

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

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- p. 21 6. Resolution from the Township of Oro Medonte dated October 21, 2020, re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski and Bike for their efforts to Declare Snow Sports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2.
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- p. 27 10. Notice from the Township of Clearview, re: Passing of Interim Control By-law.
- p. 31 11. News Article from the Star dated October 23, 2020, re: Ontario Promises Action to Address Rising Insurance Rates as Critics Urge Regulation.
- p. 12. Notice of Decision from the County of Simcoe, re: Essa - OPA NO. 33

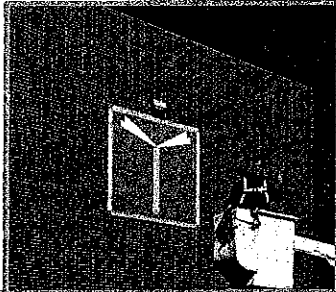
B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None.

C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL

None.

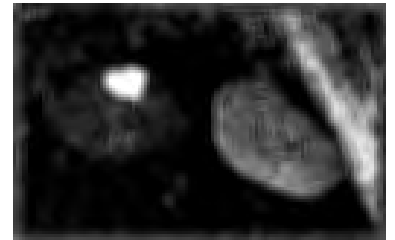
Outcomes



A successful Storytime in the Park at Thornton Branch.



EPL's addition to the Simcoe County Barn Quilt Trail.



Connecting at the Library

After the simple interaction of checking out a book to a Thornton patron, she told Glenda that she had

"made her day"

Glenda shared, "It was a good reminder that people just need a kind and friendly welcome right now and WE get to be THAT for our community."

A new patron at our Thornton Branch raved about the space, our collection and services. She was very grateful to Victoria for helping her with scanning & email and expressed her happiness that she didn't have to drive to "imperfect" for the service.

At the very first Seniors Connect program, participants created some lovely Fairy Gardens (see photos on page 6). The seniors were thrilled with the event and expressed they all felt isolated because of the pandemic.

Bringing them safely together for the program made them feel more connected and everyone left with a smile on their faces. (Yes we could tell, even under their masks.)

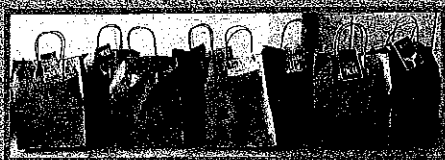
A visitor (and new patron to us) Tom Clearview, was thrilled with the service. She said the staff was "Outstanding"

A Thornton patron mentioned that she had decided when COVID hit that she was only going to read authors she had never read before. However, she also shared that she had decided to start reading her authors again. "We going back to old friends."

The Harry Potter Hogwarts Hunt was a hit with all ages. Three siblings were really searching so Dawn gave them a little hint. The young boy said, "Thank you! Now we can narrow our search!"

Adults

Teens & 'tweens



Grab n Go bags

Angus - 8

Thornton - 2

Read Woke Active Readers: 4

Book Reviews: 7

Teen Central usage: 10

Other

Library Zest blog
posts/views: 17

Library Zest blog traffic:
103

Library Zest unique
visitors: 27

Makerspace: 72

Kids

YouTube Channel

Reactions (Likes, shares, comments): 5

Total subscribers: 133

Views: 2,898

Zoom Online

Zoom Library Storytime: 61

Zoom EarlyON Virtual Bilingual Storytime: 18

Outreach

Angus - Storytime in the Park: 38

Angus - Wiggles and Giggles in the Park: 49

Book bundle requests - All ages: 24

Thornton: Storytime in the Park: 30

Thornton: Wiggles and Giggles in the Park: 26

Beanstack

1,000 Books before Kindergarten: 8 readers
Earned badges: 26

Fall-A-Palooza: 14 readers
Earned badges: 45
Book Reviews: 5

In-Library

Harry Potter Horcrux Hunt: 15

Circulation Totals and Analysis: September 2020

CIRCULATION	Sep .2019	Sep .2020	YTD 2020
Angus Branch	8,826	6,894	52,283
Thornton Branch	1,244	1,718	10,369
Angus Branch Computer Use	858	196	1,611
Thornton Branch Computer Use	67	10	177
Angus Branch Wireless Use	1,633	1,029	7,267
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	341	212	1,969
eAudio & eBooks	741	747	8,925
TOTALS:	13,710	10,806	82,601

Circulation Analysis	Sep. 2019	Sep. 2020	YTD 2020
Print	4,852	5,158	33,714
Non-Print	5,101	3,405	28,300
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	2,899	1,447	11,024
eAudio Books	210	238	2,508
eBooks	531	509	6,417
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	76	23	372
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	41	26	266

Materials Used In-Library	Sep. 2020	YTD 2020
Angus Branch	65	847
Thornton Branch	3 69	466

Online Resources & New Members: September 2020

Library website visits	YTD 2020	BlueCloud Mobile visits	YTD 2020
2,550	23,729	74	1,233

E-resources visits	YTD 2020
1,290	14,453

New Members		YTD 2020
Angus Branch	62	390
Thornton Branch	0	18

September Library Highlights



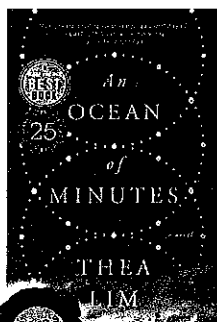
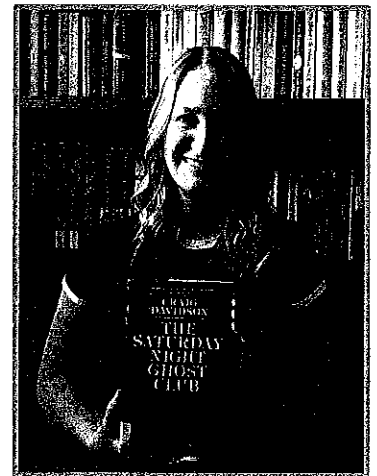
**5 Libraries.
5 Books.
1 Winner.**

Community Choice Winner!

