay Forever, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation, the Town of Collingwood and local condo associations.
- Supported invasive species monitoring, control and education efforts in other parts of the watershed.
- Partnered with universities to further watershed knowledge: McMaster University study of nutrients in the middle and lower reaches of the Nottawasaga River; University of Waterloo study of phosphorus in the lower Nottawasaga River and Nottawasaga Bay; and Ryerson University study of the fate of road salt in our waterways.
- Produced two science and stewardship case studies on Willow Creek and the Upper Nottawasaga River.
- Conducted annual breeding bird surveys at the Tiffin Conservation Area and in Minesing Wetlands.
- Continued to update watershed wetland mapping.
- Completed Greenbelt/Oak Ridges Moraine environmental health reporting.

### Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Information Technology

- Reassessed the mapped erosion hazard limit to provide a more accurate assessment for application of the regulations. Scheduled to be completed in 2016.
- Developed a module for the MNRF Flood Event Database.
- Developed a web-based risk management database for Source Water Protection Risk Management Officials to log and track the development of risk management plans.
- Developed a web-based GIS application to provide staff better access to NVCA mapping data.

9

flood messages issued

100

stormwater management plans reviewed

18

sites monitored for water quality as part of the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring program

67

sites monitored for benthic macroinvertebrates, a measure of stream health

7

sites monitored for stream baseflow

36

wells monitored for groundwater quality and water level



Measuring river flows along the Nottawasaga River in New Tecumseth



## Corporate Services

NVCA's Corporate Services plays a critical supportive role to the board of directors and to staff across the organization, providing finance, human resources, communications and administrative leadership.

### Governance

- Acted on recommendations in the 2014 Service Delivery and Operational Review. Of the review's 26 recommendations, 12 have been completed and 14 are underway. These include:
  - Delivering a board member education and training program;
  - Building closer working relationships with all member municipalities through initiatives such as the NVCA's CAO round table;
  - Operationalizing the NVCA strategic plan by developing a new business plan and developing sustainable funding models through initiatives such as the Education Strategic Plan and Municipal Action Plan;
  - Improving internal communications within and between NVCA departments; and
  - Reducing the size the NVCA board of directors.

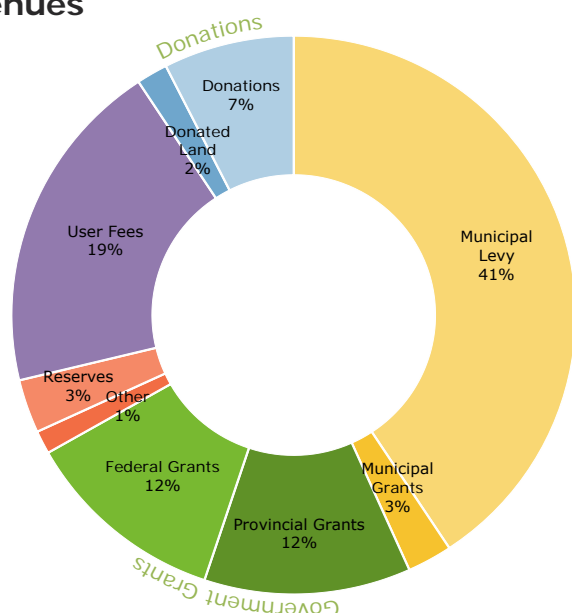
- Updated the performance management program and completed a market compensation study.
- Hosted a delegation from Henan Province, China, sharing information on NVCA's source water management program.

### Corporate Support

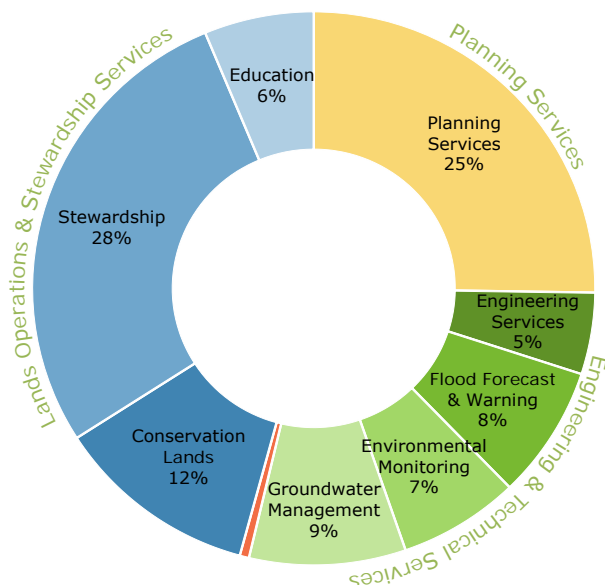
- Created emergency response plan and crisis communications plan.
- Enhanced opportunities for client feedback in order to track customer satisfaction and identify areas for improvement.
- Processed eight Freedom of Information requests.
- Maintained and further enhanced NVCA website and social media presence.
- Provided financial, human resources, communications and administrative support to the board of directors and all NVCA departments.

# Financial Summary

## Revenues



## Expenses



Corporate Services, shown in orange, represented less than 1% of total expenses.

In 2015, NVCA had total budget of \$5,048,757. Revenue came from diverse sources, including member municipalities, provincial and federal governments, local non-governmental partners, and user fees for programs and services.

The 2015 balanced budget as approved required the use of \$321,679 from NVCA's reserves. With solid revenue performance including new funding partnerships and expenditure control, NVCA ended the year requiring the use of just over \$156,500.

Find full financial statements at [nvca.on.ca](http://nvca.on.ca).

The NVCA Board of Directors and staff extend a heartfelt thank-you to all our watershed partners for their volunteer and financial support throughout 2015.

## NVCA Staff

*Permanent and contract staff as of December 31, 2015.*

### Office of the CAO

D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer • Laurie Barron, Coordinator, CAO and Corporate Services

### Corporate Services

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services • Rebecca Bertin, Bookkeeper • Heather Kepran, Communications Coordinator • Christine Knapp, General Accountant (on leave) • Debbie Swindells, Accounts Receivable/Payroll Specialist • Kimberly Winder, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

### Engineering & Technical Services

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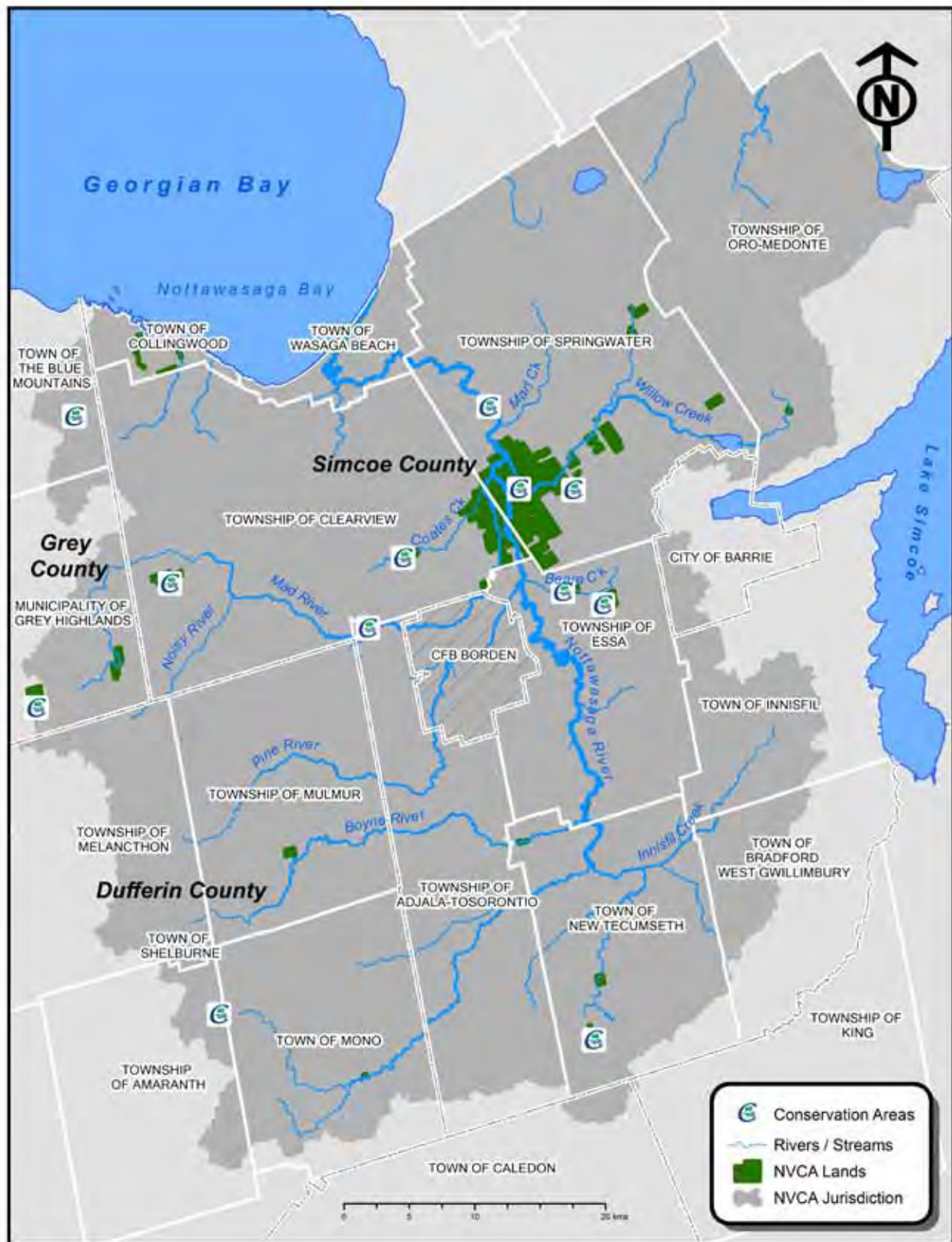
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### Planning Services

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Good morning,

Council asked that a copy of Alan Selby's report: 2016-2017 Budget Reviews be circulated to all local municipalities for information.

Have a great day.

**Michelle Dunne | Deputy Clerk | Corporate Services**

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## REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**To:** Chair McGhee and Members of General Government Services Committee

**From:** Alan Selby, Treasurer

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016

**Subject:** 2016-17 Budget Reviews

**In Support of Strategic Plan Priorities and Objectives:**

Service Excellence: 4.3 Enhance value for money

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### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to comment on areas within the new Ontario Budget and Federal Budget that could have an impact on the County of Dufferin.

### FEDERAL BUDGET

#### Background and Discussion

The 2016/17 Federal Budget was released on March 22, 2016 and was being closely watched by municipalities for its infrastructure program details.

The numbers in the Federal Budget are nation-wide, with perhaps up to 40% of every dollar figure listed destined for Ontario. Generally, federal funding is directed towards federal and provincial infrastructure assets, that are nationally or regionally significant, and not to municipal assets. However, the recent trend in federal budgets has been to increase the direct involvement with the municipal level of government.

The 2016/17 budget raises the annual federal deficit from about \$5.5 B (Billion) to about \$29.4 B, but the majority of the increased deficit is not to fund infrastructure projects; the 2016/17 deficit is mostly being driven up by:

1. A forecasted decrease in revenues in 2016 of \$3.5 B
2. An increase of \$8.3 B in Transfers to Persons, including the OAS and GIS, EI, and Children's benefits
3. An increase of \$2.8 B in transfers to Provinces and Territories, for Health costs, Social costs and Equalization
4. An increase of \$9.3 B in Operating costs/ Program expenses, which does include increased spending of \$3.967 B on infrastructure in 2016/17, but \$1.179 B of that amount is for federal assets such as federal buildings, parks and museums

## Financial, Staffing, Legal and IT Considerations

The election campaign often quoted the figure of \$120 B over ten years for infrastructure spending, or roughly double the amount the previous federal government was already doing (\$60 B). However, the 2016 budget revealed this is being split into two phases. The first phase is much smaller than the second phase. The new budget was potentially taking infrastructure spending from about \$6 B annually, as a starting point, to \$12 B. The budget reveals that the increases in infrastructure spending are being back-ended to later years.

The budget identifies the smaller Phase 1 of the new \$60 B (over 10 years) is for \$21 B of new infrastructure spending over the next five years, or about \$4.2 B per year. This delays the majority of the new infrastructure spending (about \$39 B) to the years 2021 to 2025 (about \$7.8 B annually in those years).

About half of the pre-existing annual federal spending of \$6 B, or \$3 B, was already going to municipalities, through Federal Gas Tax and GST rebates. The new budget confirms this annual \$3 B will continue, without any decrease. There will be an indexing of Gas Tax in 2016, which was announced in 2015, so each municipality should receive a larger amount of Gas Tax this year, than in 2015. The 2016 County capital budget took this Gas Tax indexation into consideration; the County has already included this higher 2016 Gas Tax amount in its 2016 capital revenues.

The federal new spending of \$11.9 B, for the next three years 2016-2018, (part of the \$21 B), is split into:

- \$3.4 billion Public Transit projects
- \$5.0 billion Green Infrastructure, mostly waterworks and wastewater systems
- \$3.5 billion Social Infrastructure

It would appear that only the Social Infrastructure component has any potential benefit for the County. About one-third of the \$3.5 B is dedicated to health care facilities on native reserves. The other three categories cited under Social Infrastructure are affordable housing (\$1.48 B), early learning and child care (\$0.40 B), and cultural/recreational (\$0.342 B) [each amount is over the next 3 years]. These amounts could have possibly as much as 40% going to Ontario.

It has been well-established that the largest area of infrastructure need for the County is in County roads and structures. Based on the details in the budget, it appears there is not much potential for new financing for those types of projects in this federal budget. The area of the federal budget that covers roads, transit and Green infrastructure is referred to as the New Building Canada Fund (NBCF). However, the NBCF refers specifically to "projects that are nationally and regionally significant", and are "predominantly medium- and large-scale in nature", which would seem to eliminate most County projects, based on the small size of this County.

The NBCF includes, over 10 years, \$4.0 B for projects related to federal government assets (rail, seaports, airports), and also \$9.0 B for Provincial/Territorial infrastructure



assets (400-series highways, hospitals, universities, colleges). The Ontario share of the \$9.0 B is \$2.448 B over 10 years, or about 27% of the total.

There is a Small Communities Fund (SCF) within the NBCF, for municipalities with populations under 100,000. The SCF allocation is \$1.0 B, and the Ontario allocation is \$272 million, over 10 years, again about 27% (not 40%). Of this Ontario amount, \$141 million, or just a bit more than half, has already been awarded to specific Ontario projects, as of January 2016.

One more specific section in the Federal budget that could have some potential for Dufferin County, also under Program expenses, is \$500 million, over 5 years, for Rural Broadband Expansion. The Ontario portion of this amount is not yet known. Details on how this program will function have not been released. It is not clear at this point whether or not these funds could potentially be used to fund the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus SWIFT project.

In summary, the main federal support for infrastructure in Dufferin County will continue to be the existing Gas Tax. There may be some potential for the County to access new federal funds for affordable housing, or perhaps for broadband expansion, in 2017 or later years. Any additional funding for County roads and/or bridges appears unlikely. The County will still apply for funding, whenever the rules of the application process are made known. Local municipalities in the County, that own water and/or wastewater system infrastructure, would appear to have a greater likelihood of receiving some federal funding, for upgrades of those assets.

## **ONTARIO BUDGET**

### **Background and Discussion**

The Ontario Budget 2016-17 was released on February 25, 2016. The Ontario deficit for the 2015-16 year is estimated to be \$5.7 B. Ontario forecasts a reduced net deficit of \$4.3 B for the fiscal year 2016-17, and that includes a \$1.0 B allowance for Contingencies, followed by a net break-even budget for 2017-18. The budget has several impacts for the County, discussed below.

### **Financial, Staffing, Legal and IT Considerations**

The Ontario Communities Investment Fund (OCIF) is the existing infrastructure grant program, and it includes a payment to every municipality based on population. OCIF is being doubled in 2017, which will mean increased subsidy for all local municipalities. Dufferin County received \$88,313 in 2016 from OCIF so the County should receive \$176,626 in 2017.

Ontario will be matching the \$272 million from the Federal budget (see above), under the SCF infrastructure fund. This is a competition-based fund, and over 50% has already been allocated to specific projects.

An unconditional operating grant, called OMPF, does not impact the County or the Town of Orangeville, but it is a revenue source for seven of the local municipalities. OMPF has been gradually cut every year for the past five years, including 2016. However, these cuts to OMPF are ending; only five local municipalities will see another OMPF cut in 2016, but OMPF grants should remain the same in 2017 as in 2016.

Although this is not new, the ongoing uploading by the Province of the cost of Ontario Works (OW) assistance payments will continue as planned, so that by 2018 the portion subsidized by the Province will reach 100%. OW assistance rates are increasing by 1.5%, but this increase will not be shared by the County until January 2017.

A key point in the Ontario budget involved support for post-secondary tuition costs. The Province also announced the creation of a cap-and-trade program. Although there are no details yet, meaning any impact to the County is unclear, the Province forecasts raising \$1.9 B from this program in 2017. This program is expected to increase the cost of gasoline, and natural gas, which will impact the County somewhat.

### **Strategic Direction and County of Dufferin Principles**

Examining the Federal and Ontario budgets for sources of financing is an identified action in support of the strategic objective of Service Excellence. It adheres to the County of Dufferin Principles:

1. We Manage Change - by proactively investigating new infrastructure programs that are announced by the senior levels of government;
2. We Deliver Quality Service – by seeking alternative sources of funding infrastructure;
3. We Communicate – by sharing our analysis of budget measures with Council, and the community;
4. We Make Good Decisions – by working with municipal associations to ensure the County is aware of, and applies for, any new funding programs, when they become available, with timely, accurate and complete applications, to enhance the chances for approval.

### **Recommendation**

**THAT** Report, *2016-17 Budget Reviews*, from the Treasurer, dated April 27, 2016, be received.

Respectfully Submitted by, and Original signed by,

Alan Selby, B. Math, CPA, CGA  
County Treasurer



May 13, 2016

Dear Colleague:

Now, more than ever, Ontario's rural communities need to speak with one, strong voice. On behalf of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) I urge you to help us raise awareness about ROMA and the needs of rural municipalities.

Our relationship is a two-way street. It's our job to listen to and understand the needs of our rural Ontario, and it's our job to fight for you. In return, you have to be frank about what you need. Together, we need to be practical and committed to making ROMA as strong as it can be.

Rural Ontario is frustrated, and worried that our needs are being overshadowed by the needs of urban municipalities. ROMA is responding with changes that will help us harness this energy, sharpen our message, and ensure that rural Ontario is heard.

Our effort is more than a new brand. ROMA is moving forward with a stronger commitment to ensure that rural advocacy is well-organized and effective.

We have prepared a short video, both in English and French, to re-introduce ROMA, and to remind decision-makers that rural Ontario's success is essential to Ontario's success. Please share it broadly. It's loaded on the USB flash drive that comes with this letter, and you can share it easily using this YouTube link: <http://bit.ly/ROMAvideo>.

We have also enclosed information about the Northern and Rural Lens, an important tool created by ROMA to compel policymakers to consider the unique needs of our communities. We urge you to share the Lens with your local MPs and MPPs and use it in your discussions. You can also share the Lens digitally at <http://bit.ly/RuralNrthLens>.

We have a Twitter account @ROMA\_Ont. Please follow ROMA, and help spread the word to others who should follow ROMA.

ROMA works closely with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Signing up to receive the *AMO Watch File* will help to keep you informed about ROMA and municipal matters. It's a free weekly e-mail. Contact [AMOWatchFileTeam@amo.on.ca](mailto:AMOWatchFileTeam@amo.on.ca) to register for it.

We trust that we can count on your support, for the sake of your community, and for the sake of all rural communities. On behalf of the board, I can be reached at [ROMAChair@roma.on.ca](mailto:ROMAChair@roma.on.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald E. Holman".