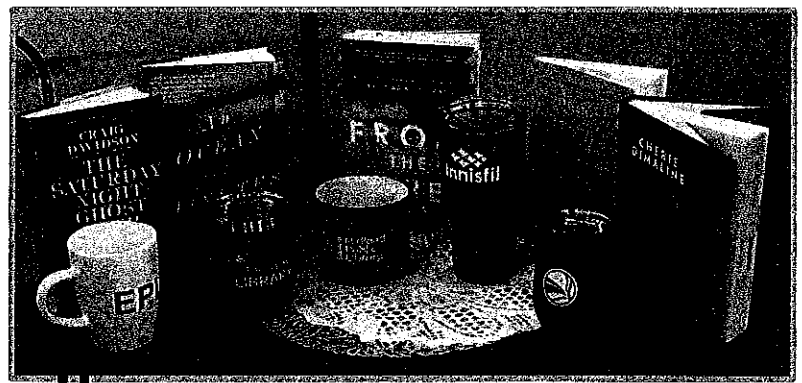
Congratulations to Emily Wood, Champion for
Essa Public Library.

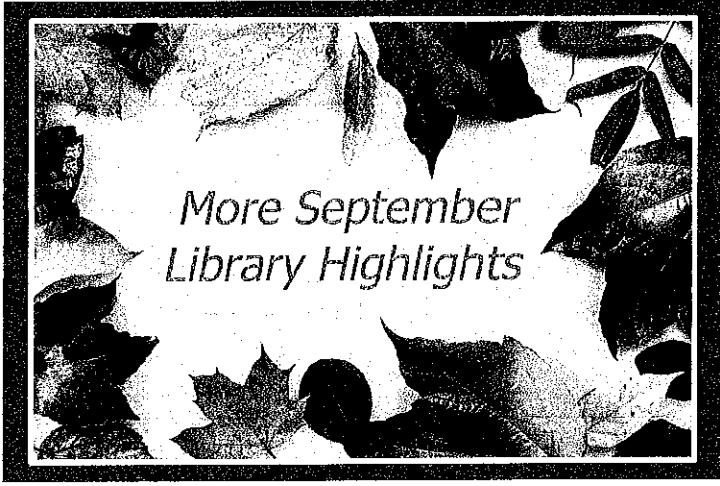
Emily defended the title, *The Saturday Night Ghost Club*
by Craig Davidson.

This book was voted, by the community, as the book
everyone in Simcoe County should read!



EPL's Karly, Emily & Glenda participate in the Simcoe Reads festivities at Rogers TV.

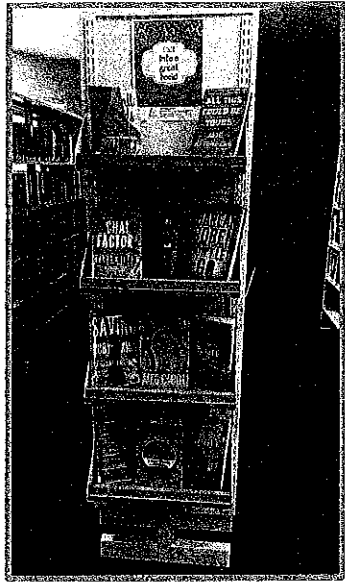




More September Library Highlights

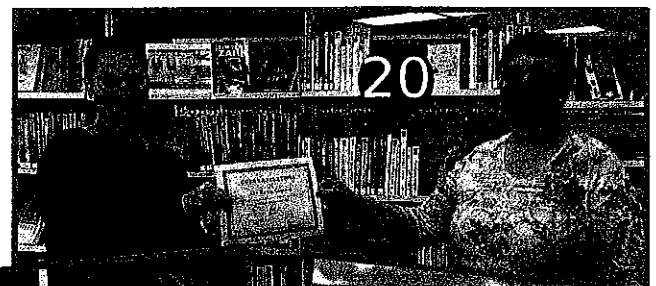


Tim Hortons' Smile Cookie Campaign



Thornton Fall book display

Library staff celebrate milestone EPL anniversaries...



Ann-Marie



Holly

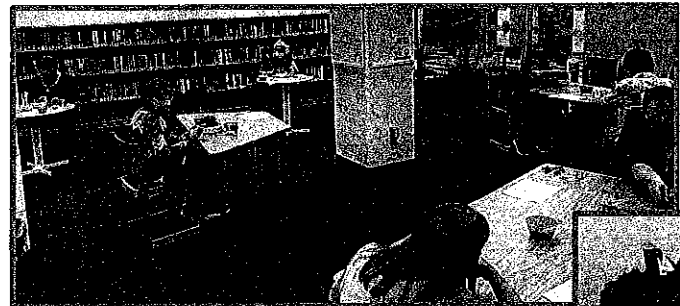


Roberta

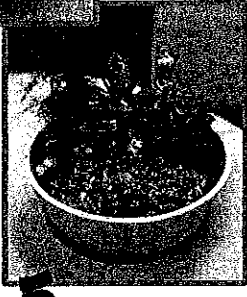
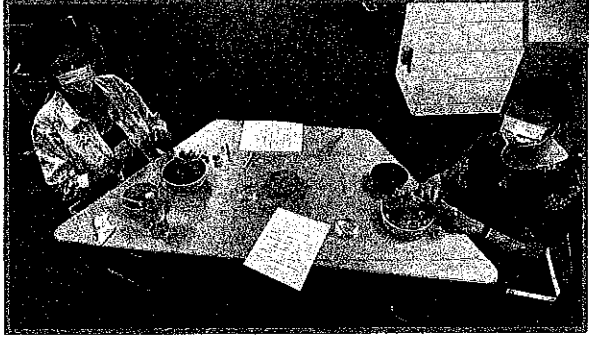


Angie

Glenda



Seniors Connect at the Fairy Gardens workshop.