Ronald Holman

Chair, ROMA

Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes



# The Rural and Northern Lens: A Dozen Questions

*For Rural and Northern Ontario does the proposed initiative:*



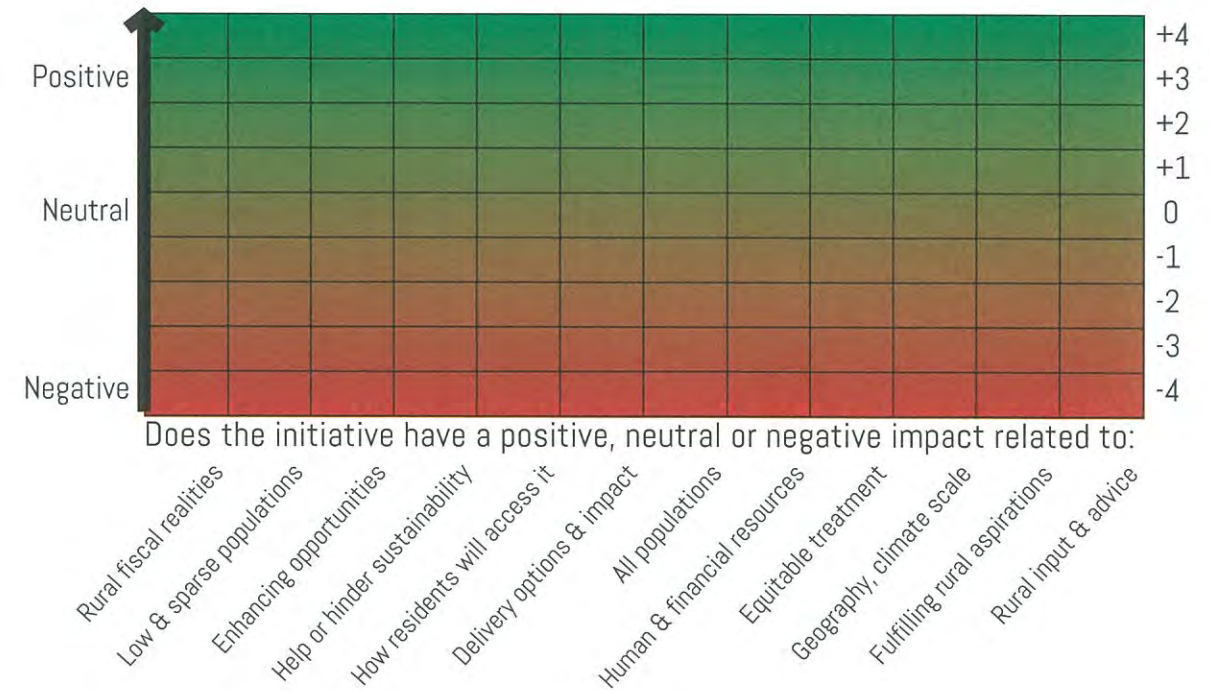
1. Benefit or hinder the fiscal realities of Rural and Northern Ontario?
2. Have a business case that accounts for low and sparse populations?
3. Enhance opportunities in Rural and Northern Ontario?

4. Help or hinder goals of sustainability blending environmental, social and economic factors?
5. Consider how and if rural people will be able to access it?
6. Consider all options for delivery, ensuring efficiency, the potential for co-delivery and an acceptable administrative impact on municipalities?
7. Account for the needs of special populations (such as youth, elderly and immigrants)?
8. Have adequate human and financial resources to be effective?
9. Ensure that Rural and Northern communities are receiving equitable treatment or services relative to others in the province?
10. Recognize the geography, weather and scale of Rural and Northern Ontario and include adjusted program criteria to accommodate these realities?
11. Accommodate the aspirations of residents from rural communities and the north?
12. Build upon the input and advice of rural residents, communities and municipalities?

## Using the Lens:

Respond to the 12 questions.

Score your response as Positive, Neutral or Negative, using the +4 to -4 scoring system.





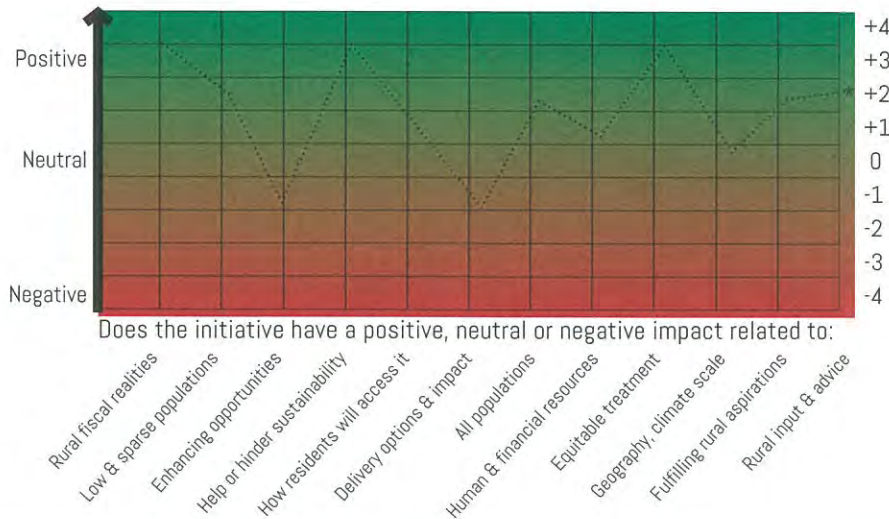
# The Rural and Northern Lens: A Way Forward



At the end of the day the rural and northern lens is about people. It is about the livelihoods of nearly 2 million people who call rural and northern communities their home. It is about the communities these people live within, their jobs, their built and natural environment, the services they receive and the quality of their lives.

The Rural and Northern Lens provides us with an invitation. An invitation to all levels of government to do better with what they have and to ensure that the needs and requirements of rural and northern residents are met so that they may thrive and succeed. The Lens is particularly important for the provincial government. Various ministries must accommodate the needs of a large and urbanizing province and it is critical to ensure that Rural and Northern needs are not lost in the development of policy. This Lens can help.

It is a tool culminating in the sample chart below. It provides a quick visual representation of the positive and negative impacts of public initiatives. The need is obvious.



## The Rural and Northern Lens

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) is committed to the betterment of Rural and Northern Ontario. ROMA acts as the rural municipal voice in Ontario when considering and responding to proposed legislation while proactively working with the Government on solutions. ROMA takes pride in promoting, supporting and enhancing strong and effective rural governments.

The ROMA discussion paper - A Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario, serves as a reference point for future provincial policy development and implementation. The paper reflects the interests of rural and northern municipal governments in order to call attention to their communities' needs and requirements so they can thrive and succeed.



The paper provides a "lens" by which policy can be questioned, evaluated and decided upon.

The "Rural Lens" brings focus to the potential impacts of proposed policy, decisions and new actions on rural municipalities. It helps to ensure that questions are asked in a structured, objective and consistent manner. It helps to assess impacts in advance of decisions. It promotes education and understanding of issues by staff and elected officials at all levels of government.

ROMA requests that the Province filter all policy decisions and legislation through this lens to help ensure that rural and northern communities thrive and succeed. The Lens will also be used by ROMA and is provided to rural municipalities for their use.

## Denise Holmes

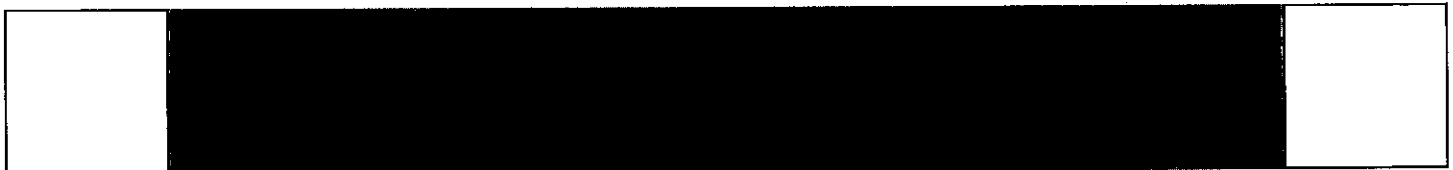
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News Release



## **Ontario Passes Landmark Climate Change Legislation**

May 18, 2016

### **Province Building Innovative And Low-Carbon Economy**

Today, Ontario passed landmark climate change legislation that lays a foundation for the province to join the biggest carbon market in North America and ensures that the province is accountable for responsibly and transparently investing proceeds from the cap and trade program into actions that reduce greenhouse gas pollution, create jobs and help people and businesses shift to a low-carbon economy.

Under the Climate Change Mitigation and Low-Carbon Economy Act, money raised from Ontario's cap and trade program will be deposited into a new Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account. The account will invest every dollar in green projects and initiatives that reduce emissions.

Following extensive consultation with industry and other groups, the legislation was strengthened by now requiring enhanced accountability and public reporting on the province's upcoming Climate Change Action Plan and investment of cap and trade proceeds.

Ontario will post its final cap and trade regulation upon royal assent of the legislation. The regulation covers detailed rules and obligations for businesses participating in the program. The final design was also informed by extensive consultation with businesses, industry, the public, environmental organizations and Indigenous communities.

Climate change is not a distant threat - it is already costing the people of Ontario. It has damaged our environment, caused extreme weather like floods and droughts, and hurt our ability to grow food in some regions. Over the near term, climate change will increase the cost of food and insurance rates, harm wildlife and nature, and eventually make the world inhospitable for our children and grandchildren.

Fighting climate change while supporting growth, efficiency and productivity is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in talent and skills, including helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history and investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

### **QUICK FACTS**

- Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan is the next step in Ontario's ongoing fight against climate change and is expected to be released in spring 2016. The plan will describe actions that will help more Ontario households and businesses to adopt low- and no-carbon energy in homes, vehicles and workplaces.
- Ontario's \$325-million Green Investment Fund, a down payment on the province's cap and trade program, is



already strengthening the economy, creating good jobs and driving innovation while fighting climate change — a strong signal of what Ontarians can expect from proceeds of the province's cap and trade program. These investments will help secure a healthy, clean and prosperous low-carbon future and transform the way we live, move and work while ensuring strong, sustainable communities.

- The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account will receive proceeds from auctioning allowances under Ontario's cap and trade program. The first auction will be held in March 2017.
- Ontario intends to link its cap and trade program with Quebec and California.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Ontario's Climate Change Strategy](#)
- [Learn How Cap and Trade Works](#)
- [Green Investment Fund](#)

## QUOTES

"Passing the Climate Change Mitigation and Low-Carbon Economy Act marks the start of the next chapter in Ontario's transformation to an innovative and prosperous low-carbon economy — one that will benefit households, businesses, industry and communities across the province. This legislation is about enshrining in law our resolve and action to protect and strengthen our environment for generations to come."

— *Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change*

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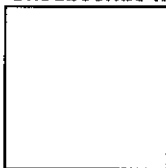
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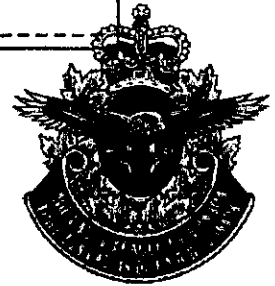
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## **Ontario Introduces Legislation to Encourage More Affordable Housing**

May 18, 2016

### **Province to Allow Municipalities to Use Inclusionary Zoning Policies**

Today, Ontario introduced the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016, that would, if passed, help ensure that the people of Ontario have better access to affordable and adequate housing.

The changes would amend four provincial acts to help increase the supply of affordable housing across the province and modernize existing social housing by:

- Allowing municipalities to implement inclusionary zoning, which mandates that affordable units be included in new residential projects in willing municipalities.
- Making secondary suites in new homes less costly to build by exempting them from development charges. Secondary suites are a potential source of affordable rental housing and allow homeowners to earn some extra income from their property.
- Giving local Service Managers more flexibility to administer and deliver social housing in their communities, which will help to reduce wait lists and make it easier for Ontarians to access a range of housing options.
- Encouraging more inclusive communities and strengthening tenant rights through reforms that prevent unnecessary evictions from social housing and modernize how rental property standards are enforced.
- Supporting better program design and decision-making by requiring Service Managers to conduct local enumeration to count people who are homeless in their communities.

Ontario announced its update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy in March 2016. The update focuses on making housing programs more people-centred and co-ordinated, and provides municipalities with flexibility to meet local needs through tools like inclusionary zoning.

Improving access to affordable housing is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority - growing the economy and creating jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in talent and skills, including helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is also making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history and investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

### **QUICK FACTS**

- Inclusionary zoning has been used extensively by communities around the world, including in the United Kingdom and in over 500 municipalities in the United States.
- In the coming weeks, the province will consult with municipalities, developers and other interested parties to help



develop a framework for inclusionary zoning in Ontario.

- The proposed framework for inclusionary zoning would allow municipalities to implement measures like height and density, and to offer incentives such as reduced parking, waived or reduced fees and faster approval processes. This would help to address potential issues related to the economic profitability of development proposals.
- The updated Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy reflects input the government received at 38 stakeholder meetings during summer 2015, and from 113 formal written submissions that reflect the housing needs of Ontarians across the province.
- The revised strategy also reflects the recommendations made by the Expert Panel on Homelessness' 2015 report and the recent report by the Mayor's Task Force on Toronto Community Housing Corporation.
- The 2016 Ontario Budget announced an investment of \$178 million over three years to support the updated strategy.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- [Proposed Amendments to Promote Affordable Housing](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Inclusionary Zoning](#)
- [Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy](#)
- [Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)
- [A Place to Call Home: Report of the Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness \[PDF\]](#)

## QUOTES

"Enabling municipalities to use tools like inclusionary zoning supports our vision of an Ontario where every person has access to an affordable, suitable and adequate home."

— *Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*

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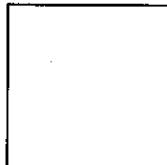
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Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## **OGRA Calls Upon Province to Review Funding Allocation Formula**

In response to numerous complaints from members, the Ontario Good Roads Association has called upon Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, to establish a task force to review the current funding formula and establish a more transparent and equitable distribution of infrastructure funding.

Members have specifically complained that the ranking system has not been transparent enough and that the formula used actually appears to penalize those municipalities which have attempted to plan for major infrastructure improvements. It would appear that municipalities who have done a better job of managing their infrastructure are scoring lower than those that have not been as proactive.

Joe Tiernay, OGRA Executive Director, stated, "The Province must bring together stakeholders and form a taskforce to investigate the issue. Municipalities are getting tired of filling in application forms only to have them rejected without any clear idea as to why" he added.

OGRA would like to hear your comments about this. Join the discussion in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund - Small Communities Fund community on OGRA Interchange

The mandate of the Ontario Good Roads Association is to represent the transportation and public works interests of municipalities through advocacy, consultation, training and the delivery of identified services.

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May 19, 2016

His Worship, Mayor Darren White  
Township of Melancthon  
157101 Highway 10  
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Dear Mayor,

**Re: Ontario Energy Board Application #EB-2016-0004 – Review of Mechanisms to Recover the Costs of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario**

The purpose of my writing is to draw your attention to an important proceeding (EB-2016-0004) before the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) – one that it is expected to revise or permit specific exemptions from existing economic feasibility guidelines that govern natural gas expansion in Ontario.

Enbridge made a submission under EB-2016-0004 on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 which includes 39 potential expansion projects and a request for the changes deemed necessary to make these projects feasible. While there are no projects currently planned in your constituency, the changes requested by Enbridge will make all future expansion projects more feasible than under existing regulations, as well as lessen the burden on future individual customers to convert to natural gas.

Enbridge has proposed specific forms of regulatory flexibility and/or exemptions from current OEB guidelines, including

- An ongoing volumetric surcharge to collect capital contributions from new customers over time;
- An Incremental Tax Equivalent mechanism such that municipalities are able to contribute (for a ten year duration) toward the economic feasibility of a community expansion project; and
- A reduction in the economic feasibility threshold that a project must meet before Enbridge is able to proceed with the expansion.

It is our expectation that the OEB will decide on revised economic feasibility guidelines this fall. All of the materials, documents and evidence associated with the EB-2016-

0004 proceeding can be accessed through the OEB's website by searching under EB-2016-0004. ([www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice)).

Enbridge is a partner with the province of Ontario in meeting a lower carbon future. In an effort to help Ontario meet its climate change targets, conversion to natural gas from propane and home heating oil provides for a 20% and 25% greenhouse gas emissions reduction respectively. Today, natural gas is also 68% less expensive than electricity and 59% less expensive than home heating oil.

Enbridge is also working towards incorporating a renewable component to our supply – through injecting 'renewable natural gas' into our system to further help Ontarians reduce their emissions in a cost effective manner.

Should you feel it appropriate, we ask that you consider submitting a letter to the OEB and to your Member of Provincial Parliament in support of natural gas. Correspondence to the Board should be addressed to:

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

E-MAIL: [boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and/or

Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Please reference **#EB-2016-0004** as the subject matter of your correspondence. Do not hesitate to contact me at 416-758-7958 with any questions. I've enclosed a sample resolution for possible consideration by Council.

Sincerely,



Mark Wilson  
Sr. Advisor, Municipal Affairs

c. Denise B. Holmes

THE CORPORATION OF THE XXX

**RESOLUTION**

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Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council recognizes the benefit of access to natural gas to the XXX , in attracting new industry and creating jobs, creating more affordable commercial transportation and agriculture options and offering lower energy prices to residents and employers; and
2. That this Council fully supports the efforts of Enbridge Gas Distribution before the Ontario Energy Board (#EB-2016-0004) where it seeks to address current regulatory rules and guidelines that limit Enbridge's ability to extend service to unserved communities in rural Ontario, like XXX.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the XXX on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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Clerk





**RESOLUTION/RÉSOLUTION**

**Date:** May 16 mai 2016

**Item(s) no.:** 10 (a)

**Subject/Objet:** Resolution to Support Rural Economic Development Program  
Résolution de support au programme de développement économique des collectivités rurales

**Moved by/ Proposé par :** Councillor/conseiller André Brisson

**Seconded by/ Appuyé par:** Councillor/conseillère Cindy Saucier

Whereas in the 2016 Ontario Budget, the government of Ontario has suspended current intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development Program and has indicated that it plans to integrate the program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund; and

Attendu que dans le budget de l'Ontario 2016, le gouvernement de l'Ontario a suspendu la consommation actuelle des demandes au programme de développement économique des collectivités rurales et a indiqué qu'il prévoit intégrer le programme dans le fonds pour l'emploi et la prospérité; et

Whereas the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is narrowly focused and is restricted to private sector organizations and industry partners, which prevents access to funding for rural municipalities and others who formerly benefitted from the Rural Economic Development Program. The emphasis on large projects that meet either of minimum \$5 million or \$10 million in eligible project costs thresholds, will significantly restrict benefits from this fund; and

Attendu que le fonds pour l'emploi et la prospérité est étroitement ciblé et est limité aux organisations du secteur privé et aux partenaires de l'industrie, ce qui empêche l'accès au financement pour les municipalités rurales et d'autres qui autrefois ont bénéficié du programme de développement économique des collectivités rurales. L'emphase sur les grands projets qui répondent soit d'un minimum de 5 M\$ ou 10 M\$ en coûts admissibles pour le commencement des projets, limitera considérablement les avantages de ce fonds; et

Whereas in contrast, the Rural Economic Development Program supported a number of capacity building projects including but not limited "Business Retention and Expansion" and "Downtown Revitalization" projects and Economic Development Strategic Planning projects for small rural municipalities who were looking to improve their local economy. Also of note is that because the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is not specifically designated for rural areas, that funds from this program will likely favour more urban areas of the province; now therefore be it

Attendu que le programme de développement économique des collectivités rurales a appuyé un certain nombre de projets de renforcement des capacités, y compris, mais sans s'y limiter, les projets « Maintien et expansion des entreprises » et « Revitalisation des centres villes » et les projets de planification stratégique de développement économique pour les petites municipalités rurales qui cherchent à améliorer leur économie locale. À noter également, le fonds pour l'emploi et la prospérité n'est pas particulièrement désigné

pour les zones rurales donc les fonds de ce programme vont probablement favoriser les zones plus urbaines de la province; il est résolu

RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Russell asks the government of Ontario to reconsider the suspension and the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund with the view to ensuring that the Rural Economic Development Program stays as an intricate funding program of the Province that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities in Ontario; and

QUE le conseil du canton de Russell demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario de reconsidérer la suspension et l'intégration du programme de développement économique des collectivités rurales dans le fonds pour l'emploi et la prospérité en vue d'assurer que le programme de développement économique des collectivités rurales demeure à titre de programme de financement complexe de la province qui appuiera le renforcement des capacités et de favoriser la croissance économique dans les municipalités rurales de l'Ontario; et

RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to all municipal and regional councils in Ontario requesting that they endorse and support this resolution and communicate their support to the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

QUE cette résolution soit distribuée à tous les conseils municipaux et régionaux en Ontario demandant qu'ils approuvent et appuient cette résolution et communique leur soutien au ministre et au ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales.

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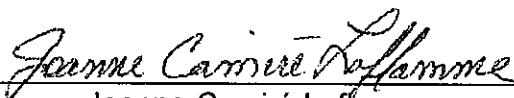
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I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Je, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, greffière de la corporation de canton de Russell, atteste que la présente est une copie certifiée de la résolution adoptée par le conseil de la municipalité de Russell le 16<sup>e</sup> jour de mai 2016.