In the community garden

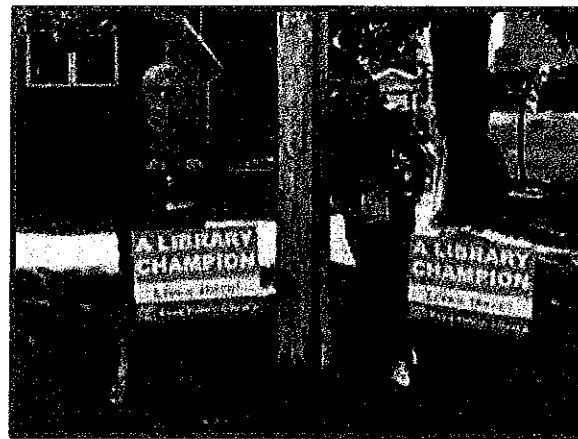


SUMMER READING WRAP-UP

This year's Summer reading through Beanstack was for all ages. With the children's Summer Reading Club, Read Woke for tweens & teens and Simcoe Reads for adults, all our avid readers participated in the fun. They read, logged, reviewed, completed activities, and earned badges & prizes!

Months	Readers	Reviews Written	Completed Activities	Earned Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes
June - August 2020	219	82	642	1,041	2,093	18,168

"We picked up our prize today and are so excited!!!"
Amy K.



"This is the greatest day ever!" said Oliver choosing his reward at the prize store.

"The kids really enjoyed the summer program this year. We love the library, reading and having access to all these great ideas and activities."
Colleen P.



Author Talk with Craig Davidson



"Your summer programs were so great to get outside and do something all summer!"
Leanne N.

From: Rural Ontario Municipal Association <events@roma.on.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 7:02 AM
To: Lisa Lehr
Reply To: events@roma.on.ca
Subject: ROMA Virtual Conference 2021: Registration Open

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Annual Conference

ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario

The ROMA Board is pleased to launch its 2021 virtual conference:

Connecting Rural Ontario, January 25th -26th

Connecting with each other and the province has never been more important. The 2021 virtual ROMA Annual Conference is an opportunity to connect with colleagues and the province and learn from experts on important rural issues. As in previous years the 2021 Conference will feature Minister's Forums, provincial delegation meetings, networking opportunities and much more.

ROMA is pleased to announce Chantal Hébert, national affairs writer for the *Toronto Star*, guest for the magazine *L'Actualité* and a regular commentator on CBC's *The National's* weekly At Issue panel, as the conference opening keynote Ms. Hebert will examine current, critical policy issues within the national context.

Register today - early bird registration rates will remain in effect until December 31, 2020.

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For Conference and registration details, please
visit: <http://www.roma.on.ca/Events/2021ROMAConference.aspx>

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Bill 218 - Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act

Attorney General Doug Downey introduced *Bill 218 - Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act*. If passed, the legislation will provide targeted liability protection for health and long-term care, non-profit and private sector workers, volunteers, and organizations that make an honest effort to follow public health guidelines and laws related to limiting the exposure of Ontarians to COVID-19. Bill 218 will also maintain the right of Ontarians to take legal action against those who willfully, or with gross negligence, endanger others. Municipal governments, workers, and by-laws that are aimed at protecting public health are referenced in the Bill, as AMO has advocated for. Similar legislation is in place in British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

The Bill includes changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, proposing to remove the option to use ranked ballots for municipal elections, moving all municipal governments to First-Past-The-Post. This will impact a number of municipal governments that were contemplating the change and one already using ranked ballots. The rationale for this proposed legislative change is not known.

In addition, the nomination date for municipal elections will also be changed from the fourth Friday in July to the second Friday in September in the year of the election and

there are proposed changes to the timelines leading up to municipal elections (see Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*). AMO advises that municipal clerks review the proposed changes for implications for their electoral planning processes. The rationale for this change is unclear and may have the effect of discouraging broader participation in municipal elections.

Ontario Onwards Action Plan

The Ontario government launched its new Action Plan, Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government to make government services simpler, more accessible, and convenient. The plan has over 30 projects including developing a digital identity, based on digital wallet technology, by the end of 2021.

Creating a digital identity for Ontarians was identified by AMO and LAS as a key step in helping municipalities move towards more digital government service delivery especially as better quality high-speed internet and broadband access is expanded to unserved and underserved areas. More details are expected on these projects in the coming months.

Emergency Order Changes

Ontario extended most orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA) by 30 days until November 21, 2020, with exemptions for consumer electricity prices and access to personal health information through electronic health records.

The Province also amended emergency orders for modified Stage 2 regions (Toronto, Ottawa, York, and Peel Regions) to allow classes teaching or training dancers provided conditions are met. Regulations for Stage 2 and Stage 3 areas have been amended also to remove restrictions on in-person instruction for fire departments, similar to police training.

Provincial Investment for Schools and Child Care

This week, the government announced that it will invest \$550 million to build and upgrade schools in 2020-21. The initiative will add 870 new licensed child care spaces into the schools. The government has reconfirmed their commitment to create up to 30,000 new child care spaces over five years, including up to 10,000 spaces in new schools. AMO has advocated for effective child care as a critical service for investment in the COVID-19 recovery.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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October 22, 2020

In This Issue

- Is flooding a local issue?
- Blue Box draft regulation posted - Webinar November 4.
- ROMA 2021 Virtual Conference registration open.
- There is still time to register for the October 28 Land Use Planning Workshop.
- Lighting retrofits are saving municipalities money!
- Introducing the new and improved EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars - Zamboni, Tech supplies.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Careers with Burlington, Cobourg, Kitchener and Toronto Transit Commission.

AMO Matters

The AMO discussion paper "[Come Hell or High Water: Flooding, Climate Change and Municipal Responses](#)" is now available. This paper explores how the global issue of climate change and changing weather patterns impact municipal policies and strategies as it relates to flooding, high water, and erosion. The document reflects AMO members' experiences with flooding and what solutions they would like to see advocated for.

Provincial Matters

The Province has [posted the draft Blue Box regulation](#) for consultation until December 3. AMO staff are hosting a webinar on November 4 from 10 am -12 pm to discuss our response and what this means for your municipality. [Register for the webinar.](#)

Eye on Events

[Registration](#) is now open for [ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario](#), January 25-26, 2021. Do not miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues and the province, and learn from experts on important and timely rural issues.

Back by popular demand, Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. [Registration details](#).

LAS

We've reached a milestone! Beside completing 65 LED retrofit projects, municipalities are collectively saving over \$1 million in annual energy/maintenance costs through the LAS Facility Lighting Service. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out how your municipality can be part of the savings.

We're excited for the launch of our new and improved Energy Planning Tool! Over the summer we've rebuilt EPT from the ground up, adding lots of new features and making it more user friendly. [Join us for a webinar on October 28](#) at 10 am to see this software in action and learn more.

The Municipal Group Buying Program helps municipalities save time and money on the products and services they use every day. Join our webinar series to hear about [Zamboni on November 4](#) and [CDW on November 18](#). For video archives of past events check out our [Webinars/Presentations Page](#).

ONE Investment

Online Investments 101 Training is available now. To register [click here](#). Learn about fundamentals of investing under the Legal List and Prudent Investor Standard.

Careers

Financial Analyst, Budgets & Policies - City of Burlington. Department: Finance. Employment Status: Contract (20 months). Job Number: FN-138-20. Posting Close Date: October 30, 2020. To apply, please visit [Burlington Career Opportunities](#) and click on "View Jobs". Please note that applications are only accepted online.

Manager, Parks - Town of Cobourg. Position status: Full-time Permanent. Interested applicants should forward their resume in confidence no later than November 6, 2020 at 4 pm to the attention of the Human Resources Department at careers@cobourg.ca. Please quote competition #20-25. NOTE: due to COVID-19 restrictions the interviews and the selection process may be delayed.

Assistant City Solicitor (Development & Planning) - City of Kitchener. Reports to the City Solicitor. To explore this opportunity further, please contact Kristen Manning at kristen.manning@odgersberndtson.com or submit your resume and letter of interest online to [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#) by November 16, 2020.

Inaugural Chief, Diversity & Culture - Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). The Chief, Diversity & Culture is a member of the senior executive team — at the decision-making table to help drive the TTC forward as a direct report to the CEO. Interested applicants can submit their resume to [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#). Odgers

Berndtson is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to strengthen the diversity of the candidate pool. Applicants from the BIPOC community may wish to send their resume to Jason Murray at jmurray@bipocsearch.com.

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Municipal Wire, Career/Employment and Council Resolution Distributions

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- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- Accessible municipal websites.
- Community Net Metering Demonstration Projects.
- Federal Rapid Housing Initiative - Applications open.
- ROMA 2021: Early Bird rates close December 31.
- The "Echo" Pandemic: Supporting employee mental health in wake of COVID-19.
- Coming next week: The all-new EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars you'll want to see.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship.
- Careers with Peterborough Police Services Board and CLASS.

AMO Matters

There are 2 vacancies on the AMO Board: staff positions on Rural and Large Urban Caucuses. Details about qualifications & appointment process are [here](#). Deadline, including Council resolution, is November 30.

Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) has you covered. eSolutionsGroup is [offering](#) members engaging and accessible municipal websites on a budget. Contact [Karen Mayfield](#), eSolutionsGroup President, for more information.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is seeking [input on a proposal for community net metering demonstration projects](#). Community net metering refers to a net metering arrangement that allows for the transfer or sharing of credits from generation facilities within a community across multiple metered accounts. Comments on the proposed regulatory changes are due November 22.

ABC

Federal Matters

The federal government has released details and opened up the application process for the new Rapid Housing Initiative announced earlier this year. It is to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable. Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020. For information and to access the application portal, visit the [CMHC website](#).

Eye on Events

[Register](#) for ROMA 2021 before December 31 to access the early bird rate. Registration gives you access to 2 days of content, meeting with the province, and connecting with colleagues. Program updates and registration information is posted [here](#).

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join [AMO's partner BEACON](#) for a [complimentary webinar](#) on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help your employees protect, nurture, and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

LAS

We're excited to go live with our all new [Energy Planning Tool](#) software next week! With exciting new features like benchmarking, graphing, and GHG emissions, EPT now helps you get even more from your energy data. In case you missed the launch webinar, it can be [viewed here](#). [Contact LAS](#) to start using this powerful energy tool today.

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Municipal Wire*

The Canadian Women in Municipal Government scholarship is open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. The [application period for scholarships](#) opened on October 26, 2020.

Careers

[Executive Assistant - Peterborough Police Services Board](#). File #: 20-32. Closing Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Send your completed documentation to: Attention: Human Resources, Peterborough Police Service, 500 Water Street, P.O. Box 2050, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7Y4 or email to Recruitment_pps@peterborough.ca.

[Energy & Environmental Coordinator - Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School](#)

ABC

Services (CLASS). Reports to: CLASS General Manager. Qualified candidates interested in this position may submit a cover letter, resume, proof of educational qualifications and three written references from professional associates, electronically, by 3:00 pm Monday, November 16, 2020, attention: General Manger, CLASS; Email address: careers@cklass.ca.