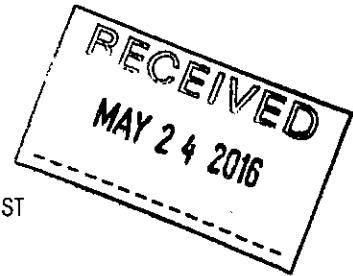
  
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May 19, 2016

Township of Melancthon  
157101 Highway #10  
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Attention: Ms. Denise Holmes,  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

RE: TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE  
DUNDALK WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
CAPACITY  
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
OUR FILE: W4609A

Dear Ms. Holmes:

The Township of Southgate owns and operates the Dundalk wastewater treatment facility which generally consists of four (4) wastewater lagoons followed by filtration. The facility discharges to the Foley Drain and ultimately to the Grand River. Figure 1 shows the general location of the facility.

Reserve capacity calculations for the Dundalk wastewater treatment facility indicate that the existing capacity is not adequate to permit continued growth and development in the community. As a result, the Township is undertaking a Schedule C Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to examine viable options to increase sewage treatment capacity for the community. The following problem statement has been developed for the project:

The Township of Southgate is committed to delivering responsive and cost effective municipal services that provide for the economic, social and environmental well-being of its ratepayers now and in the future. Proposed growth in the Dundalk urban centre will result in the allocation of the remaining reserve capacity of the wastewater treatment facility to residential development. As a result, further commitment toward growth and infilling cannot be realized until additional wastewater capacity is made available. The objective of this Class Environmental Assessment is to consider cost effective sewage collection and treatment alternatives for the Dundalk urban centre that will minimize environmental impacts and provide additional wastewater treatment capacity.

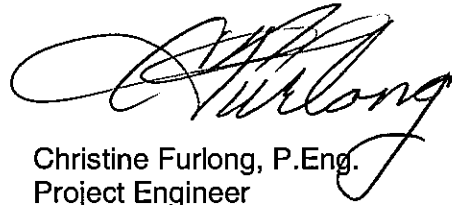
Please find enclosed a notice of project commencement for the Class EA. At this time, the Township requests your preliminary comments relating to the project so that effective consultation can occur with all stakeholders, approval agencies and First Nation communities and that all environmental features and constraints (natural/social/economic environments, etc.) are identified and potential impacts assessed early on in the project.



We look forward to receiving your preliminary comments and should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

TRITON ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Furlong', written over the printed name and title.

Christine Furlong, P.Eng.  
Project Engineer

CMF/sjp

Encl. Figure 1: Location Plan  
Notice of Project Commencement

cc: Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager, Township of Southgate



**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE**  
**CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
**DUNDALK WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY**  
**NOTICE OF PROJECT COMMENCEMENT**

The Township of Southgate owns and operates the Dundalk wastewater treatment facility located at 752051 Ida Street, South in Dundalk. The facility generally consists of four (4) wastewater lagoons followed by filtration. The facility discharges to the Foley Drain and ultimately to the Grand River. Proposed growth in Dundalk will result in allocation of the remaining reserve capacity of the facility to residential development. As a result, further commitment toward growth and infilling cannot be realized until additional wastewater treatment capacity is made available. The objective of this Class Environmental Assessment is to consider cost effective sewage collection and treatment alternatives for the Dundalk urban centre that will minimize environmental impacts and provide additional wastewater treatment capacity.

The Township is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) in order to address the wastewater treatment capacity concerns in Dundalk. The project is being planned under Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). Public input and comments are invited for incorporation into the planning of this project. Public Information Centres for this project will be held as the project progresses to share information with and solicit input from interested stakeholders.

As part of the public consultation program, a project contact list is being created. Stakeholders included on the list will receive information regarding the project including formal Notices. To be placed on the project contact list, to provide comments or to request further information, please contact both of the following:

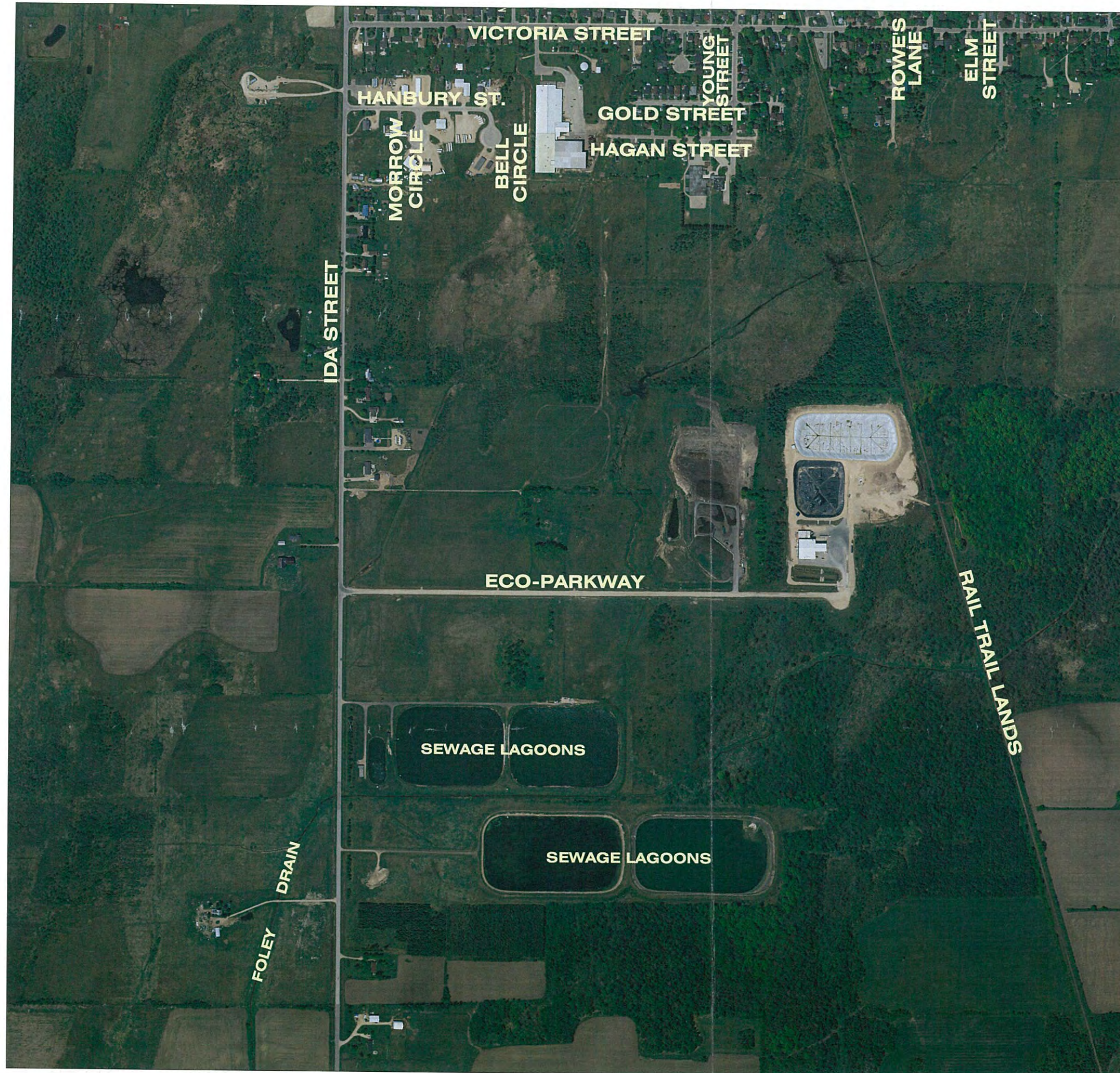
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This Notice first issued May 18, 2016.

Raylene Martell  
Clerk  
Township of Southgate





**TOWNSHIP OF  
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**DUNDALK WASTEWATER  
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May 24, 2016

## **Bill 181, The Municipal Elections Modernization Act 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

AMO was disappointed to learn that a government amendment to Bill 181, *The Municipal Elections Modernization Act* will ban corporate and union donations in all municipal election campaigns without a simultaneous increase in the limit for individual donations. There are concerns that such a move, without an increase in the donation limit, will make fundraising much more difficult for some municipal government candidates in the shortened nomination/campaign period.

AMO President Gary McNamara presented to the Standing Committee on Thursday, May 12, 2016. The comments delivered by AMO's President stressed that municipal governments are a mature and accountable order of government in Ontario that can and should be trusted to engage with our residents and stakeholders to make decisions in the best interests of our communities. Elements of AMO's submission include:

- Leaving the Bill as is so that the decision to change to ranked ballot voting in a municipal election to the local council in consultation with the community, without a mandatory referendum;
- Shortening the campaign period with the ability for candidates to take on fundraising activities once nominations are filed;
- Municipal council choice to ban union and corporate donations;
- Tiered penalties for late filing of election financial statements; and
- Flexibility to set the first council meeting after an election to accommodate transition which can be different between rural and urban municipal governments.

In advance of President McNamara's appearance, there were some persistent rumours of a province-wide ban on corporate and union donations in municipal elections. To address this, AMO advised that it would make fundraising more difficult in some councils' positions where candidate spending limits are in the hundreds of thousands and that an increase in the individual donation limit should also be made if a ban was implemented. There was no amendment to do this. As such, the \$750 contribution limit within the more constrained fundraising period in the Bill, making securing adequate funds for urban candidates much more challenging.

In the end, Bill 181 proposes some major changes for how Ontarians vote for their local councils. These changes will be judged by how they are implemented during the next election and their impact on the election process. Unlike other elections legislation, the *Municipal Elections Act* is reviewed regularly after each municipal election. The Bill has not been reported to the House as yet for Third Reading debate. AMO will continue to track the Bill.

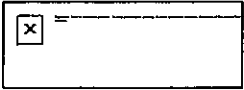
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# FedDev Ontario Launches Intake Two of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in Southern Ontario

May 24, 2016 – Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario)

Today, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for FedDev Ontario, announced the launch of Intake Two of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) in southern Ontario.

Cultural and recreational infrastructure places—like community centres, parks and arenas—help to make our communities feel like home. It is important that Canadians have places where they can play together, meet up and create a sense of community. That is why the Government of Canada is doubling its investment in community and cultural infrastructure, providing an additional \$150 million over two years to renovate, expand or improve these spaces across Canada. FedDev Ontario is delivering the program in southern Ontario with a total allocation of up to \$88.8 million over two years. Up to \$44.4 million is now available under Intake Two of CIP 150 in southern Ontario.

Starting today, FedDev Ontario is accepting applications for funding under the program's Intake Two. Municipal, regional and Aboriginal governments, public sector bodies and provincial entities delivering municipal-type infrastructure services, and incorporated not-for-profit organizations are invited to apply for funding for projects that will be supported on a cost-shared basis.

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## Quote

"As we near Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program highlights the importance of the places in our communities that bring us together and make Canada home. By providing support to renovate, expand and improve cultural and regional infrastructure, we will ensure these spaces will continue to be enjoyed by Canadians for years to come."

*- The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario*

## Quick Facts

- CIP 150 is part of the federal government's celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation in 2017.
- CIP 150 supports projects to renovate, expand or improve existing community and cultural infrastructure, including projects that support the Government's priorities to ensure a better future for Indigenous peoples and promote a clean growth economy.
- There was significant interest in the first intake of the program in southern Ontario, with more than 380 projects approved.

## Related Product

- [Backgrounder – Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program](#)

## Associated Link

- [Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in Southern Ontario](#)

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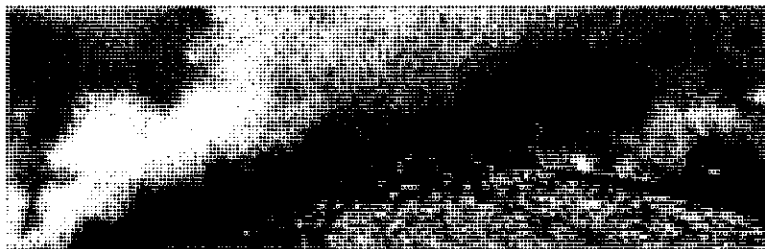
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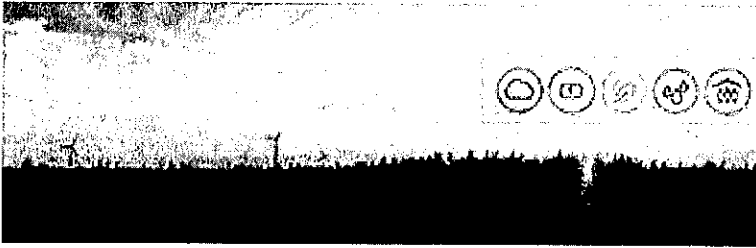
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Learn what you can do to help those in need, and keep up-to-date about the Government of Canada's response to wildfires in Alberta.

**Public consultation on the draft 2016-19 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy**



The Government of Canada wants to hear about your vision for a sustainable Canada. The strategy presents ways government could address climate change, create clean jobs and protect nature, air and water, while enhancing Canadians' well-being. Comment until June 24, 2016.

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May 25, 2016

Dear Partner:

On May 24, 2016, the Government of Canada announced additional funding for and launched the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) as part of celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Confederation. Budget 2016 committed an additional \$150 million nationally over two years to renovate, expand and improve existing community infrastructure including projects that support the Government's priorities to ensure a better future for Indigenous peoples and promote a clean growth economy.

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) is responsible for delivering an additional \$44.4 million over two years to CIP 150 projects in southern Ontario that will support improvements to recreational facilities, community and cultural centres, and other community infrastructure. Projects that include efficiency improvements, retrofits, installation of clean, green or sustainable technologies or improve natural amenities such as parks, trails and other outdoor recreational assets may be given priority.

Municipal, regional and Aboriginal governments, public sector bodies delivering municipal-type infrastructure services and incorporated not-for-profit organizations with eligible projects that can be completed before March 31, 2018, are invited to submit applications. Please note that you must submit a new application for any previously unfunded application under the program.

For additional information, including program guidelines and the electronic application form, please visit [www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca/CIP150](http://www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca/CIP150) or contact 1-866-593-5505.

The deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 24, 2016.

A demonstration of the application as well as live question and answer sessions are available on the dates below.

**Live Application Demonstration** to be webcast live on Periscope to demonstrate how to complete an application.

- Sessions to be held on Mondays at 1:50 p.m.:
  - May 30, 2016 – English
  - May 31, 2016 – French

**Live Question and Answer sessions** to be webcast live on Periscope to answer questions from potential applicants. The session on June 3, 2016, will be focused on inquiries from eligible Aboriginal applicants, such as a band council or an Aboriginal government authority established by a Self-Government Agreement or a Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

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- Sessions to be held on Wednesdays at 1:50 p.m.:
  - June 1, 2016 – English
  - June 3, 2016 – Bilingual for eligible Aboriginal applicants
  - June 8, 2016 – French

I thank you in advance for your interest in the CIP 150 and encourage you to share this information with local community organizations that may have eligible projects.

Regards,

Alexia Touralias  
Director General  
Infrastructure and Business Development



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May 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  
Pt. Lot 32, Concession 7 NE  
File No.: D-ME-157  
Project No.: 300036575.0000**

We have received your letter of May 6, 2016, with Council's resolution accepting the petition under Section 4 of the Drainage Act, signed by Joseph Martin describing Pt. Lot 32, Concession 7 NE, as requiring drainage. As directed by Council, we will combine this petition with the work currently underway for the repair and improvement of the Bradley Drainage Works A and C Drains.

We have set a site meeting for:

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

to meet at the intersection of the 6th Line NE and Dufferin County Road No. 9 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 highlighted on the plan, the County of Dufferin, the Grand River Conservation Authority and your Road Superintendent and 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

Enclosure(s) Site Meeting Notification Form and Plan  
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
FOR EXAMINATION BY ENGINEER

TO: COUNCIL  
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 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016 to attend at c) the intersection of the 6th Line NE and Dufferin County Road No. 9 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 Pt. Lot 32, Concession 7 NE (Joseph Martin). It appears a branch drain to the Bradley Drain and a larger culvert at the intersection will be required in order to address the drainage problem at this location.

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 May 2016

Denise B. Holmen  
Signature of Clerk

Township of Melancthon  
Name of Municipality

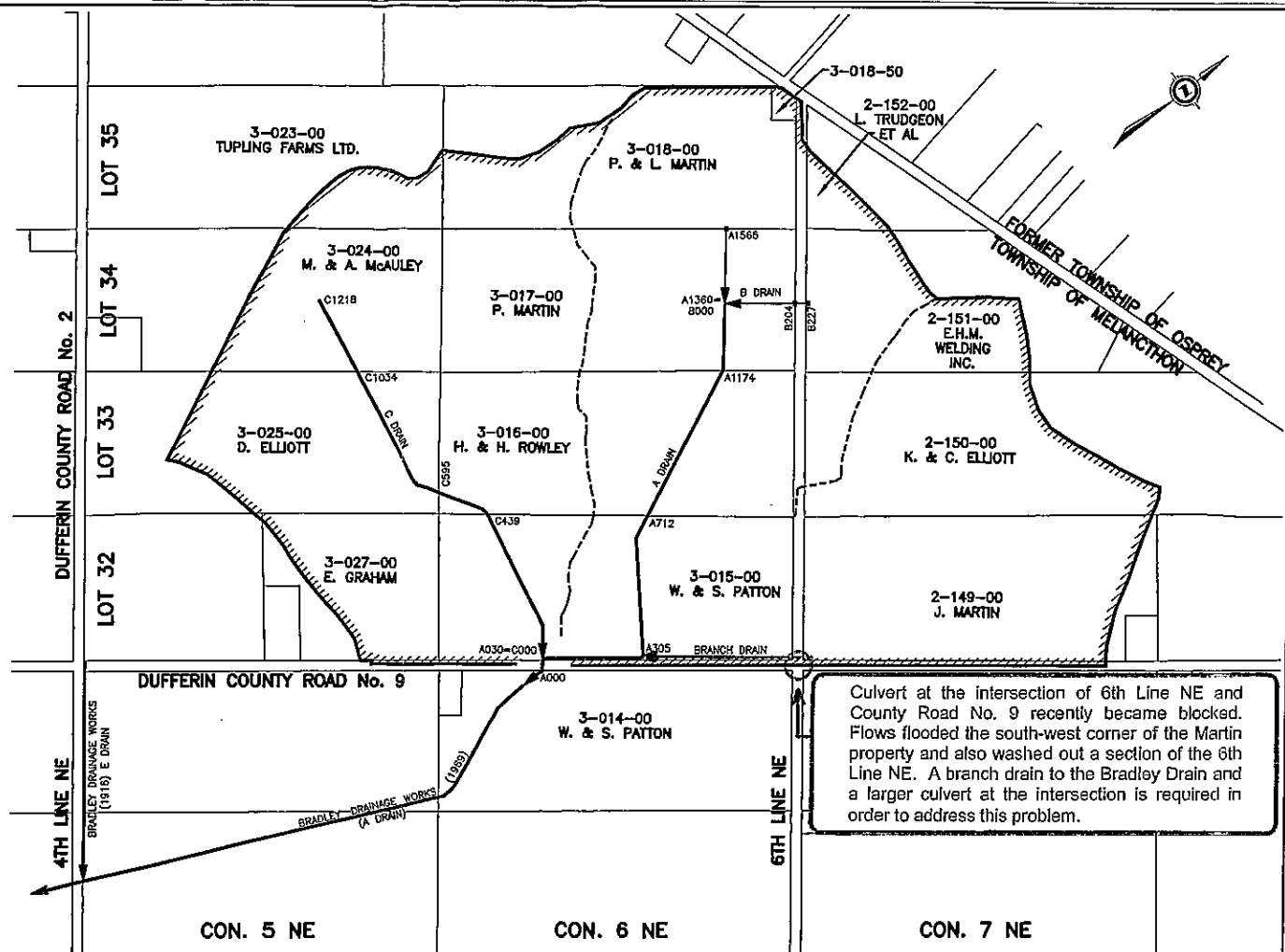
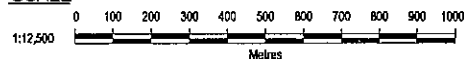
Failure to attend examination - You are hereby notified that if you do not attend at the examination, it may proceed in your absence and except as otherwise provided in the *Drainage Act*, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

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#### LEGEND

- APPROXIMATE WATERSHED LIMITS
- APPROXIMATE INTERIOR WATERSHED
- DRAIN ROUTE (OPEN DRAIN)
- DRAIN ROUTE (CLOSED DRAIN)
- A712 STATION
- 3-015-00 ASSESSMENT ROLL NO.
- PROPOSED CATCHBASIN

#### SCALE



Culvert at the intersection of 6th Line NE and County Road No. 9 recently became blocked. Flows flooded the south-west corner of the Martin property and also washed out a section of the 6th Line NE. A branch drain to the Bradley Drain and a larger culvert at the intersection is required in order to address this problem.

- Notes
- This drawing is the exclusive property of R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited. The reproduction of any part without prior written consent of this office is strictly prohibited.
  - The contractor shall verify all dimensions, levels, and details on site and report any discrepancies or omissions to this office prior to construction.
  - This drawing is to be read and understood in conjunction with all other plans and documents applicable to this project.