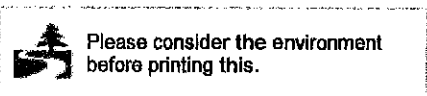
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Digital Main Street Update

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Advance Announcement of DMS Progress Report

Hello. I'm writing to let you know this morning the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA), with our partner the Toronto Association of BIAs (TABIA), will release our progress report – *A Hand Up for Small Business* – celebrating Small Business Week 2020 and looking at the impact of the Digital Main Street (DMS) Ontario extension in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

This important program, originally created by the Toronto Association of BIAs

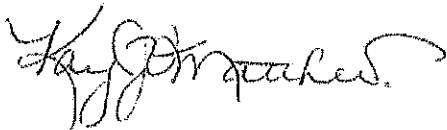
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and expanded with funding by the Government of Ontario, was further extended in June 2020 by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev) and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT).

OBIAA was again chosen to deliver the grant program across the province to main street small businesses. DMS helped almost 15,000 main street small businesses through 2018 to early 2020 adopt digital tools and e-commerce platforms to build greater resilience, create jobs and increase revenues. With the pandemic declared in mid-March of 2020, it became apparent that businesses that had participated in DMS were often better positioned to weather the crisis. It also became clear to both the federal and provincial governments that DMS needed to continue as a critical aid to the vulnerable small businesses of Ontario even as main street closed its doors. This report looks at how the pandemic unfolded for the small businesses of main street and the timely response of both governments to the crisis.

I wanted to share an early copy with you of our press release and a link to the report. I urge you share the report with your members, partners and stakeholders. If you are interested in speaking with me, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at kay@obiaa.com or Marlise Nishikihama at marlise@obiaa.com

Thanks very much for all your support and for your time,



Kay Matthews
Executive Director
Ontario BIA Association
kay@obiaa.com

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Northumberland
County

Resolution

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Resolution No.
2020-10-21-324

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Seconded By _____


Council Date: October 21, 2020

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"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for the resolution adopted by Wollaston Township regarding requesting a review of the Municipal Election Act to with a view to making amendments that allows for reporting of election fraud and ensuring that legislation can be enforced; and

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland Peterborough-South), all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

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Township of
Oro-Medonte
Proud Heritage, Exciting Future

October 21, 2020

Via email: george.cornell@simcoe.ca

Warden George Cornell
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst ON L9X 1N6

Dear Warden Cornell and County Councillors:

Re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2.

The Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte, at its October 14th Council meeting, passed the following motion with respect to the above-noted matter:

Be it resolved:

that the correspondence dated October 9, 2020 from Sarah Huter, Assistant General Manager, Mount St. Louis Moonstone Ski Resort re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2 be received.

And whereas on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic;

And whereas the Government of Ontario, County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte remain in declared state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas all levels of Government are effectively working collaboratively in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation;

And whereas the Government of Ontario has developed a comprehensive *Framework for Reopening our Province*;

And whereas many low risk outdoor activities were permitted to re-open in Stage 1 and 2 of the *Provincial re-opening framework*;

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And whereas the timing of the release of *Stage 3 framework* and Ontario Regulation 364/20 made under *Reopening Ontario(A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* has not fully considered outdoor winter recreation and the operations of Ontario's ski industry;

And whereas Ontario's ski industry generates approximately \$420 million annually to the provincial economy and supports over 14,000 jobs;

And whereas nordic skiing, alpine skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing provide low risk opportunities and outlets for participation in outdoor based activities that improve physical and mental health and overall well-being;

And whereas the ski industry has developed comprehensive operating plans and established best practices through its *Ski Well, Be Well* program to ensure compliance with regulations and public health directives and reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission;

And whereas the Township of Oro-Medonte is the proud home to three of Ontario's largest ski resorts, Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St Louis Moonstone which provide significant local, regional and provincial economic benefits.

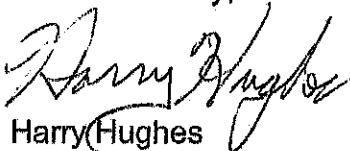
And whereas MPP Downey has advocated on behalf of these businesses.

Now therefore

On behalf of Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St. Louis Moonstone, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte hereby respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario consult with the ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review re-opening policy considerations currently impacting the industry.

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent, under the Mayor's signature, to the County of Simcoe and Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Harry Hughes
Mayor
/vc

- Cc: MPP Doug Downey
- MPP Jill Dunlop
- MP Doug Shipley
- MPP Jim Wilson
- Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
- Council
- Shawn Binns, Director Operations & Community Services
- Ontario Municipalities



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights October 23, 2020

Next Meeting: November 27, 2020, location to be determined

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

The October 23, 2020 Board meeting was held electronically through WebEx, and streamed on YouTube for public viewing due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our next scheduled board meeting will be held on November 27, 2020.

NVCA 2021- 2025 Business Plan

NVCA's 2021 – 2025 Business Plan was approved by the Board of Directors. [Click here to download the business plan.](#)

The business plan highlights the corporate direction NVCA needs to pursue in the short-term horizon in order to achieve the strategic vision set forth in the recently approved [Strategic Plan](#) and the [Integrated Watershed Management Plan](#). The business plan emphasizes the value of collaboration and partnerships while recognizing resilience in the face of political, legislative, and climate change in the current business landscape.

The plan will be implemented and updated annually through the NVCA budget process with individual objectives and corresponding targets highlighted through the compendium annual program overview. The successful implementation of the business plan will require interdepartmental integration and communication.

Several objectives and associated targets in this business plan will require additional funding outside the current budget structure. To complete these targets, the NVCA Management Team will coordinate to seek to secure additional funding where possible and solicit strong interdepartmental integration, cooperation and external partnerships.

Watershed tours

NVCA staff have been conducting tours for Board members around our watershed to showcase our work across NVCA's different departments.

On September 29, 2020, Board members from the Township of Clearview and the Town of The Blue Mountains, along with our Chair and Vice Chair attended a tour of the Petun Dam removal site.