No.	Issue / Revision	Date	Auth.
<b>PRELIMINARY</b>			



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## Denise Holmes

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**From:** Barbara Karrandjas <Barbara.Karrandjas@caledon.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2016 9:42 AM  
**To:** Region of Peel; clerk@dufferincounty.ca; township@amaranth-eastgary.ca; jwilson@townofgrandvalley.ca; dholmes@melancthontownship.ca; ClerksOffice@townofmono.ca; thorner@mulmur.ca; sgreatrix@orangeville.ca; Jennifer Willoughby (jwilloughby@shelburne.ca)  
**Cc:** Nick DeBoer  
**Subject:** Autism Spectrum Disorder  
**Attachments:** 2016-084 Autism Spectrum Disorder.pdf

Good morning,

At a Council Meeting on May 24, 2016, Council adopted the following recommendations with respect to Autism Spectrum Disorder:

### **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and

Whereas, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) is the scientific process based on objective evaluation and empirically based interventions used to achieve meaningful, generalizable and enduring behavioural change. Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) is an application of the principles of ABA in an intensive setting used to affect behaviour change and improvement; and

Whereas, the current waiting list of children for Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) is over 2,000 and more than 13,000 children await Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA); and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced it intends to discontinue IBI services to children over the age of four and provide a one-time payment to assist with services, thereby abandoning thousands who have been wait-listed for years; and

Whereas, there are two service models for affected children to be treated, 1) the Direct Service Offering (DSO) where children receive services directly from trained staff at Ontario's nine regional service providers, and 2) the Direct Funding Offering (DFO) where parents receive funding directly in order to purchase services; and

Whereas, the DFO model to provide services is used in Alberta, British Columbia and imminently Saskatchewan. Such a model is clinically rigorous and has been identified by the Auditor General of Ontario as being less expensive than Ontario's DSO model;

Now therefore be it resolved that a letter be sent to Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services; Alexander Bezzina, Deputy Minister; Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health; and Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, requesting the Province to:

1. Amend its policy to one that will allow all children on the current waiting list to receive the IBI services promised them; and
2. Remove the age limit for IBI therapy and replace it with a program that provides ongoing IBI services based on need and individual development, not age; and
3. Ensure oversight by professionals and parents based on 'development progress' criteria and milestones; and
4. Adopt a Direct Funding Offering (DFO) model in lieu of the current Direct Service Offering (DSO) model; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Sylvia Jones, Region of Peel, Medical Officer of Health and all municipalities within the County of Dufferin.

Enclosed please find the corresponding resolution for further details and for your records.

Have a great day!

Barbara Karrandjas  
Coordinator, Council Committee  
Legislative Services  
Corporate Services

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## Denise Holmes

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**Subject:** Town of Mono Letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
**Attachments:** Letter to MMAH re compensation NFPPB hearing.pdf

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent to MMAH regarding a Normal Farm Practices Protection Board Hearing.

For Mark Early, CAO/Clerk  
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Administrative Assistant to CAO and Clerk  
519-941-3599 x 221  
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# Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road  
Mono, Ontario L9W 6S3

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Hon. Ted McMeekin,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17th Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5G 2E5

Dear Minister McMeekin,

I am writing to you today to request compensation to the municipality for having to defend Provincial policy at a recent Normal Farm Practices Protection Board Hearing. This action was initiated by a private landowner, supported and promoted by the staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAFRA) and the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB), and ultimately processed to a Hearing by the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board.

A copy of the decision from the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board is attached for your consideration. The decision is unequivocally in favor of the Town of Mono. A summary briefing of the application process is also attached for your consideration.

I hope that the Ministry will see that our request for compensation is legitimate under these circumstances. I am also aware that you may deem this action for compensation to municipalities who are defending Provincial interests as precedent setting. However, I believe that providing compensation in this situation would show good faith to municipalities which defend Provincial interests, even when the appropriate Provincial bodies choose to not support defending matters of Provincial interest, or encourage applications that are not in the Provincial interest.

At the very least, we would hope that your Ministry can effect positive change to your policy regime to ensure that all Ontario municipalities are not caught with exorbitant costs related to commercial fill operations masquerading as a Normal Farm Practice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Laura Ryan

Copies:

Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture of Food and Rural Affairs  
Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Chair, Normal Farm Practices Board  
Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon  
Tristin McCredie, MMAH Advisor

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Summary Briefing to Minister McMeekin  
Town of Mono  
Normal Farm Practices Protection Board Hearing**

**Town of Mono Fill Bylaw 2014-31**

As you and your Staff are aware, commercial fill operations are becoming a significant environmental and financial concern for those municipalities in close proximity to the Greater Toronto Area. A municipality must be able to regulate these uses, whether they are a legitimate commercial fill operation, or in this case a commercial fill operation posing as a Normal Farm Practice.

The Town of Mono chose to adopt a Site Alteration and Fill Bylaw 2014-31 (known as the Fill Bylaw), which was duly enacted under Section 142 of the Municipal Act. The bylaw prohibits the placing and dumping of fill in the municipality except under the following circumstances:

- a. the specific exemptions set out in Section 142(5) of the Municipal Act, 2001;
- b. fill utilized for backfilling to grade following demolition of a structure or within 10 metres of an active building permit or septic permit;
- c. topdressing of lawns; and,
- d. the placing or dumping or removal of fill involving an amount of soil less than 250 cubic meters of locally sourced fill on a lot within any one year period.

The bylaw is comprehensive, has a detailed application and permit approval process, and subjects an applicant to application fees and a deposit to cover municipal review fees. The bylaw requires fill to be locally sourced. The Town of Mono is the headwaters of 4 major river systems in Ontario, the Credit, Nottawasaga, Humber, and Grand Rivers. The sand and gravel soils which predominate the municipality, which provide the natural environment of these headwater areas, should not be "capped" by the impervious soils being excavated and transported north from the Greater Toronto Area.

**The Application**

A local sheep farmer and a commercial fill company from Toronto, Soilcan, approached the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and argued that the Town's Fill Bylaw precluded the farmer's right to farm his property, due to restrictions on the hours of operation (8:30am-3:00pm) that fill could be transported to a property and that the refundable review deposit of \$20,000 was excessive. In October, 2014, after explaining the rationale for the permit fees and deposits, Soilcan indicated that they would comply with the Town bylaw requirements.

The applicant did not make a complete application to the Town under the bylaw, which also includes fees and deposits to ensure that development applications do not place an undue financial burden on

the ratepayers of the municipality. In the absence of a complete application, there was no public process or neighborhood circulation as set out in the bylaw. Council of the Town of Mono was not provided an opportunity to make a decision under their bylaw; to determine if the proposal was indeed a normal farm practice; and to do so in an open and transparent manner.

#### **OMAFRA and NFPPB Process**

In November of 2014, OMAFRA contacted the Town Office to indicate that they had been approached by Soilcan under the Normal Farm Practices Protection Act, indicating that a complaint had been made that our Fill Bylaw precluded a normal farm practice on the subject property in the Town. OMAFRA Staff conducted a conflict resolution process. The Town advised OMAFRA that no application had been made to the Town under the bylaw, no decision had been made by the Town to determine any potential conflict, and further, that in October the applicant and the farmer had agreed to file a proper application to the Town. Despite these comments from the Town regarding the lack of application, lack of public process, and lack of municipal decision making process, OMAFRA made no attempts to deal with the application as frivolous, premature or vexatious, and under the processing guidelines put forward by OMAFRA, the applicant and the farmer advised that they would not comply with the Town bylaw and requested OMAFRA to move the application forward for a Hearing under the Normal Farm Practices Protection Act.

In February 2015, OMAFRA Staff confirmed to the Town that the application from Soilcan had been accepted for a hearing under the Normal Farm Practices Protection Act. Town of Mono Council was not provided an opportunity to process an application, or even make a decision, under a duly enacted bylaw, passed under the provisions of the Municipal Act. In addition, no formal public process or notification at any level was undertaken by the Province under their processing guidelines. Regardless of this, Staff at OMAFRA and/or the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board deemed this non-application, non-process, and non-decision as grounds to set a Hearing under the Normal Farm Practices Act. No conflict between a municipal bylaw and the Normal Farm Practices Act had been established, however, the application was set for a Hearing.

Why was this matter allowed to proceed to a hearing, when no conflict had been established? Why were neighboring landowners not provided any opportunity under the Provincial policy regime to participate early in this important process? Why are the Provincial Staff not in a position to dismiss an application as frivolous, premature, or vexatious, as is permitted under other legislation?

#### **NFPPB Hearing and Decision**

The Town vigorously defended our Fill bylaw during the 5 days of Hearing. The local sheep farmer was represented by the commercial fill company, seeking to place fill on his property. Three members of the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board, the Secretary of the Board and a court reporter were present for the 5 days of hearing, and due to travel restrictions were also accommodated at a local hotel. This represented a significant use of Provincial resources for what you will hopefully conclude was a frivolous and premature application to the NFPPB.

It was the Town's position at the Hearing that the applicant did not complete an application to the Town of Mono under the bylaw. The Town was not provided the opportunity to make a decision under the bylaw. The Town's Bylaw 2014-31 does not preclude or prevent a normal farm practice from occurring and a hearing should not have been set under the circumstances. One of the tests of our bylaw is whether a significant fill proposal is a normal farm practice. Council of the Town of Mono was prevented from enacting a review process under our bylaw due to the actions of the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and there was no decision made on any application to the Town. There was no decision made by the Town of Mono under the Fill Bylaw that would restrict the applicant from a normal farm practice and would have encouraged a hearing under the Normal Farm Practices Protection Act.

The Board Members hearing the application concluded that the Town's defense of their bylaw was not just a local interest, but more importantly, defended Provincial Interests on several fronts:

*"The Fill By-Law reflects a provincial interest by incorporating a requirement for a detailed report in conformity with the best management practices set out in the MOECC – Best Management Practices Guidelines. Although this document is not legislation or a policy statement, it is an extension of the mandate of MOECC under the Environmental Protection Act whose stated purpose is "to provide for the protection and conservation of the natural environment in matters relating to potential impacts on ground water and surface water quality."*

*The Fill By-Law also reflects provincial interest under the Ontario Water Resources Act whose stated purpose is "to provide for the conservation, protection and management of Ontario's waters and for their efficient and sustainable use, in order to promote Ontario's long term environmental, social and economic wellbeing relating to drainage of surface waters and erosion control."*

*The Fill By-Low also reflects the provincial interest as established by the Municipal Act under whose jurisdiction the by-law was passed."*

It is interesting to note that applicant admitted under oath that he would be paid for accepting fill on the property, and conservatively estimated his payment from Soilcan at \$150,000. However, neither the applicant nor his commercial fill broker would comply with the processing deposit request of the municipality. This cost issue, was the primary reason for OMAFRA forwarded this matter to a Hearing.

#### NFPPB Hearing and Decision

The staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board should have deemed this application to be frivolous, or at the very least premature. It was not worthy of a hearing. The costs to our local ratepayers to defend provincial interests under the Municipal Act, Ontario Water Resources Act and the MOECC Best Management Practices, should be compensated due to the poor and inappropriate decisions made by the review staff at OMAFRA and the NFPPB.

The Town of Mono has been very supportive of the agricultural community and has developed Official Plan and Zoning Bylaws which do not impede the right to farm. This was our first involvement at any level with the NFPPB process, both as a municipality or as far as we are aware of neighbor nuisance complaints. The NFPPB website confirms:

*"Less than one percent of the complaints received by OMAFRA involve municipal by-laws. This is because municipalities often consult with OMAFRA when developing by-laws. Since any related conflicts involve contravention of a by-law, there is generally little room for conflict resolution.*

*In by-law cases, the Engineer or Specialist will consult with the regional OMAFRA Planner. Some by-law issues are related more to the Planning Act than to the FFPPA. If the Planner decides that the case involves the Planning Act, he or she will take over the case. Most Planning Act cases are outside the jurisdiction of the NFPPB.*

*If the by-law case involves normal farm practices, the Engineer or Specialist will proceed with the Conflict Resolution Process as in nuisance cases."*

This case was frivolous and pre-mature, and should have at a minimum been deferred until a conflict with a municipal bylaw had actually been established. Based on the above statements, and the comments from the hearing officers, this was not a bylaw case based on nuisances, but a legitimately passed bylaw, defending the Provincial Interest. The Town was not provided an opportunity to make a decision under the provisions of the bylaw due to the actions of OMAFRA and NFPPB staff and the Hearing Office.

The Town of Mono diligently defended our bylaw and the Provincial Interest. This was confirmed by the 3 Hearing Officers appointed by the NFPPB in their decision. Our Staff was required to participate in preliminary conflict resolution discussions with staff at OMAFRA, 3 Pre-Hearings with the NFPPB and 5 days of Hearing with the NFPPB, all at the cost of the local taxpayer, with no development or processing fees paid to the municipality to cover this time and expense. Similarly, the Provincial process required no fees for this service. Notwithstanding our internal costs and expenses for staff time, copying and providing the NFPPB room availability, the costs to the municipality and our taxpayers to hire a Solicitor, Engineer and Agrologist to defend the Provincial Interest, was approximately \$170,000, roughly 3% of our own budget. The true costs of the Hearing were significantly more.



**NORMAL FARM PRACTICES PROTECTION BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act*, S.O. 1998,  
Ch. 1.**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application to the Board, under Section 6 of the  
*Farming and Food Production Protection Act*, S.O. 1998, Ch. 1, for a  
determination as to whether a Municipal Bylaw has the effect of precluding a  
Normal Farm Practice.**

**Board File No.: 2014-05**

**Between:**

**Douglas Cox**

**Applicant**

**and**

**The Corporation of the Town of Mono**

**Respondent**

**and**

**Elaine Kehoe**

**Party**

**and**

**Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition**

**Party**

**Appearances:**

**Douglas Cox**

**Justin Stein, agent for Douglas Cox**

**Jeffrey Wilker, counsel for the Town of Mono**

**Elaine Kehoe**

**Donald McFarlane, President of Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition**

**Before:**

**Glenn C. Walker, Vice-Chair**

**Jane Sadler-Richards**

**Douglas Eadie**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

An Application has been made by the Applicant, Douglas Cox, pursuant to Section 6 of the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998, S.O.1998, c.1, as amended (the "Act").

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether By-Law Number 2014-31 of the Corporation of the Town of Mono (hereinafter referred to as the "Fill By-Law") restricts the Applicants proposed importation of fill which the Applicant alleges to be a normal farm practice.

This Application came before the Board for a hearing on November 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, 2015. By Order of the Board, Elaine Kehoe and the Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition had been made interested parties to the proceedings and they took part in the hearing.

The Board heard evidence from the Applicant and his witnesses Robert Iachetta and Keith Wilson. The Board also heard evidence on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Mono from Mark Early, who was qualified as an expert witness to give opinion evidence with respect to land use planning and municipal administration; from Gord Feniak who was qualified as an expert to give opinion evidence with respect to municipal engineering and civil engineering; and from Robert Stovel who was qualified as an expert to give opinion evidence with respect to rural land use planning, agrology, aggregate planning and preparation of aggregate site plans. Elaine Kehoe called evidence from Marvin Stevenson who was qualified as an expert to give opinion evidence with respect to animal nutrition and management and Ed Kroeker who was qualified as an expert to give opinion evidence with respect to environmental impact assessments, in particular soil and water impact, environmental mitigation, water quality

assessment, surface and subsurface soil drainage issues, irrigation and drainage. The Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition called no evidence.

In facilitating public participation in the hearing, further to Rules 55 and 56 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Board heard evidence from Katherine Lindsay and Carmela Marshall. The Board also received and considered written statements from these witnesses and a number of local residents and a petition, all of which opposed the application.

For the reasons that follow, the Board dismisses the application.

## **B. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

### **(a) Fill By-Law**

Prior to 2012, the Respondent municipality had minor issues (transportation and noise complaints) with smaller fill projects in the municipality which prompted Council to consider a fill or site alteration by-law for the municipality. Section 142 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides the authority for such a by-law.

On June 26, 2012, Council for the Respondent municipality adopted By-Law 2012-17 to regulate site alterations, placement of fill and removal of topsoil within the Town of Mono. That by-law was generally prohibitive with limited opportunity for fill placement as set out in the exemptions. Council received several reasonable applications for soil/fill placement beyond the exemptions set out in the by-law.

Subsequently, in response to concerns raised by Council and by residents of the municipality, By-Law 2014-31 (Fill By-Law) was adopted on August 27, 2014 repealing By-Law 2012-17. The new By-Law is more or less identical to By-Law 2012-17 but provides for a process for requests for variance or exception and also addresses haul routes.

Section 6.2 of the Fill By-Law requires the applicant to request the variance or exception in writing and include any documents the applicant will be relying upon and all other documentation set out in Schedule "A" to the By-Law. The Schedule "A" requirements include, inter alia, an accurate plan of the site in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule "B", a detailed report explaining how the application (source, transportation and receiving) will be in conformity with the best management practices set out in the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) document entitled "Management of Excess Soil – A Guide for Best Management Practices", commonly called a Fill Management Plan, and a haul route plan.

The applicant is required to pay an application fee of \$2,000.00 and a refundable deposit of \$20,000.00 to recover any costs the Respondent municipality may incur for engineering and other professional peer reviews. Any monies not utilized shall be refunded to the owner. All approvals are required to contain certain conditions set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule "B". If the application is approved there is a further \$20,000.00 security deposit payable to the municipality, in a form acceptable to it, to secure performance of the work.

(b) Facts

The Applicant, Douglas Cox, purchased the subject property at 875003 5<sup>th</sup> Line in the Corporation of the Town of Mono being Part of Lot 21, Concession 6, EHS and consisting of 17.743 hectares more or less in 1990. From the time of purchase until approximately six years ago, he operated a small cow/calf operation. Since approximately 2009, he has raised sheep. The farm has flatter table land and three steep ravines at the rear of the farm.

Mr. Cox presently has approximately 200 ewes and seven rams and for approximately four months of the year the numbers increase to 500 to 550 animals due to the production of lambs. Mr. Cox wants to increase the number of adult animals on his farm to 300. At the present time, in addition to the sheep grazing on this farm, he brings in extra feed.

Mr. Cox was approached by a fill broker who wished to place approximately 15,000 to 20,000 loads of fill on Mr. Cox's farm to level an area for a sheep pasture. On March 11, 2014 Mr. Cox approached the Respondent municipality with a view to obtaining an exemption under the previous fill by-law Number 2012-17 and was advised by Council that he should provide additional information should he wish to proceed in the future. The original fill broker then lost interest in the project.

Mr. Cox then met Robert Iachetta, the President of Soilcan Inc. (hereinafter called "Soilcan") through a mutual friend and entered into a written contract with Soilcan dated July 23, 2014 to provide an unspecified number of loads of fill over a two year period commencing from the date of issuance of a permit. Mr. Cox is to receive \$20.00 per load from Soilcan. Evidence received during the hearing suggested that the project would take about 5,600 loads. The number of years it might take cannot be estimated and will depend on the availability of fill.

Soilcan then retained Bahram Amirnezhad P.Eng. from Topotec Inc. to prepare a site plan (Exhibit #10) dated August 27, 2014 setting out the fill area and other proposed details of the project for Phase I. No details concerning Phase II were presented to the Board.

The Phase 1 proposed fill area would be 2.746 hectares and the volume of fill required would be approximately 56,263 cubic metres. Mr. Amirnezhad was not called by the Applicant as a witness.

By the time the site plan was prepared, the Respondent municipality had adopted By-Law 2014-31. It is admitted by the Applicant that he has not submitted an application to the Municipality under Section 6 of the Fill By-Law. He does not object to the \$2,000.00 application fee but does object to paying the refundable deposit of \$20,000.00 to cover the costs of the Town for peer reviews. He also does not object to payment of the refundable security deposit of \$20,000.00 in the event that approval is given to an application.

Soilcan has undertaken to carry out the preliminary procedures and investigations on behalf of Mr. Cox. In addition to the preparation of the site plan, Soilcan obtained confirmation from the Niagara Escarpment Commission that the subject lands were outside of the Niagara Escarpment Plan area and the Commission's development control area. As well, Soilcan confirmed that although the property fell within the watershed and jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, no part of the property is regulated by the Authority.

Mr. Cox's understanding of the project is that the fill will be placed in the ravines to provide gentler slopes resulting in him being able to increase his adult flock from 200 to 300 head.

Based on the evidence, the Board makes the following factual findings:

(1) With Respect to the Agricultural Viability of the Project

(i) The ravine area of the farm can sustain sheep without any modification. The present slopes have no effect.

(ii) Using industry standards, the proposed infilling of the ravines would enable the affected land to support only an additional 12 to 17 ewes.

(iii) A preferred alternative would be to use "cut and fill" that is bulldozing the tops of the hills into the ravines to soften the slope. Generally, the lands in question will not be improved from an agricultural perspective and will not be capable of sustaining a long term agricultural land use.

(iv) There will be a loss of productivity during the project and with the need to establish grass on the affected area, it could possibly be a further two years after the project was completed before the area could be grazed.



(v) The soil under the haul route on the farm may be compacted which will reduce the productivity of those lands for several years.

## (2) With Respect to Protection of Ground and Surface Water from Contamination

(i) The soils at the Cox farm are identified as "Ice-contact stratified deposits – sand and gravel, minor silt, clay and till". In areas such as this with sand and gravel soils, ground water moves relatively easily, giving contaminants greater mobility and putting neighbouring properties at higher risk.

(ii) The MOECC - Best Management Practices contains guidelines for the management of excess soil and suggests that there should be a fill management plan, prepared by a "Qualified Person" as defined in Ontario Regulation 153/04 to provide for continuous monitoring to exclude contaminated soil.

(iii) The Applicant's site plan, which specifically notes that inspection and monitoring would be done every two weeks, is wholly inadequate when compared with the recommendation for continuous monitoring made in the Guide for Best Management Practices. The Applicant's proposal as set out in the site plan prepared by Topotec Inc. will put neighbouring water quality at risk.

## (3) With Respect to Drainage Issues

(i) The ravine furthest to the east on the subject property and referred to in evidence as "Ravine 3" presently directs surface water to the northwest.

(ii) The site plan proposes that Ravine 3 will be filled to a depth of slightly over eight metres thereby impeding the water that naturally flows through the ravine from the neighbouring property upstream and creating a dam which will cause water to occasionally pond on the lands of the upstream landowner (the Baker/Kehoe property).

(iii) The ponding will cover an area of just under 6,000 square metres and will have a maximum depth of 4.9 metres.

## (4) With Respect to Erosion Issues

(i) A significant portion of the northern part of the site will have final land slopes in the range of 40% to as high as 58%. These slopes will accelerate run-off erosion toward the north side of the site and onto neighbouring lands to the north of the Cox property.

(ii) The proposed use of a silt fence barrier to contain silt and run-off will not be sufficient in the event of a large rain fall event.

#### (5) With Respect to the Impact on Municipal Roads

(i) The proposed entrance location for truck traffic is located in an area where visibility of south bound traffic is limited to about 130 metres which is considered unsafe and is inadequate for new entrances in the Town of Mono.

(ii) The Applicant's proposal does not contain a traffic and transportation management plan as recommended by the MOECC Best Management Practices guidelines. Such a plan would address the following considerations where applicable: location and configuration of site entrances; truck queuing and parking; dust control; mud/tracking preventions/truck cleaning and haul routes between source sites, receiving site and temporary soil storage sites.

#### C. THE ACT

The objectives of The Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998 are set out in its preamble, which states as follows:

"It is desirable to conserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural lands for the production of food, fibre and other agricultural or horticultural products.

Agricultural activities may include intensive operations that may cause discomfort and inconveniences to those on adjacent lands.

Because of the pressures exerted on the agricultural community, it is increasingly difficult for agricultural owners and operators to effectively produce food, fibre and other agricultural or horticultural products.

It is in the provincial interest that in agricultural areas, agricultural uses and normal farm practices be promoted and protected in a way that balances the needs of the agricultural community with provincial health, safety and environmental concerns."

Subsections 6(1) through 6(3) provide as follows:

"6(1) No municipal by-law applies to restrict a normal farm practice carried on as part of an agricultural operation.

(2) A person described in Subsection (3) or a municipality may apply to the Board, in a form acceptable to it, for a determination as to whether a practice is a normal farm practice for purposes of the non-application of a municipal by-law.

(3) An application may be made by,

(a) Farmers were are directly affected by a municipal by-law that may have the effect of restricting a normal farm practice in connection with an agricultural operation; and

(b) Persons who want to engage in a normal farm practice as part of an agricultural operation on land in the municipality and have demonstrable plans for it."

Subsection 6(15) sets out the factors which must be considered by the Board in determining whether or not a practice is a normal farm practice. It states as follows:

"In determining whether a practice is a normal farm practice, the Board shall consider the following factors:

1. The purpose of the by-law that has the effect of restricting the farm practice.
2. The effect of the farm practice on abutting lands and neighbours.
3. Whether the by-law reflects a provincial interest as established under any other piece of legislation or policy statement.
4. The specific circumstances pertaining to the site."

"Normal farm practice" is defined as meaning a practice that:

(a) is conducted in a manner consistent with proper and acceptable customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations under similar circumstances; or

(b) makes use of innovative technology in a manner consistent with property advanced farm management practices."

#### **D. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

##### **Issues to be Determined**

The issues to be determined by the Board are:

1. Is the proposed practice part of or ancillary to an agricultural operation?
2. Does Mr. Cox have demonstrable plans for the proposed practice?
3. Is the proposed practice a normal farm practice?
4. If the practice is a normal farm practice, is it restricted by the Fill By-Law?

### Agricultural Operation

Mr. Cox' use of the property for the producing and raising of sheep is an agricultural operation as defined in Subsection 1(2)(b)(i) of the Act. However, the proposed practice does not fall under any of the other headings in the Subsection and can only be justified under Subsection 1(2)(j) which states that it must be a necessary but ancillary part of an agricultural operation.

In order to qualify, the Applicant must prove on the balance of probabilities that the importation of fill for the purpose described by the Applicant is necessary to improve the land for sheep grazing. The evidence provided by the Respondent municipality through its expert witnesses, Mr. Fenlak and Mr. Stovel, which evidence was uncontradicted by the Applicant, shows that the improvement to the land for sheep grazing would be minimal and that a cut and fill operation would be a reasonable alternative. For this reason alone, the application would be dismissed.

Counsel for the Respondent municipality urged us to find that the large scale importation of fill does not constitute a part of an agricultural operation, but rather a commercial fill operation, based on decisions of the Environmental Review Tribunal and the Superior Court of Ontario. The Board is not prepared to make such a broad statement based on the two cases cited, namely: *Livingston v. Niagara Escarpment Commission* [2014] O.E.R.T.D. no. 9 and *Uxbridge (Township) v. Corbar Holdings Inc.* [2012] O.J. no. 3558.

This Board deals with site specific issues and therefore it would be dangerous for the Board to make such a broad statement based on other fill operations without similar circumstances. The purpose of this Board is to determine what is and what is not a "normal farm practice". In particular, the latter decision disposes of the normal farm practice argument in one paragraph, does not consider Subsection 6(15) of the Act and concludes that since the farmer had not sought relief from this Board the Court was open to infer that the farmer was not in a position to establish that the depositing of fill on the property fell within the definition of normal farm practice.

Consequently, cases involving the large scale importation of fill and site alteration by-laws must be dealt with on a case by case basis. The decisions of specialized tribunals such as this Board should be given deference by other decision makers.

### Demonstrable Plan

"Demonstrable" is defined by the Oxford Dictionary as meaning "clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved".

The only evidence of the proposed practice before the Board consists of the site plan prepared by Mr. Amirnezhad supported by evidence from Mr. Cox and Mr. Iachetta. Details of the proposal are merely set out as 13 points notated on the site plan itself. Mr. Amirnezhad was not called as a witness by the Applicant to provide further details for the proposal.

The Respondent municipality has provided evidence which proves to the satisfaction of the Board that some of the details of the proposed plan are incorrect and lacking in specificity.

The Board finds that the evidence presented by the Applicant falls short of logically proving the plan for the proposed fill operation. Where the impact on the farm itself, abutting neighbours and other residents of the Municipality could be at risk, the Board finds that the Applicant has a duty to provide as much detail as possible in order to allow the Board to address these concerns.

The Board therefore finds that the Applicant has failed to show that he is a person who has demonstrable plans for the purported normal farm practice. For that reason as well, the application would fail.

### **Proposed Fill Operation as a Normal Farm Practice**

#### **Other Fill Operations**

The Applicant called Keith Wilson as a witness to provide evidence with respect to a fill operation on a gravel pit which is being rehabilitated with importation of fill by Soilcan. This is a pit rehabilitation which is governed by the Aggregate Resources Act. Mr. Iachetta also provided information concerning other fill operations in which he had been involved.

With respect to the issue of normal farm practice, the focus of the Board is site specific. Subsection 6(15)(4) of the Act states that one of the factors the Board must consider are the specific circumstances pertaining to the site in question. In other words, what might be a normal farm practice on one site may not be a normal farm practice on another.

The public should realize that if the Board finds that a fill operation or proposal is not a normal farm practice in any particular case, it may, depending on the circumstances, find it to be a normal farm practice in another. Notwithstanding this fact, evidence of comparable operations in similar circumstances can be of assistance to the Board where circumstances are similar in an attempt to show that the proposal or practice is consistent with proper and acceptable customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations.

The Wilson fill operation is not a similar agricultural operation. The rehabilitation of the pit is governed by the Aggregate Resources Act and monitored by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests. Furthermore, all drainage remains on-site on the Wilson property; whereas on the Cox property, all drainage will drain off-site.

#### Innovative Technology

The other branch of the normal farm practice definition allows the Board to find that a practice is a normal farm practice where it makes use of innovative technology in a manner consistent with proper advanced farm management practices. There is no evidence before the Board that the fill proposal of Mr. Cox is consistent with proper advanced farm management practices. In fact, there is no evidence that there are any proper advanced farm management practices for this kind of situation.

What we do have is the MOECC – Best Management Practice document that deals broadly with the management of excess soil. The Board accepts this document as the best evidence available to it in the nature of a proper advanced farm management practice.

#### Consideration of Subsection 6(15) Factors

##### Purpose of the Fill By-Law

The purpose of the Fill By-Law is to control and regulate the placing or removal of fill or otherwise performing a site alteration. In his evidence, Mr. Feniak opined that municipalities enact site alteration by-laws that are used for engineering purposes to preserve topsoil on farmlands, to prevent drainage disputes, to protect downstream properties and water courses from sedimentation damage and erosion, to protect ground and surface water from contamination, to avoid dust complaints, to protect municipal roadways and to ensure operations are conducted within business hours that are in keeping with local expectations. He further gave the opinion that his review of the Fill By-Law provides adequate, appropriate and suitable protection in these areas.

##### Effects on Abutting Lands and Neighbours

The Board has found that the proposal as presented by Mr. Cox at this hearing will put water quality on neighbouring lands at risk of contamination. The proposed plan will also create drainage issues with respect to the upstream lands of Baker and Kehoe. The Board has further found that the proposed plan will also negatively affect the lands to the north of the Cox property by subjecting them to run-off erosion. The issue of dust control has not been properly dealt with in connection with the haul route on the Cox farm and the residence to the immediate west of the Cox farm.



Without a traffic and transportation management plan as recommended by the MOECC - Best Management Practices Guidelines, there will be no control on delivery times, trucking queuing and parking.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Line is land which abuts the Cox farm. It is a municipal right of way owned and maintained by the Town of Mono. The proposal will have two significant impacts on this road. Firstly, the proposal for the entrance location for truck traffic is unsafe and inadequate for new entrances in the Town of Mono. Secondly, the proposal will generate substantial volumes of truck traffic with no provision for load limits, the clean-up of spills or the tracking of soil onto the road surface.

#### Provincial Interest

The Fill By-Law reflects a provincial interest by incorporating a requirement for a detailed report in conformity with the best management practices set out in the MOECC – Best Management Practices Guidelines. Although this document is not legislation or a policy statement, it is an extension of the mandate of MOECC under the Environmental Protection Act whose stated purpose is “to provide for the protection and conservation of the natural environment in matters relating to potential impacts on ground water and surface water quality.”

The Fill By-Law also reflects provincial interest under the Ontario Water Resources Act whose stated purpose is “to provide for the conservation, protection and management of Ontario’s waters and for their efficient and sustainable use, in order to promote Ontario’s long term environmental, social and economic wellbeing relating to drainage of surface waters and erosion control.”

The Fill By-Law also reflects the provincial interest as established by the Municipal Act under whose jurisdiction the by-law was passed.

#### Specific Circumstances Pertaining to the Site

The Board has made a finding that the proposed fill operation will not significantly affect the agricultural viability of the farm. The present use for the pasture of sheep will not be enhanced with the proposed changes in contour, only enabling the affected land to support an additional 12 to 17 ewes.

Because of the nature of the soil on this farm, the risk of contamination to the water table is increased by the fact that the proposal only requires inspection and monitoring every two weeks.

Because of the changes to the contours of the land, the evidence discloses that there is the risk of changing the natural flow of surface water and causing flooding on abutting lands.

Because of the steep slope of Ravine 3 as proposed by the site plan, there is a risk of accelerated run off erosion on neighbouring lands to the north of the Cox property.

#### **E. CONCLUSION**

The Board therefore concludes that the Applicant's proposal is not a normal farm practice for the purposes of the non-application of the Fill By-Law. Further, the Applicant does not have standing to bring this Application as he has failed to prove that the proposal is ancillary to an agricultural operation or that he has demonstrable plans. As a result of these determinations, it is not necessary for the Board to consider whether or not the proposal is restricted by the Fill By-Law.

For the above reasons, the Application is dismissed.

DATED: February 22, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn C. Walker', written over a horizontal line.

Glenn C. Walker, Vice-Chair

## Denise Holmes

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**From:** Annette Simonian <asimonian@augusta.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2016 9:55 AM  
**To:** asimonian@augusta.ca  
**Subject:** Lyme Disease  
**Attachments:** DOC (004).PDF

Hi,

The Council of the Township of Augusta considered the above matter at a meeting held May 24, 2016.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the adopted resolution passed by our council.

Regards,

**Annette Simonian**  
**Clerk**  
**Augusta Township**  
3560 County Road 26  
Prescott, ON K0E 1T0  
613-925-4231 X 105

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# TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Moved By: Bill Buckler

Date: May 24, 2016

Seconded By: George Elliott

Report: 2016-052

Resolution No 7

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Lyme disease resolution passed by the Niagara Region at their April 28, 2016 meeting and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Augusta request the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada provide increased funding for research aimed to eradicate Lyme disease carrying ticks and;

THAT the Municipality of Augusta requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada provide funding or increased funding for research aimed to test the efficacy of the vaccines developed in the United States or to develop a new Canadian vaccine for the control of Lyme disease in humans and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Ontario MPPs.

## RECORDED VOTE:

	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Buckler	—	—
Councillor Conklin	—	—
Deputy Mayor Elliott	—	—
Mayor Malanka	—	—
Councillor Wynands	—	—

CARRIED Mayor Malanka  
Mayor

DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Declaration of pecuniary interest by: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- ☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
- ☐ Abstained from discussion & did not vote on the question

May 17, 2016

**Re: Resolution for Private Supportive Living Accommodations**

At the regular meeting of The Township of Gillies held May 9, 2016, Council considered correspondence regarding the City of Welland's request for the development of Provincial Legislation for Private Supportive Living Accommodations.

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Council at the meeting:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/110**

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide:

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Township of Gillies supports the development of Provincial Legislation requiring the registration, licensing, and setting Provincial Standards, for Private Supportive Living Accommodations, where the operator provides accommodations and where the operator provides or arranges for services that relate to the health, safety and security of the residents; and further

THAT the Township of Gillies requests the support of the local MP and MPP and that a copy of this recommendation be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities and their local MPPs, AMO and FCM for support

**CARRIED**

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 807-475-3185 or [gillies@tbaytel.net](mailto:gillies@tbaytel.net).

Sincerely,



Shara Lavallée  
Clerk

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May 17, 2016

**Re: Bill 180, Workers Day of Mourning Act, 2016**

At the regular meeting of The Township of Gillies held May 9, 2016, Council considered correspondence regarding Bill 180, Workers Day of Mourning Act, 2016 and supporting the Act to proclaim a Workers Day of Mourning.

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Council at the meeting:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/109**

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Wright:

BE IT RESOLVED The Township of Gillies supports Bill 180, Workers Day of Mourning Act, 2016, and directs that a letter of support be sent to AMO and all municipalities

**CARRIED**

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 807-475-3185 or [gillies@tbaytel.net](mailto:gillies@tbaytel.net).

Sincerely,



Shara Lavallée  
Clerk

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May 17, 2016

**Re: Suspension of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program**

At the regular meeting of The Township of Gillies held May 9, 2016, Council considered correspondence regarding the suspension of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program and supports the Municipality of South Dundas' request for the Government of Ontario to reconsider the suspension of and the integration of the RED program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund.

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Council at the meeting:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/111**

Moved by Councillor O'Gorman; Seconded by Councillor Groenheide:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Gillies asks the government of Ontario to reconsider the suspension of and the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund with the view of ensuring that Rural Economic Development Program stays as an intricate funding program of the Province that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities in Ontario

**CARRIED**

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 807-475-3185 or [gillies@tbaytel.net](mailto:gillies@tbaytel.net).

Sincerely,



Shara Lavallée  
Clerk

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May 12, 2016

Denise B. Holmes, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Melancthon  
Michael Giles, Chief Building Official, County of Dufferin  
Tim Salkeld, Resource Planner, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

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FILE NUMBER: D/R/2016-2017/46

APPLICANT: Kelly Gee and Andrew Gee  
AGENT: No agent  
OWNER: Same as applicant

LOCATION: Part Lot 8, Concession Plan 132  
4 Fieldway Court  
Township of Melancthon, County of Dufferin

RELATED FILES: D/R/2014-2015/243; D/R/2014-2015/166; D/R/2004-2005/163.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To construct a 2 storey, 445.92 sq. m. (4800 sq. ft.) single dwelling (with attached garage), a 1 storey, 9.29 sq. m. (100 sq. ft.) accessory building, on-site sewage disposal system, driveway and well on a vacant .71 ha (1.76 ac) lot.

\*This application is similar to NEC file D/R/2014-2015/243, however the building envelope has been moved closer to the roadway to mitigate impacts on the forested hillside.

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The attached Development Permit application, which is summarized above, is being sent to you for your review. Your comments and recommendations are requested for the Niagara Escarpment Commission's consideration.

We request your comments by: **June 13, 2016**. If we do not receive your comments, we will assume you have no objection to the proposal. If you require additional time to provide comments, please call immediately.

If you require further information, please contact Sean Stewart, at (905) 877-8581 or e-mail: [sean.d.stewart@ontario.ca](mailto:sean.d.stewart@ontario.ca)

FILE # D/R/2016-2017/046  
(For NEC office use only)



## NIAGARA ESCARPMENT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

(Revised April 17, 2014)

THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, RSO, 1980, AS AMENDED

<p><b>NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION</b> 232 Guelph Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Georgetown, ON L7G 4B1</p> <p>Phone: 905-877-5191 Fax: 905-873-7452 Website: <a href="http://www.escarpment.org">www.escarpment.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:necgeorgetown@ontario.ca">necgeorgetown@ontario.ca</a></p> <p><i>Serving the areas of:</i></p> <p>Dufferin County Region of Halton Region of Peel Region of Niagara City of Hamilton</p>	<p><b>NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION</b> Box 308, 99 King Street East Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0</p> <p>Phone: 519-599-3340 Fax: 519-599-6326 Website: <a href="http://www.escarpment.org">www.escarpment.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:necthornbury@ontario.ca">necthornbury@ontario.ca</a></p> <p><i>Serving the areas of:</i></p> <p>Bruce County Grey County Simcoe County</p>
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**RECEIVED**  
MAY 09 2016  
NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION

- Please ensure that the information you provide in this application is complete and accurate.
- Incomplete or inaccurate information will delay the processing of your application.
- Please contact your local Commission office if you have any questions about your proposal or this application.

### 1. APPLICANT

Name: Andrew Gee / Kelly Gee

Mailing Address: 129 Main St. Hornings Mills ON L9V 1X5  
Street/P.O. Box City/Town Province Postal Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. AGENT (if any)

Note: All correspondence will be sent to the Agent where an Agent is designated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City/Town Province Postal Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. OWNER (if different from applicant)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City/Town Province Postal Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. CONTRACTOR (if applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City/Town Province Postal Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. PROPERTY LOCATION**

County/Region Dufferin Municipality Melton (former) Municipality \_\_\_\_\_  
Lot 13 Concession 1 and/or Lot 8 Plan 132  
Civic Address # \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fire/Emergency #)

**6. LOT INFORMATION**

Lot Size 1.76 acres Frontage 315.72 ft Depth Irregular shape

**7. SERVICING**

Existing Road Frontage:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way	<input type="checkbox"/> Year-round
Proposed Road Frontage:	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way	<input type="checkbox"/> Year-round
Existing Water Supply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Communal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Proposed Water Supply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Communal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Existing Sewage System:	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Communal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Septic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Proposed Sewage System:	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Communal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Septic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**8. EXISTING and PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

Note: "Development" includes the construction of buildings and structures, alterations to the landscape, (e.g. placing fill, drainage alterations, pond construction or alteration), any change of use or new use (e.g. residential to commercial, new home business, etc). If additional space is required please include a separate attachment.