The Chair and Vice Chair attended a tour on October 14, 2020 where NVCA's watershed scientists demonstrated invertebrate sampling, groundwater monitoring and explained the importance of the Minesing Wetlands.

The third tour is scheduled on November 5, 2020 in the Tottenham area where our stewardship, education and engineering teams will showcase their work.

Upcoming events

Fall Camp Tiffin - Ages: 5-7

Session 1: Oct 13, 20, 27 and Nov 3 (\$100)

Session 2: Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 1 (\$100)

Session 3: Dec 8, 15 (\$50)

[Click here to learn more](#)

Fall Camp Tiffin - Ages: 8 - 12

Session 1: Oct 13, 20, 27 and Nov 3 (\$100)

Session 2: Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 1 (\$100)

Session 3: December 8, 15 (\$50)

[Click here for more information](#)

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Fall Camp Tiffin - Ages: 5-12

Session 1: Oct 14, 21, 28 and Nov 4 (\$160)

Session 2: Nov 11, 18, 25 and Dec 2 (\$160)

Session 3: Dec 9, 16 (\$80)

[Click here to learn more](#)

Halloween Tree Planting Event

Saturday, Oct 31, 2020 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Near Loretto - Site location to be sent upon registration

[Register here](#)



NOTICE OF PASSING OF AN AMENDING EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW BY SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 22nd day of May, 2019, the Simcoe County District School Board (the "Board") passed Education Development Charges Amending By-law, 2019 (the "Amending By-law"), which amends the Education Development Charges By-law, (2018) of the Board.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal the Amending By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board) under Section 257.74 of the *Education Act* by filing with the Secretary of the School Board on or before the 2nd day of July, 2019, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the Amending By-law and the reasons supporting the objection. The appeal may not raise an issue that could have been raised in an appeal under Section 257.65 of the *Education Act* of Education Development Charges By-law, (2018).

The Amending By-law comes into force on May 27, 2019.

The Amending By-law increases the education development charge on residential development (per dwelling unit) and non-residential development (per square foot of gross floor area) to the following amounts for the periods shown below:

Type of Development	May 27, 2019 to October 29, 2019	October 30, 2019 to October 29, 2020	October 30, 2020 to October 29, 2021	October 30, 2021 to October 29, 2022	October 30, 2022 to October 29, 2023
Residential: Per Dwelling Unit	\$1,611	\$1,911	\$2,211	\$2,511	\$2,811
Non-Residential: Per Square Foot of Gross Floor Area	\$0.37	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.43	\$0.45

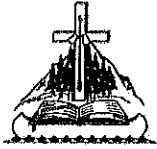
The Amending By-law increases the term of Education Development Charges By-law, (2018) to five years.

A complete copy of the amending by-law is available for examination on the Board's website at www.scdsb.on.ca and at the offices of the Board located at 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario.

For further information, please contact Andrew Keuken, Manager of Planning at (705) 734-6363, Ext. 11513 or akeuken@scdsb.on.ca.

Dated at the Township of Springwater this 23rd day of May, 2019.

Steve Blake
Director of Education



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
46 Alliance Boulevard
Barric, Ontario, Canada L4M 5K3
Tel 705.722.3555
Fax 705.722.6534
www.smcdsb.on.ca

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF AN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGE AMENDING BY-LAW BY THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (the "Board") passed Education Development Charge Amending By-law No. 51-01-2019 (the "By-law") on the 5th day of June, 2019 under section 257.70 of the *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, as amended (the "Act").

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal under Section 257.73 of the Act, in respect of the By-law, by filing with the Secretary of the Board on or before the 15th day of July, 2019 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons supporting the objection, along with the required fee of \$300 payable to the Ministry of Finance.

The schedule of education development charges imposed by the By-law for residential development shall be the following amounts per dwelling unit for the periods set out below:

- June 10, 2019 to October 29, 2019: \$748.00;
- October 30, 2019 to October 29, 2020: \$1,048.00;
- October 30, 2020 to October 29, 2021: \$1,348.00;
- October 30, 2021 to October 29, 2023: \$1,472.00;

The schedule of education development charges imposed by the By-law for non-residential development shall be the following amounts per square foot of gross floor area for the periods set out below:

- June 10, 2019 to October 29, 2020: \$0.13;
- October 30, 2020 to October 29, 2021: \$0.14;
- October 30, 2021 to October 29, 2023: \$0.15;

Education Development Charges are imposed on all development of lands in the County of Simcoe, save and except those specifically exempted by the Board in the By-law. Accordingly a key map showing the location of lands affected by the By-law is not provided as part of this notice.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for examination in the offices of the Board located at 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie, Ontario, during regular office hours, being between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Notice of a proposed by-law amending the By-law or the passage of such an amending by-law is not required to be given to any person or organization, other than to certain clerks of municipalities or secretaries of school boards, unless the person or organization gives the secretary of the Board a written request for notice of any amendments to the By-law and has provided a return address.

Dated at the City of Barrie

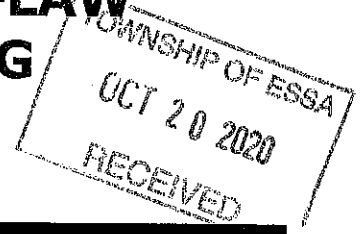
This 6th day of June, 2019

Brian Beal
Director of Education and
Secretary-Treasurer of the
Board (705) 722-3555



CLEARVIEW

INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW NOTICE OF PASSING



The Decision:

The Township of Clearview Council has passed an Interim Control By-law. The By-law has been considered under the requirements of the *Planning Act RSO 1990 c.P.13* and applicable regulations. The purpose of this notice is to make you aware of Council's decision on the matter.

Date of Passing: Monday October 05, 2020

By-law No.: 20-64

The Purpose and Effect:

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Clearview passed Interim Control By-law 20-64 to prohibit the establishment of Cannabis Operations within the Township of Clearview under subsection 38(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

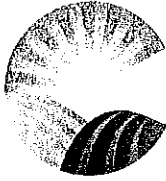
Take notice that By-law 20-64 will be in effect until 11:59 p.m. local time on the 4th day of October 2021, unless otherwise extended in accordance with subsection 38(1) of the Planning Act or repealed by the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Clearview at an earlier date. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview has authority to extend the period during which the By-law will be in effect to a total period not exceeding two years from the date of passing of the By-law 20-64.

A key map has not been provided with this notice as the Interim Control By-law affects all lands within the Township of Clearview.

Purpose: An Interim Control By-law (20-64) was passed to allow staff to undertake a study in respect of land use planning policies relating to Cannabis Operations within the municipality with respect to Zoning By-law 2006-54, being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Clearview.

Cannabis Operation means lands, buildings or structures used for growing, producing, processing, harvesting, treating, testing, destroying, storing, packaging and/or shipping of Cannabis or dried Cannabis as defined by the Cannabis Act, 2018, S.C. 2018, c. 16, as amended. A Cannabis Operation does not include the growth, production or processing of up to four (4) or fewer plants on a lot for personal use.

Effect: The Interim Control By-law restricts the use of land, buildings, or structures for a Cannabis Operation, or any purpose related to such use, except where such land, building or structure was lawfully used for such purpose on the day of passing of the by-law, so long as it continues to be used for that purpose.



INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW NOTICE OF PASSING

CLEARVIEW

For More Information:

There are several ways to find more information about this Interim Control By-law.

Visit our website:

www.clearview.ca

Contact the Planner assigned to this file:

Mara Burton, Director Community Services

mburton@clearview.ca

705-428-6230 ext. 264

Visit or write to the Community Services Department at the Township of Clearview
Administration Centre:

Box 200, 217 Gideon St., Stayner ON L0M 1S0

Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

If you have specific accessibility needs and would like another format or other accommodations the Township of Clearview will work to meet your needs. Please contact Human Resources at 705-428-6230 ext. 255.

Notice dated: 15 October 2020

BY-LAW NUMBER 20-64

OF

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW

An Interim Control By-law to prohibit the use of land, buildings and structures for a Cannabis Operation, pursuant to Section 38 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, on any and all lands located within the Township of Clearview.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 38(1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13, as amended, where the Council of a local municipality has, by by-law or resolution, directed that a review or study be undertaken in respect of land use planning policies in the municipality or in any defined area or areas thereof, the Council of the municipality may pass a by-law to be in effect for a period of time specified in the by-law, which period shall not exceed one year from the date of the passing thereof, prohibiting the use of land, buildings or structures within the municipality or within the defined area or areas thereof for, or except for, such purposes as are set out in the by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council has by resolution on October 5th, 2020, directed that a study be undertaken in respect of land use planning policies relating to cannabis production and processing facilities, as more particularly defined here, within the municipality with respect to Zoning By-law 2006-54, being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Clearview;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that it is in the public interest to prohibit the use of specific lands within the Township for a cannabis operation, as more particularly defined herein, so as to allow the Township to review and, if considered appropriate, implement the findings of the review and study referred to herein;

AND WHEREAS Council has directed that an Interim Control By-law applying to the said lands be enacted, in accordance with the provisions of section 38(1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. For the purposes of this By-law, Cannabis Operation is defined as follows:

"Cannabis Operation" means lands, buildings or structures used for growing, producing, processing, harvesting, treating, testing, destroying, storing, packaging and/or shipping of Cannabis or dried

Cannabis as defined by the Cannabis Act, 2018, S.C. 2018, c. 16, as amended. A Cannabis Operation does not include the growth, production or processing of up to four (4) or fewer cannabis plants on a lot for personal use.

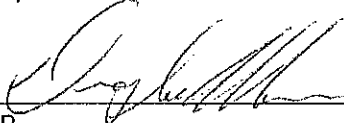
2. Notwithstanding the permitted uses and regulations of Zoning By-law 2006-54 being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Clearview, as amended, no person shall within the Township of Clearview:

a) Use any lands, buildings or structures for a Cannabis Operation, or any purpose related to such use, except where such land, building or structure was lawfully used for such purpose on the day of passing of the by-law, so long as it continues to be used for that purpose;

3. If any provision or requirement of this By-law, or the application thereof to any land, shall to any extent be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this By-law, or the application of such provision or requirement to all lands other than those to which it is held to be invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision and requirement of this By-law shall be separately valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon its passing by Council and shall be in effect until 11:59 p.m. local time on October 4, 2021, unless otherwise extended in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O, 1990 c.P.13, as amended.

By-law Number 20-64 read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 5th day of October, 2020.



MAYOR



DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK

Ontario promises action to address rising insurance rates as critics urge regulation

By **Shawn Jeffords**The Canadian Press
Fri., Oct. 23, 2020

TORONTO - Under pressure to address rising commercial insurance rates blamed on the pandemic, Premier Doug Ford promised this week to take action to stop what he called “gouging” by some companies in the sector.

Ford twice this week has told insurance firms to rein in what he described as “astronomical” rate increases to businesses or outright denial of coverage.

His comments followed calls this week from various municipal and opposition politicians for the province to clamp down on the insurance industry with further regulations.

Ford expressed anger Thursday, using banquet halls as an example of an industry hard-hit by the pandemic that now also faces skyrocketing insurance premiums.

“They’re absolutely just refusing to insure people, we don’t play that game,” Ford said. “You guys don’t get to get all the cream and gravy ... and just slough off everything else and think we aren’t going to insure it.”

When pressed for details of his action plan, Ford said he was working with Finance Minister Rod Phillips, who is expected to deliver the provincial budget next month, to address the issue.