**Existing Development:** (describe)

Residential \_\_\_\_\_  
Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  
Agricultural \_\_\_\_\_  
Commercial \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., industrial, institutional)

**Proposed Development:** (describe)

2 story house with garage & shed

**9. EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS**

Describe the type and terms of any easements, right-of-ways, covenants, agreements or other restrictions registered on or affecting the title of the property and/or attach a copy:

**10. DATE OF PURCHASE**

Date the property was purchased by the current owner: April 14 2016

Date the property will be purchased by the applicant (if purchasing from current owner): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note regarding Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16:**

Depending on the type or nature of the proposed development and/or the characteristics of the property, supporting information such as Environmental Impact Studies, Landscape Plans, Lighting Plans, Visual Assessments, Grading Plans, Erosion Control Plans, Slope Stability Studies, etc., may be required in support of the following information.

**11. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

**PLEASE NOTE**

Ground Floor Area is the total exterior measurements of any building, including attached garages and enclosed decks (as applicable).

Total Floor Area (i.e., total mass) is based on the exterior measurements of the building and includes the total of the ground floor area (including attached garages, etc), plus walkout basements, plus full or half second stories, etc.

Maximum Height is measured from the lowest grade (e.g., walkout side), to the peak of the roof.

	Ground Floor Area (Exterior measurements)	Total Floor Area	# of Storeys	Maximum Height (to peak)	Use of structure
Dwelling	2800 sq ft	4800 sq ft	2	32'	
Dwelling Addition					
Accessory Building 1	100 sq ft	100 sq ft	1	12'	storage
Accessory Building 2					
Accessory Building Addition					
Other Building					
Demolition (specify what structure)					

\*If fill is required for any of the developments proposed above please provide details in Section 12 below.

**12. ACCESSORY FACILITIES, STRUCTURES, FILLING, GRADING, etc.**

(e.g.: Driveways, Decks, Gazebos, Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, Lighting, Signs, Wind Turbines, free-standing Solar Panels, Hydro Poles/Lines, Retaining Walls, Placement of Fill, Grading, Berms, Parking Areas, Tree/Site Clearing, etc.) (See next page for Ponds)

Describe and provide information such as: dimensions, size, height, amount of fill etc.

Cut and fill driveway as per site plan. All fill generated from site.  
Grading to accommodate proposed construction only

**13. HOME BUSINESS, CHANGE OF USE, NEW USE**

(e.g.: Establishing a Home Business, Home Occupation, Home Industry or Bed and Breakfast business.  
Converting or changing the use, or establishing a new use on a property or within any dwelling building or structure on a property.)

Describe the proposed business or new use and provide information such as:

Type of business or use, size or area of building &/or land to be occupied or altered by the use, construction or alteration details, number of employees, access, parking, storage details, sales, hours of operation, signage, etc.

Note: A separate, detailed, business overview or plan should be provided.

#### 14. PONDS – New pond / Existing pond work – dredging, maintenance, repair, etc.)

The following information is the minimum information that is required for pond construction or alteration/maintenance. Generally, a hydrology/hydrogeology report and/or an environmental impact assessment is also required.

Pond is: ☐ Proposed ☐ Existing

Type of Pond: ☐ Dug ☐ Spring-fed ☐ Other (e.g., on-stream, by-pass) \_\_\_\_\_

Use of Pond: ☐ Recreation ☐ Livestock/farm ☐ Irrigation ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Water Source: ☐ Precipitation/run-off ☐ Springs ☐ Well ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Pond: Water Area \_\_\_\_\_ Depth of Water \_\_\_\_\_  
Height of Banks \_\_\_\_\_ Width of Banks \_\_\_\_\_

Setbacks: Distance to nearest watercourse, wetland and/or roadside ditch: \_\_\_\_\_  
Distance to nearest existing or proposed septic system: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Details/Inflow/Outflow Details, Emergency Outflow/Spillway Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
(describe type of construction, water supply, receiving area or watercourse, etc.)

Erosion/sediment control measures: \_\_\_\_\_

Placement of excavated material: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish grading and landscaping: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 15. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

If your proposal involves agricultural land or uses, indicate and briefly describe here; and complete other sections of this application form as applicable. Note: Additional detailed information may be required.

☐ Small Scale Commercial Use Accessory to Agriculture: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Mobile Dwelling Accessory to Agriculture: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Dwelling in Agricultural Area (near barns – MDS I): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Livestock Facility (MDS II): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Equestrian Facility (e.g., arenas, riding rings, events): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Farm Pond: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Winery: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Winery Event: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Farm Vacation Home: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 'Agricultural Purposes Only' (APO) Lot Creation: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 16. LOT CREATION

If this application involves the creation / severance of a new lot, please provide the following information:

i) Existing Lot:	ii) Proposed Lot:	iii) Retained Lot:	iv) Use of new Lot
Frontage _____	Frontage _____	Frontage _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential
Depth _____	Depth _____	Depth _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/APO
Size _____	Size _____	Size _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation
			<input type="checkbox"/> Lot Addition
			<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
			<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial

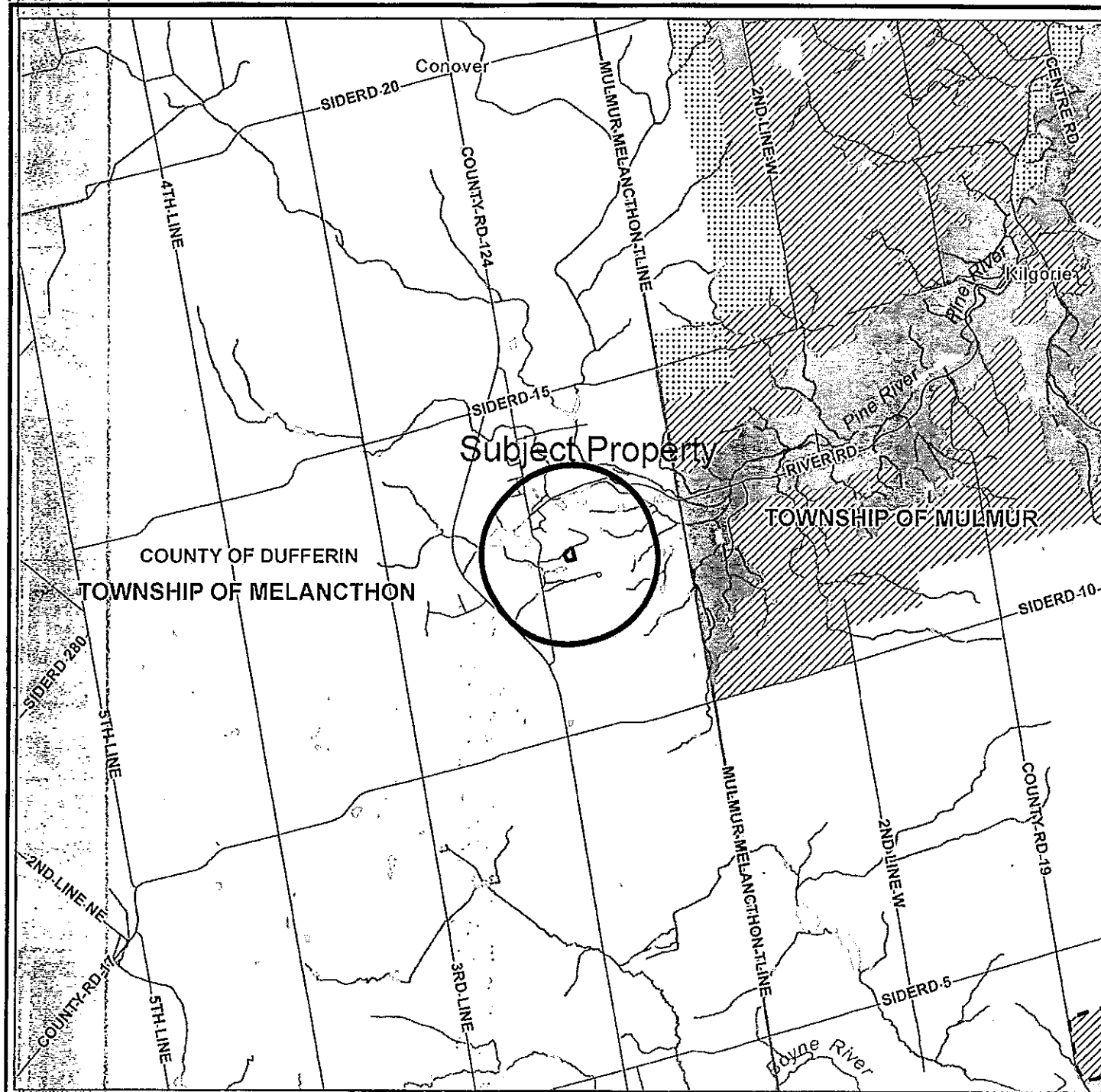
#### 17. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information to clarify your proposal may be submitted here or on a separate attachment: \_\_\_\_\_



# Map 1A Niagara Escarpment Plan

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File: D/R/2016-2017/046



- Subject Property
- Plan Designations**
  - Escarpment Natural Area
  - Escarpment Protection Area
  - Escarpment Rural Area
- Public Land (in Parks and Open Space System)
- Roads
- Waterbodies
- Watercourse
- Upper Tier Municipality
- Lower/Single Tier Municipality

NOTE: The Niagara Escarpment Plan Designation boundaries shown on this map are approximate and subject to confirmation through Site Inspection and the application of the "Interpretation of Boundaries" section of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

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








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# Map 2 - Development Control Lot Configuration

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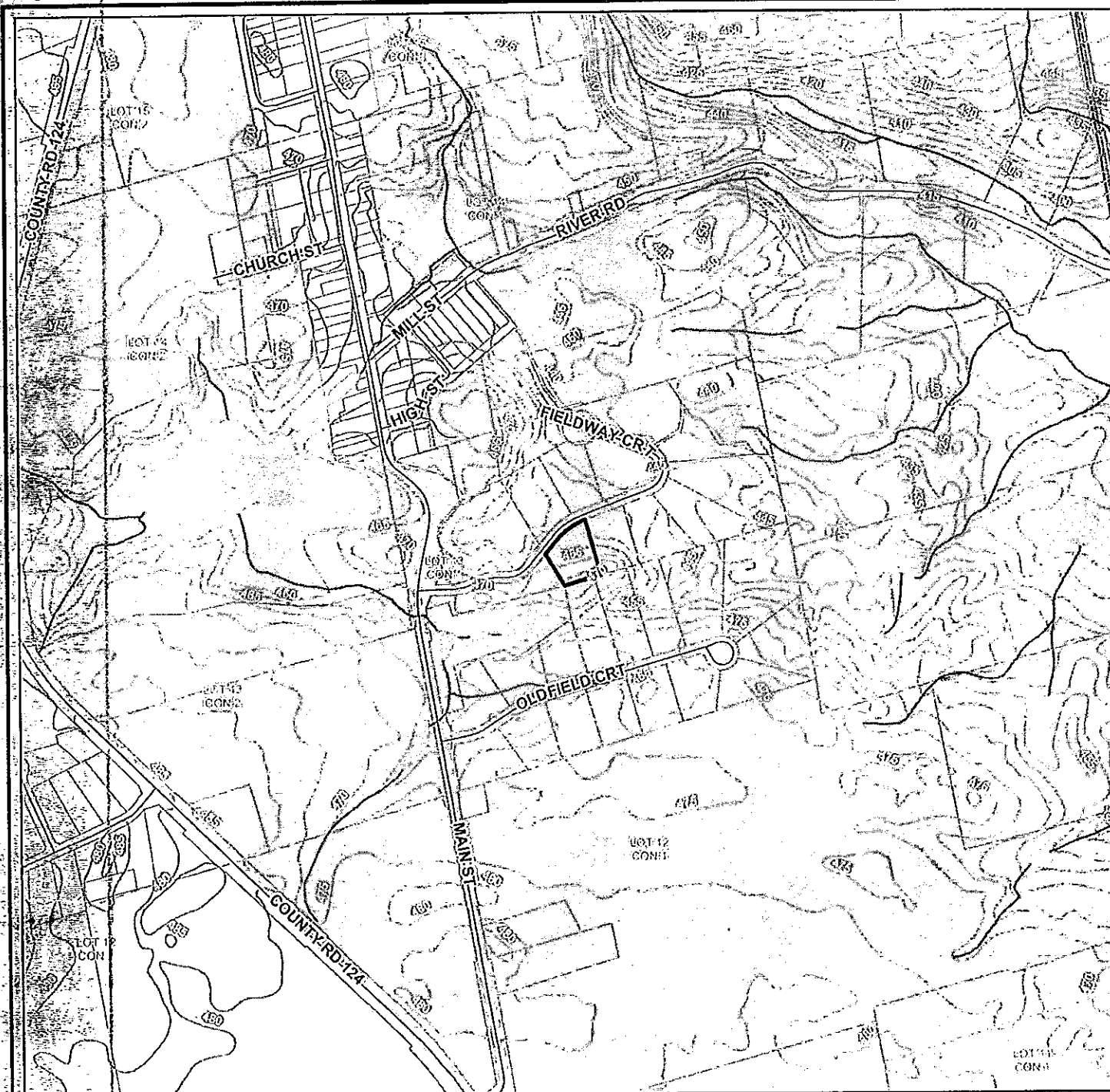
-  Subject Property
-  Niagara Escarpment Plan Area
-  Area of Development Control
-  Roads
-  Waterbodies
-  Watercourse
-  Contour (5 metre intervals)
-  Upper Tier Municipality
-  Lower/Single Tier Municipality
-  Lot and Concession Boundary
-  Parcel Boundary

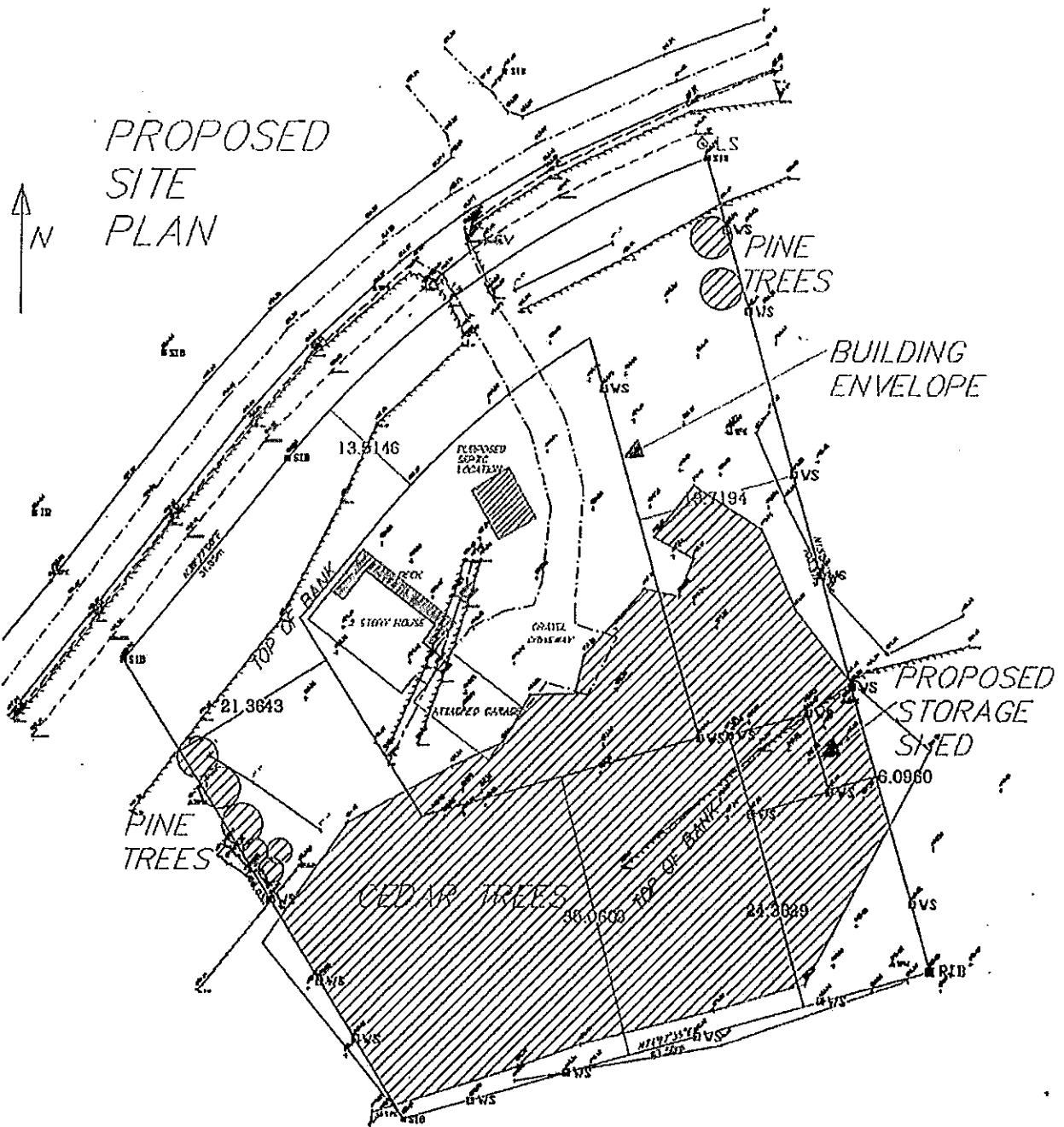
Area of Development Control Drawn for  
Conformance Only. Refer to the appropriate  
Ontario Regulation for an accurate interpretation  
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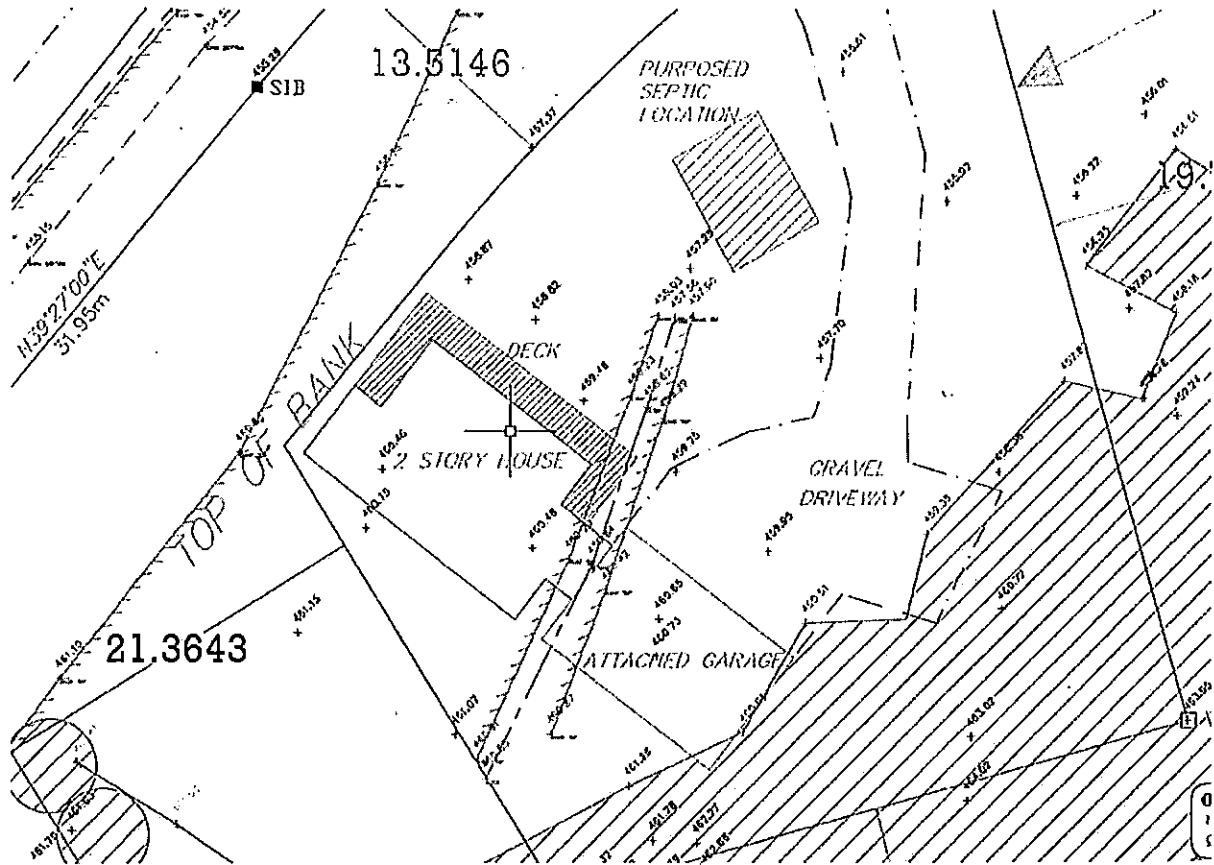
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**MAP 3**  
**Site Plan**  
 FILE NO. DIR/2016-2017/046  
 APPLICANT GEE



**MAP 3A**  
**Site Plan**  
 FILE NO. DIR/2016-207/046  
 APPLICANT GEE

**NOTIFICATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**  
**SECTION 79, THE DRAINAGE ACT, 1990**

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Date: Exd May 15 2016

The Mayor and Council,

Township of Melancthon

The undersigned, being owner(s) of the lands assessed on the  
Bradley-French Municipal Drain, herewith  
serve notice that the condition of said drainage works injuriously affects the  
following lands and that it is herewith respectfully requested to have the said  
drainage works repaired, improved, extended or altered, if necessary, under the  
provisions of the Drainage Act.

Lot	Con.	Signature of Owner
26	4NE	

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

**DRAINAGE ENGINEER'S TENDER REPORT**

TO: Mayor White and Members of Council  
FROM: Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Drainage Engineer  
RE: Tender Results: Martin Drainage Works  
DATE: May 24, 2016

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the tender for the construction of the Martin Drainage Works submitted by Hanna & Hamilton Construction Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$51,252.56 including H.S.T. be accepted.

**BACKGROUND:**

Tenders for the construction of the Martin Drainage Works closed on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Six tender packages were circulated. One bid was received as indicated on the attached Tender Opening Summary Form.

The tender has been checked and verified for accuracy. The low bidder, Hanna & Hamilton Construction Co. Ltd. have completed numerous projects in the area. They will have little difficulty completing this modest project.

The contract price exceeds our estimate however the amount is below the 133 percent provision indicated in Section 59(1) of the Drainage Act. Had the tender exceeded this threshold a meeting would have been required with the petitioner. The proposed timing and substantial completion date work well for the hauling and disposal of the excavated material from the two residential lots at the lower end of the drain.

We would recommend that the tender for the construction of the Martin Drainage Works, submitted by Hanna & Hamilton Construction Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$51,252.56 including H.S.T. be accepted.

Prepared By,



Tom Pridham, P.Eng.  
Drainage Engineer



## TENDER OPENING SUMMARY FORM

**Martin Drainage Works**

**Closing Date:**

**May 18, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Township of Melancthon**

**Tender Opening Date:**

**May 19, 2016 @ 5:45 p.m.**

**File No.: D-ME-152**

**Project No.: 300031888.0000**

BIDDER	TENDER AMOUNT (incl. HST)	CERTIFIED CHEQUE/ DEPOSIT	START DATE	SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE	BIDDER POSITION
Hanna & Hamilton Construction	\$51,252.56	✓	Aug. 15, 2016	Sept. 10, 2016	1
Demmans Excavating					
McIntyre Aggregates					
Staveley Construction					
DLG Services Inc.					
Reeves Construction					
Engineer's Estimate	\$39,550.00				

**Tender For:  
Martin Drainage Works**

**Township of Melancthon**

**R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited  
15 Townline  
Orangeville ON L9W 3R4 CANADA**

**May 2016  
300031888.0000**

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Tender For:  
Martin Drainage Works  
May 2016

**FORM OF TENDER**  
*Martin Drainage Works*

To: Mayor and Council of the Township of Melancthon

The undersigned having carefully examined the drawings, specifications and location of the work, and fully understanding all conditions, hereby offer to enter into a contract to supply all labour, equipment and materials, and construct the Martin Drainage Works for the Township of Melancthon, complete and ready for use in accordance with the specifications for the following prices:

Item	Description	Approx. Quantity	Bid Price
1.0	Install straw bale sediment trap, remove after completion of the work, cleanout of accumulated sediment as required (Sta. 050)	1 ea.	\$ <u>650.00</u>
2.0	Excavate open drain (210 cu.m), haul and dispose of excavated material, seed sideslopes and all disturbed areas (Sta. 050 to Sta. 147)	97 lin.m	\$ <u>3000.00</u>
3.0	Supply and place field stone channel lining (300 mm thickness) as detailed (Sta. 127 to Sta. 147)	20 lin.m	\$ <u>7250.00</u>
4.0	Remove and dispose of existing culverts and railings, supply and place 1880 mm x 1260 mm CSPA, 3.5 mmTh., 68 mm x 13 mm Corrugations, at 150 mm below grade including granular bedding and backfill per OPSD 802.010 (Sta. 147 to Sta. 159)	12 lin.m	\$ <u>9875.00</u>
5.0	Supply and place quarried stone rip-rap (500 mm thickness) on geotextile underlay as CSPA inlet and outlet protection (Sta. 147 and Sta. 159)	30 sq.m	\$ <u>1500.00</u>
6.0	Excavate open drain (200 cu.m), haul and dispose of excavated material, seed sideslopes and all disturbed areas (Sta. 159 to Sta. 211)	52 lin.m	\$ <u>2000.00</u>

Tender For:  
Martin Drainage Works  
May 2016

Item	Description	Approx. Quantity	Bid Price
7.0	Remove and salvage of existing culvert, supply and place 1880 mm x 1260 mm CSPA, 3.5 mmTh., 68 mm x 13 mm Corrugations, at 150 mm below grade including granular bedding and backfill per OPSD 802.010 (Sta. 211 to Sta. 225)	14 lin.m	\$ <u>8450.00</u>
8.0	Supply and place quarried stone rip-rap (500 mm thickness) on geotextile underlay as CSPA inlet and outlet protection (Sta. 211 and Sta. 225)	30 sq.m	\$ <u>1950.00</u>
9.0	Excavate open drain (465 cu.m), haul and dispose of excavated material, seed sideslopes and all disturbed areas (Sta. 225 to Sta. 336)	111 lin.m	\$ <u>5231.25</u>
10.0	Excavate open drain (290 cu.m), strip topsoil and spread and level excavated material to 150 mm thickness, replace topsoil and seed sideslopes (Sta. 336 to Sta. 475)	139 lin.m	\$ <u>2950.00</u>
<b>Contingencies</b>			
11.0	Contingency for unforeseen items		\$2,500.00
	Contract Subtotal		\$ <u>45356.25</u>
	HST (13%)		\$ <u>5896.31</u>
	Total Bid Price		\$ <u>51252.56.</u>

Tender For:  
Martin Drainage Works  
May 2016

A certified cheque for \$3,500.00 is enclosed as a tender deposit. The deposit of the successful bidder will be released when the project reaches substantial completion.

If awarded the contract, work will start on or about August 15, 2016 and will be substantially completed by September 30, 2016 weather permitting.

We carry Liability Insurance in the amount of \$ 5,000,000 with:

The Dominion of Canada Company.

Offered on behalf of the Contractor:

Accepted on behalf of the Township of Melancthon:

Name: Hanna & Hamilton Const. Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Karen Alexander Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 295 Tremaine Ave. S. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Listowel, Ont.  
N4W 2M8

Date: May 18, 2016

Phone: (519) 291-3400

This proposal of Tender Form, when signed and offered by the Contractor, shall constitute a Formal and Binding Contract when accepted by and signed on behalf of the Township of Melancthon.

May 16, 2016  
Kelly McDowell  
2 High Street  
Melancthon, ON L9V 3G2



Mayor Darren White and Council  
Township of Melancthon

Dear Mayor Darren White and Council:

I am writing today regarding the Township of Melancthon's Accessibility Plan and acquiring recreational services for my child who has special needs.

The Accessibility Plan states that the Township of Melancthon is committed to the continual improvement of access to municipal services. Recreational services, although provided through the CDRC, are paid for by Melancthon and are run partially through council members who sit on the CDRC board.

At this time, my child cannot participate in any recreational programs locally, as the CDRC does not have supports in place to participate. She requires 1:1 care for her safety and to understand, communicate and follow instruction with others.

At this time, I am attempting to sign my child up for swimming lessons for the summer but have learned that I would have to pay for a private class to have the support she requires. This would mean I would be required to pay more to make the program accessible to her and that she would not be able to participate in the regular class along with her peers.

The Township of Melancthon's Customer Service Accessibility Policy it states that reasonable efforts will be made to ensure... "persons with disabilities will be given an opportunity – equal to that given to others – to obtain, use and benefit from the goods and services".

In order to allow her access to recreational services, and to participate equally to typically developing children, I am requesting that the Township of Melancthon consider providing 1:1 support for my daughter in a regular swim class or provide private classes at the same fee as the regular class.

Further, I am hoping our council members who sit on the CDRC board will discuss with the CDRC developing a more inclusive accessibility policy which has consideration towards varying disabilities. I would be happy to answer any questions Council or the CDRC have on this matter.

Please accept my thanks for your time and consideration of my request.

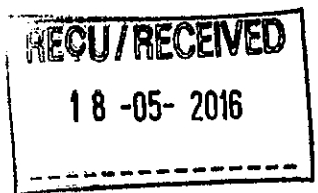
Sincerely,

Kelly McDowell

Act 4

JUN 02 2016





To Council,

Re: McCue Drainage Works By-law

May 18, 2016

Evan Bearss

643132 270 Sideroad, Melancthon (Lot 11 Concession 4)

Act 5

JUN 02 2016

Dear Council,

I live at 643132 270 Sideroad, Lot 11 Concession 4. I had taken ownership of the property on August 7, 2015 and was not aware of the works on McCue Drain that were to be performed. I received a Notice of Assessment for the drainage works on April 11, 2016 after the maintenance of the drain was completed however, I did not receive a notice that there were changes to the original by-law.

Please note that an amendment to the assessment schedules for the by-law for the McCue Drainage Works was directed by the clerk to the engineer on December 23, 2015 to reflect the **correction of the watershed boundaries**. Since the municipality recognized a new connection to the drainage basin and that changes to the nature and extent of the use of the drainage works was in need of updating, this should have triggered a new assessment for the entire drainage basin for all land owners that could be affected by the change. However, this does not specifically deal with the current issues of the assessment for Lot 11 Concession 4.

#### **Changes in assessment**

Subsequent connection to drainage works, etc.

**65(3)** If an owner of land that is not assessed for a drainage works subsequently connects the land with the drainage works for the purpose of drainage, or if the nature or extent of the use of a drainage works by land assessed for the drainage works is subsequently altered, the clerk of the local municipality in which the land is situate shall instruct an engineer in writing to inspect the land and assess it for a just proportion of the drainage works, taking into account any compensation paid to the owner of the land in respect of the drainage works. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 1, s. 2 (26).

In pursuant of Section 65(3) I urge the municipality to instruct the engineer to assess Lot 11 Concession 4 for just proportion of drainage works due to the alteration of the nature of use on the property given updates in current land use legislation and municipal policies as well as the possibility of hydrological changes given the subsequent connection of upstream lands to the drainage basin. Below are two points for the basis of assessment:

1. It can be reasonably assumed that since upstream lands that have not been connected to the drainage network are now connected to the system; hydrological changes (e.g. more water being discharged from upstream areas to downstream areas) that did not exist under the original by-law, now currently exist (or have, but were not originally assessed property);
2. The nature and extent of the use of the drainage works by land assessed for the drainage works has been subsequently altered. The report is significantly outdated and

due consideration has not been given for current uses of the land given changes in provincial legislation. Updates to land use legislation has been developed since the creation of the original report and by-law in 1989 and it is the municipality's responsibility to ensure that all lands assessed that contribute to the works are assessed for a just portion of drainage works in light of these changes.

Below is an explanation of why the assessment for the current works is improper:

After inquiring about how the assessment for the maintenance works was conducted, I was informed by Tom Pridham, P. Eng of R.J Burnside that he used the report from 1989 and pro-rated the assessment. This is typically called a "Pro Rata Assessment" and is common practice for routine maintenance works on drains.

A "Pro Rata Assessment" is that the estimated cost is divided among all the properties in **exactly the same proportion as the cost was divided under the last previous report and by-law**. To make such an assessment, the engineer takes the Assessment Schedule from the last report and "pro rates" the present estimated cost over all of the properties shown in the old bylaw. If a particular parcel paid, say 10% of the cost the last time, it would be assessed 10% of the cost this time. This method may be used **only** if the following five conditions exist:

- (1) The work is strictly the repair of an existing municipal drain;
- (2) The work covers the same length of the drain as the last previous report and bylaw;
- (3) The work to be done is similar in all respects to the work under the previous report;
- (4) **The conditions and land use in the watershed have not changed since the last report;**
- (5) The Engineer who made the previous report and assessment was knowledgeable and experienced.

If *all* five of these conditions do not exist, this method is quite improper and **an entirely new assessment must be worked out to represent the current proposal and conditions on the landscape**.

Since the entire drain was to be repaired and it is assumed that the original report and assessment was completed by a competent engineer, it would be easy to validate a Pro Rata Assessment. However, given that the municipality has recognized a change in connection that ultimately affects the extent of the drainage, a pro-rated assessment is not appropriate and a completely new assessment for all landowners affected by the change in drainage is required. Under the new assessment, the assessment for benefit will also need to be updated given due consideration for current use of the lands.

Moving forward, I would like to point out how the Assessment for Benefit was completed under the old by-law and why a new assessment is required for my property:

To assess for Benefit there must be a particular benefit to the lands assessed, not just some probable, general benefit to all of the lands in the locality. Benefit is the advantages to any

lands, roads, buildings or other structures from the construction, improvement, repair or maintenance of a drainage works such as will result in a higher market value or increased crop production or improved appearance or better control of surface or subsurface water, or any other advantages relating to the betterment of lands, roads, buildings or other structures as defined in The Drainage Act both under the Definition contained in Section 1 as well as in Section 22.

These matters to be considered are as follows:

- Higher market value
- Increased crop production
- Improved appearance
- Better control of surface or subsurface water
- Any other advantages relating to the betterment of the lands, roads, buildings or other structures.

Since 1989 provincial land use legislation has changed dramatically, with the introduction of the Planning Act and updates to the Provincial Policy Statement that gave emphasis to effective land use planning and allowing Municipalities to create Official Plans to promote sustainable economic development and healthy natural environments within the provincial policy framework.

It would appear that through the Planning Act the Township had created an Official Plan to deal with the legislative updates to guide future land use. On the Township of Melancthon's Official Plan 2014 Schedule A-3, it would appear that that the majority of Lot 11 Concession 4 is considered to be Environmental Protection and Environmental Conservation with a small portion designated as Rural for the dwelling. Schedule D further identifies these Natural Heritage Features as Provincially and Locally Significant Wetlands and Schedule E identifies them as Significant Woodlands. Given that these Natural Heritage Features, that are identified by the Towns OP and on a provincial level have been legally recognized since the creation of the 1989 McCue Drainage Works by-law and there are currently new encumbrances on the land that restricts development opportunities that were not in place before, it can be concluded that the use or potential use of the lands within the drainage works has been altered.

Although the policies within the Towns OP clearly indicate that development within these areas may be restricted and subject to setbacks, it further states that in nothing in the policies shall limit agriculture uses. It may be argued that the lands could reasonably be used for agricultural purposes in the future and should be assessed for benefit of drainage. However, since the PSW on Lot 11 Concession 4 has been recognized on a provincial level, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has offered conservation incentives for the long-term protection of the Natural Heritage Feature (since no current legal grounds restrict the use of agriculture). The incentive is offered through the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program that alleviates all taxable proportion of the property that the feature is located on for the land owner. This encourages property owners who practice agriculture to avoid using these sensitive areas for cultivation at no cost. As the new property owner I am continuing to claim this portion of the

property under the CLTIP and it is reasonable to conclude that agricultural practices in these areas will not be pursued in the future.

The province has also recognized the importance of preservation and good management of woodlands to avoid clear cutting and cultivation (again, since no current legal grounds restrict the use of agriculture within these features). Through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, eligible woodlands are entitled to a 75% tax rebate on lands that are to be managed according to the provincial standards. Since the portions of my property that are not covered under the CLTIP are eligible for the MFTIP, I am currently completing a management plan to enter into the program this year.

Given that my property is of provincial and municipal interest for reasons other than agricultural, there are large tax incentives for me to keep them on the landscape and not pursue cultivation. Draining of these lands would ultimately reduce the total area of the wetlands that could be claimed for tax reductions and reduce the marketability for resale as well as reduce the ecological function and personal enjoyment/esthetics of the lands. It could be concluded that in actuality, there is not a financial benefit for the maintenance of the drain but a hindrance for Lot

#### **Improving, upon examination and report of engineer**

**78. (1)** If a drainage works has been constructed under a by-law passed under this Act or any predecessor of this Act, and the council of the municipality that is responsible for maintaining and repairing the drainage works considers it appropriate to undertake one or more of the projects listed in subsection (1.1) for the better use, maintenance or repair of the drainage works or of lands or roads, the municipality may undertake and complete the project in accordance with the report of an engineer appointed by it and without the petition required by section 4. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 1, s. 2 (27).

#### **Projects**

**(1.1)** The projects referred to in subsection (1) are:

1. Changing the course of the drainage works;

.....

11 Concession 4. Management of the drain will decrease the market value given that higher taxes can be levied on the property with any reduction of size in the wetlands or function.

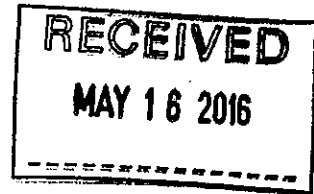
Since the drain is required for many of my neighbors for their agricultural practices, I doubt that a petition to abandon the drain would make me a popular neighbor however, moving forward, I would like to review the possibility of having the drain moved off of my property and into the road right-of-way for the better use of the landscape so this area can be restored with natural self-sustaining vegetation to better provide ecological improvements to the watershed pursuant to Section 78(1)(1.1).

I hope that the municipality can agree that there have been significant land use legislative changes that directly affect how the land is being used/can be used on my property and these changes have not been properly assessed. I urge the municipality to exercise good judgment and provide a pragmatic solution to rectify the assessment with regards to provincial policies that recognize the change in land use and how the lands use of the drainage works has been altered from these changes.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Evan Bearss



Application for Special Event Permit  
Schedule "A" to By-law 2013 - SS

Applicant Name: DUNADEL GOLF COURSE  
Organization: DAVID B. CAMERON (FESTIVAL ON #10)  
Address: 159291 Hwy #10 Postal Code: NOC-1B0  
Telephone: Day 519-923-9616 Evening 519-373-1977 CELL  
Email: DCAMERON@DUNADEL.COM (LOWER CASE)  
Date(s) of Proposed Event: JULY 30, 2016  
Time(s) of Proposed Event: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Location of the Event: DUNADEL GOLF COURSE (DRIVING RANGE)  
Property Owner (if different than applicant): \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Contact (if different than applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the Proposed Event:

FAMILY DAY MUSIC EVENT  
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, SCAVENGER HUNT,  
WAGON RIDES, CHILDRENS GOLF CONTESTS, DUNK TANK  
FISHING DERBY (CHILDRENS CATCH AND RELEASE  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

2. Does this event require the use of Municipal Property (i.e. roads, facilities)? ☒ Y ☐ N

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many people are expected to attend the event: 300 - 500  
Note: Major Events of 1,000 people or more require the approval of Council.

4. Does the event involve the use and/or sale of alcohol? ☒ Y ☐ N  
Note: Licensed events on Municipal property must comply with the Melancthon Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy.

5. The OPP Dufferin County Detachment has been notified of this event: ☒ Y ☐ N  
Written confirmation from the OPP may be required.

6. What is the Zoning designation on the subject property? OS1 RECREATIONAL

7. Proof of Current Insurance Attached: ☒ Y ☐ N

Regular Event	Event Involving Use/Sale of Alcohol
Provide proof of current liability insurance in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).	Provide proof of current liability insurance in the minimum amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

Note: The Certificate of Insurance shall identify the address of the event as being the insured property.

8. Are you planning a fire or any burning? ☒ Y ☐ N If so, burn permit is required.

3' x 3' Fire pit

ACT 6

JUN 02 2016



9. Will there be food vendors at the event? Y ☒ N If so, a Special Event Food Vendor Application (attached) must be completed and sent to the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health Unit for approval prior to the event. (DUNADEL GOLF TO PROVIDE FOOD)

**Permit Requirements:** Applicants may be required to post a performance bond up to ninety (90) days after the conclusion of the event.

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Date: MAY 3, 2016

**For Internal Use Only:**

Department	Comments/Conditions	Signature
Council		
Fire		
Parks		
Building & By-law Enforcement		
Transportation & Environmental Services		
Finance		
Planning		

Application: Approved \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_



# SPECIAL EVENT: IF APPLICABLE FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

Please complete this form and submit it at least 30 days prior to the event to  
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, Public Health Inspector  
email [OfficeDuty.PHI@wdgpublichealth.ca](mailto:OfficeDuty.PHI@wdgpublichealth.ca) or mail or fax to:

**GUELPH:**  
Fax: 519-836-7215

**FERGUS:**  
474 Wellington Rd#18,  
RR#1 Fergus, ON N1M 2W3  
Fax: 519-846-0323

**DUFFERIN:**  
Fax: 519-941-1600

Event Name: FESTIVAL ON #10  
Event Contact Name: DAVID B. CAMERON  
Event Location/Address: 159291 Hwy #10  
Event Date(s): JULY 30, 2016  
Contact/Vendor Name: DUNADEL GOLF COURSE  
Booth Name (if applicable):  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 580  
DUNDALK ONT. N0C-1B0  
Email Address: DCAMERON@DUNADEL.COM Fax: 519-923-9686  
Phone Number: (H) 519-923-9616 (W) 519-377-1977  
cell

**Type of Food Premise at Event:**

- ☐ Preparation/Serving Kitchen ☒ Temporary Booth  
☐ Mobile Catering Truck or Cart ☐ Other Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of organization: ☐ Religious Organization \* ☐ Fraternal Organization \* ☐ Service Club \*  
☒ Food Business ☐ Other

\* If you are a religious organization, fraternal organization or service club and are accepting food from an un-inspected facility (e.g., home), you must also complete the "Donors of Potentially Hazardous Food" list.

Food Menu List ALL food to be prepared or served (if more space is needed, please attach separate list)	Source of Food Name and address of grocer, caterer, restaurant (if more space is needed, please attach separate list) <i>*no home preparation permitted*</i>
1. <u>HOT DOG</u>	1. <u>PULLED PORK ON BUN</u>
2. <u>HAMBURGER</u>	2.
3. <u>SAUSAGES</u>	3.
4. <u>FRENCH FRIES</u>	4.
5.	5.

**How will food be transported to event:**

- ☐ Refrigerated truck ☒ Coolers with ice  
☐ Thermal unit (e.g., Cambro units) ☐ Insulated container/bag  
☒ Other (please specify): REREFRIGERATED ON SITE

How will temperature be maintained on site:

- ☐ Refrigerated truck  
☐ Thermal unit (e.g. Cambro units)  
☐ Insulated container/bag

- ☒ Coolers with ice  
☐ Chafing dish  
☒ Other REFRIGERATED ON SITE

\* A probe thermometer must be available on site to ensure proper internal food temperatures.

Describe your handwashing station:

- ☒ Portable handwash station  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Container with turn spout

\* Liquid hand soap in a dispenser and paper towels must be available for use.

What sanitizer will be used:

- ☒ Chlorine bleach  
☐ Iodine

- ☐ QUAT  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a Floor Plan which includes:

- ☒ Handwash station with soap in dispenser, paper towel and wastewater container  
☐ Two/three compartment sink  
☒ Adequate refrigeration (include method of refrigeration) (CLUBHOUSE)  
☒ Food preparation areas (CLUBHOUSE KITCHEN)  
☒ Food storage (CLUBHOUSE)  
☒ Garbage disposal (LOCAL PICK UP)

David B. Cameron

Name of Event Coordinator/Contact/Vendor (Please Print)

David Cameron

Signature of Event Coordinator/Contact/Vendor

Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

CSR/File#: \_\_\_\_\_

Premise Exempted ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ If yes, number of signs provided \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Required ☐ Yes ☐ No Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

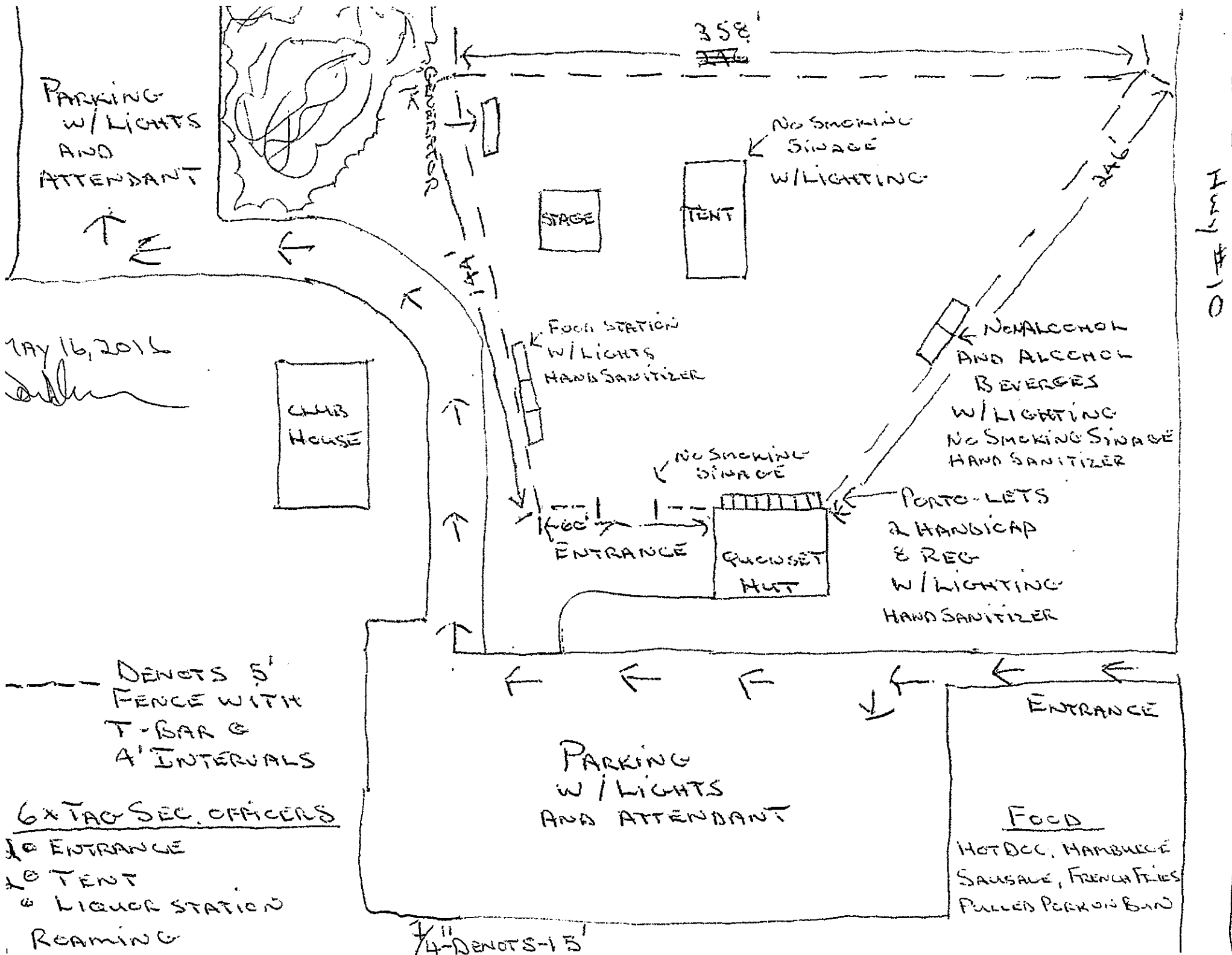
Inspection criteria: Food offered to the public / > 800 people / unserviced site / hazardous food offered for sale

☐ Educational material provided e.g., Food Safety Information for Special Events

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of PHI: \_\_\_\_\_



May 16, 2016

DENOTS 5' FENCE WITH T-BAR @ 4' INTERVALS

6 X TAG SEC. OFFICERS

10 ENTRANCE

10 TENT

6 LIQUOR STATION

REARING

1/4 DENOTS - 15'

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STAGE

TENT

CLUB HOUSE

FOOD STATION  
W/LIGHTS  
HAND SANITIZER

QUICKSET HUT

PORTO-LETS  
2 HANDICAP  
& REG  
W/LIGHTING  
HAND SANITIZER

NO SMOKING SIGNAGE  
W/LIGHTING  
HAND SANITIZER

NONALCOHOL  
AND ALCOHOL  
BEVERAGES

ENTRANCE

FOOD

HOTDOG, HAMBURGER  
SAUSAGE, FRENCH FRIES  
PULLED PORK ON BUN

PARKING  
W/LIGHTS  
AND ATTENDANT

PARKING  
W/LIGHTS  
AND ATTENDANT

Hwy #10

EMERGENCY #159291

III

Revised  
May 26/16

ATTENDANT

X

LT

X ATTENDANT

EXISTING  
PARKING LOT  
FOR  
DANIEL GOLF

ATTENDANT

X

ATTENDANT

X

(PROPOSED)  
(CAMPING)

700'

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

X

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

X

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

660'

8 X ATTENDANTS  
TWO SHIFTS

(PROPOSED CAMPING)

■ DENOTS  
LIGHT STANDARDS

X DENOTS  
SAFETY JACKETED  
FLASH LIGHT EQUIPPED  
ATTENDANTS

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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X

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED  
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**RECEIPT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Township of Melancthon has received a complete application to amend Municipal Zoning By-law 12-79. The purpose of the rezoning is to amend the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law to zone lands located in Part of Lot 278, Concession 2 N.E., located at 197255 2<sup>nd</sup> Line NE for rural residential purposes in order to fulfill a condition of severance approval.

**AND PURSUANT** to Section 34 (10) of the Planning Act, the application file is available for review at the Municipal Office. Please contact the Municipal Clerk to arrange to review this file.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH COUNCIL**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon will be holding a public meeting (described below) under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to allow the public to comment on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Date: Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
Time: 5:20 pm  
Location: Township of Melancthon Municipal Office (Council Chambers)

**DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The application affects lands located in Part of Lot 278, Concession 2 N.E in the Township of Melancthon. A key map has been appended to this Notice which identifies the subject lands.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 12-79 to rezone lands that were recently the subject of a severance approval (Consent B6/15). The severance created a new rural residential lot so the purpose of the zoning amendment is to zone the new lot from the General Agricultural (A1) Zone to a Rural Residential Exception (RR-161) Zone. The purpose of the Exception is to recognize that the lot area of the newly created lot is slightly less than the minimum lot area required in the Rural Residential (RR) Zone.

Information relating to this application is available at the Township of Melancthon Office for public review during regular office hours.

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND MAP OF LAND SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION**

A key map has been appended that identifies the lands that are subject to this amendment. The applicant's building plan is also available for review at the Township office.

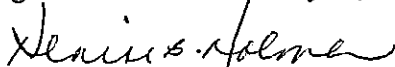
The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon in respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6 fax (519) 925-1110

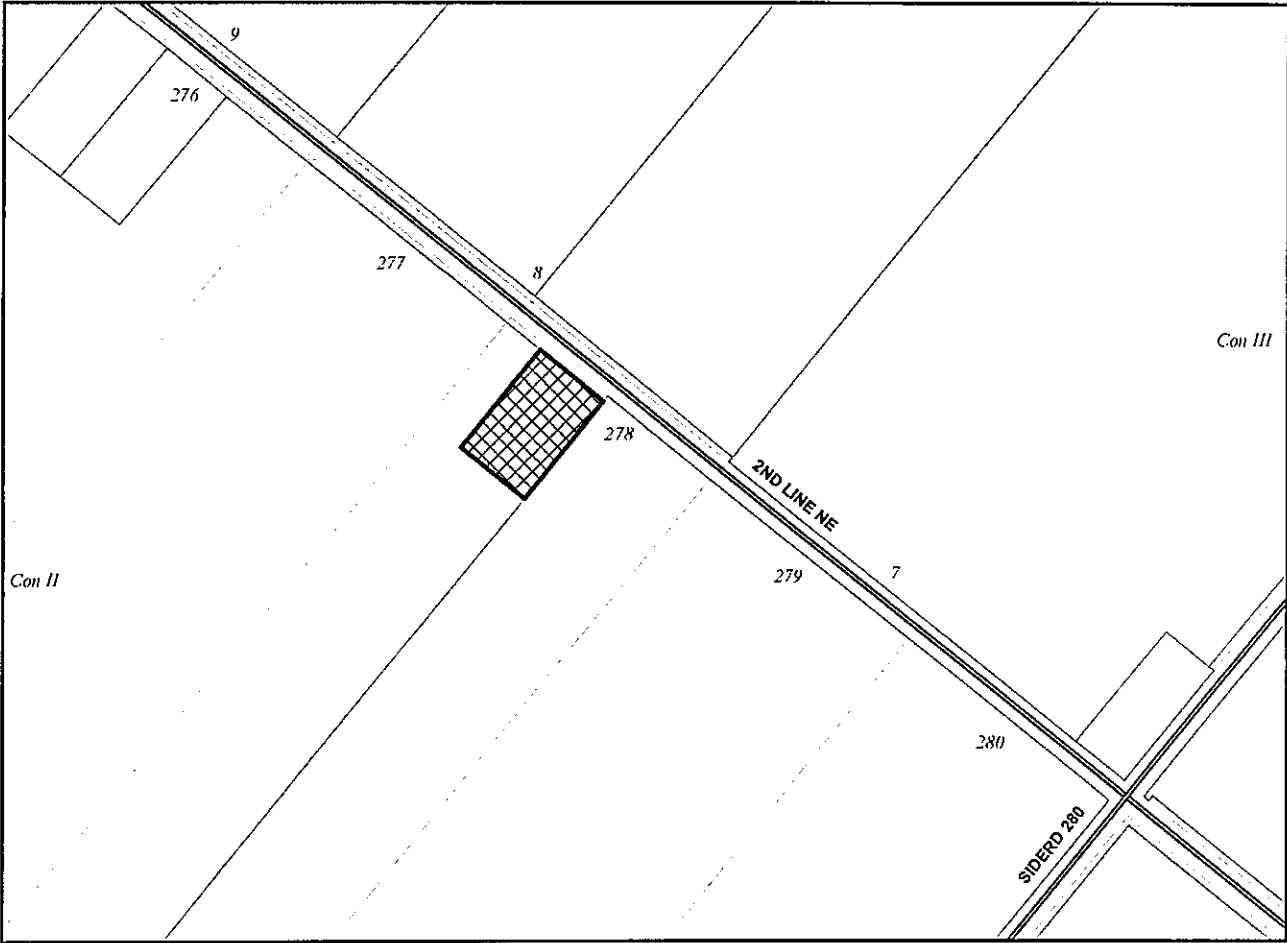
If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon, as the approval authority in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendment is approved or refused, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Date of this Notice: May 12, 2016

  
Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk  
Township of Melancthon

LANDS SUBJECT TO APPLICATION FOR  
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT



 Subject Lands



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ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**RECEIPT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Township of Melancthon has received a complete application to amend Municipal Zoning By-law 12-79. The purpose of the rezoning is to amend the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law to zone lands located in Part of Lot 25, Concession 9 N.E., located at 318269 8<sup>th</sup> Line NE to permit additional lot coverage to accommodate a minor expansion to an on-farm business that was originally approved by zoning by-law amendment in 2001.

**AND PURSUANT** to Section 34 (10) of the Planning Act, the application file is available for review at the Municipal Office. Please contact the Municipal Clerk to arrange to review this file.

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**DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Date: Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: Township of Melancthon Municipal Office (Council Chambers)

**DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The application affects lands located in Part of Lot 25, Concession 9 N.E in the Township of Melancthon. A key map has been appended to this Notice, which identifies the location of the subject lands.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 12-79 to re-amend the zoning of the subject lands, originally zoned General Agricultural Exception (A1-131) in 2001 to permit the establishment of an on-farm use (machine shop), subject to a maximum lot coverage of 5%. The owner of the on-farm business wishes to construct a new power room having a floor area of 36 square metres for the machine shop and therefore requests an increase in lot coverage from 5% to 6.2%.

The applicant has also requested a two-year temporary use by-law, the purpose of which is to utilize 70 square metres of another farm building for a temporary placement of a machine used in conjunction with the on-farm use.

Information relating to this application including a site plan is available at the Township of Melancthon Office for public review during regular office hours.

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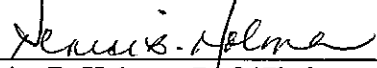
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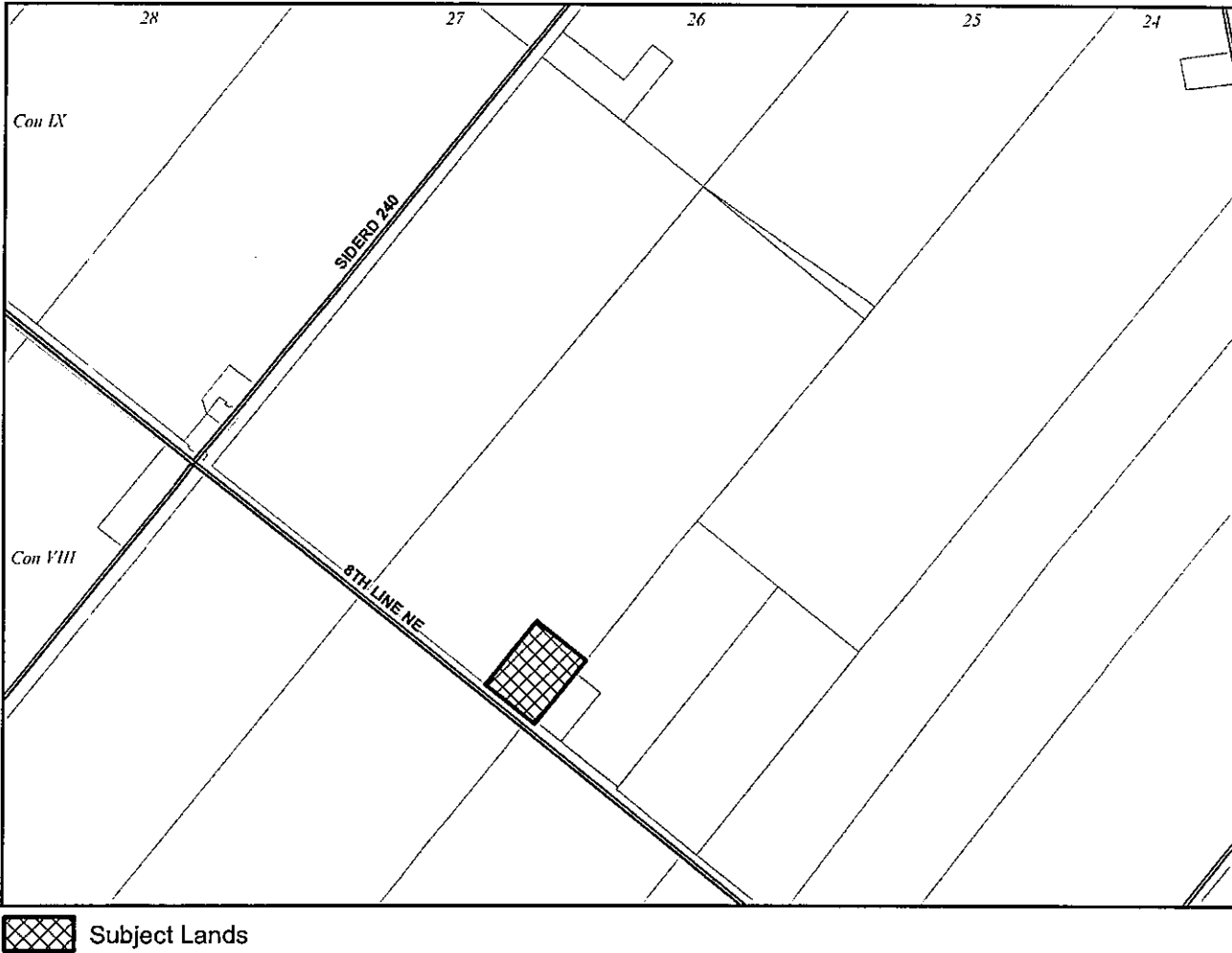
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**TAKE NOTICE** that Township of Melancthon has received a complete application to amend Municipal Zoning By-law 12-79. The purpose of the rezoning is to amend the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law to zone lands located in Part of Lot 28, Concession 9 N.E., located at 318401 8<sup>th</sup> Line NE to permit the construction of a two-unit dwelling.

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The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 12-79 to permit the construction of a two-unit dwelling in the General Agricultural (A1) Zone. The applicant currently lives in an existing dwelling on the subject lands and the applicant wishes to remove the existing dwelling and replace it with a two-unit dwelling. If the proposed zoning amendment is approved it would allow the construction of a two-unit dwelling through an exception to the General Agricultural (A1) Zone.

Information relating to this application including a floor plan of the proposed two-unit dwelling is available at the Township of Melancthon Office for public review during regular office hours.

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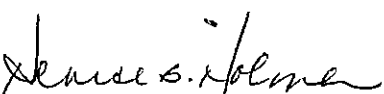
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