“I’m on to these guys,” Ford said. “The people are the priority, not the big insurance companies making gazillions of dollars. So I’m coming.”

Phillips’ office said this week that while the province regulates the auto insurance sector, it currently does not oversee commercial insurance.

A spokeswoman for the minister said the government was watching the insurance companies and their handling of the needs of the hospitality sector during the pandemic.

Emily Hogeveen said Phillips had also had discussions with the head of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario - the province's fiscal regulator - on the issue.

"The minister's message to insurance companies has been clear - we expect you to treat your customers fairly. We will be closely monitoring the situation to ensure companies are adhering to a high standard of conduct," she said in a statement. "All options are on the table."

A spokesman for the Insurance Bureau of Canada said claims costs for commercial insurance were increasing across a number of sectors before COVID-19.

The pandemic has compounded "affordability and availability" of insurance, Steve Kee said in a statement.

"Insurance claims costs in general are on the rise, while Canada's insurers have been working to keep rate increases to a minimum," he said.

Kee said the commercial insurance market is competitive and it could be possible for businesses to find lower rates by shopping around.

"IBC continues to work with our members and other partners to find solutions to ensure that commercial insurance remains affordable," he said.

Toronto Mayor John Tory has pressed the province to step in and protect restaurants and food delivery services, which are reporting dramatic insurance rate hikes. "I fully support any action to be undertaken by the province to help address this, to support businesses who are simply trying to be good and continuing customers of these insurance companies," he said.

Long-time Ontario legislator Jim Wilson, a former interim leader of the Progressive Conservative party who now sits as an independent, made a surprising call earlier this week for strict regulation of the insurance sector.

Wilson said he thought deeply before making the impassioned request during a session at Queen's Park.

But after hearing from a number of condominium corporations in his riding north of Toronto about dramatic increases to their insurance rates he felt he had to act.

"What they're hearing from brokers is that the industry blames that on COVID claims and severe weather claims," he said. "That's just bogus ... I mean, they can't be having COVID claims yet, it's just too early. They need to justify the need for these exorbitant rates."

Wilson, who has held a seat in the legislature since 1990, said governments of all political stripes have promised and failed to regulate insurance rates because the industry has a powerful lobby.

"I don't know if we've ever truly had the Ministry of Finance or the regulator take an independent look at what their finances are and get to the bottom of why rates are doubling," he said.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath has been advocating for further regulation of the industry during the pandemic, pressing the government to protect businesses.

"The insurance industry has been running amok in this province for years now," she said. "Mr. Phillips needs to step up to the plate and do something about it."

Ford's comments come after a group representing Ontario's long-term care homes said the facilities are having trouble securing liability insurance for COVID-19, a situation which could force some of them to close.

File No: E-OPA-19033
Municipality: Township of Essa
Location: Part of Lot 26, Concession 8,
7994 9th Line, Township of Essa

Date of Decision: October 27, 2020
Date of Notice: October 29, 2020
Last Date of Appeal: November 18, 2020

NOTICE OF DECISION
With Respect to an Official Plan Amendment
Subsection 17(35) and 21 of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made by County of Simcoe Committee of the Whole on the date noted above to approve Amendment No. 33 to the Official Plan for the Township of Essa as adopted by the Township of Essa's By-law No. 2020-43 and as per Schedule 2 to Item CCW 2020-312.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The purpose and effect of the amendment is to permit a severance in the Rural designation of the Township's Official Plan, to create one (1) new Rural lot on lands less than 20-hectares in area.

This decision is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 issued under the *Planning Act* and conforms with Provincial and County plans. A copy of the decision and Item CCW 2020-312 is attached.

Public Input in the form of oral and written submissions were received from the public and agencies. The effect of any comments are detailed in the associated staff report (CCW 2020-312). The County is satisfied that these comments were considered prior to approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 33.

When and How to File an Appeal

Any appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal must be filed with the Clerk of the County of Simcoe no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, shown above as the last date of appeal.

The notice of appeal should be sent to the attention of John Daly, County Clerk, at the address shown below and it must:

- (1) set out the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies;
- (2) set out the reasons for the request for the appeal;
- (3) include a completed Tribunal Appellant Form (A1); and,
- (4) Be accompanied by the fee charged under the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 2017* in the amount of \$1,100.00, payable by certified cheque to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

Please refer to the Tribunal website for the Appellant Form (A1) and more information on filing an appeal (<http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/>).

Who Can File an Appeal

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the County of Simcoe to the Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

When the Decision is Final

The decision of the County of Simcoe is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal (please refer to the Last Date of Appeal noted above).

Getting Additional Information

Additional Information about the application is available for public inspection by contacting the County of Simcoe Planning Department at (705) 726-9300.

Mailing Address for Filing a Notice of Appeal

County Clerk
County of Simcoe
Administration Centre,
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6

Attention: John Daly, County Clerk
Telephone: (705) 726-9300 - Ext. 1623



Ref. Item No: CCW 2020-312

Meeting Date: October 27, 2020

COUNTY OF SIMCOE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLUTION

Delegated under the Authority of the Planning Act

MOVED BY: Councillor Steffen Walma

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ted Walker

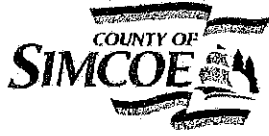
That Official Plan Amendment No. 33 to the Township of Essa Official Plan, as adopted by Township of Essa By-law No. 2020-43, as per Schedule 2 to Item CCW 2020-312 dated October 27, 2020, be approved; and

That Notice of Decision of Official Plan Amendment No. 33 to the Township of Essa Official Plan be provided in accordance with the Planning Act.

Carried X

Defeated □

Lynn Dollin
Corporate Services Business Section Chair



To: Committee of the Whole

Agenda Section: Corporate Services
Division: Engineering, Planning and Environment
Department: Planning – Delegated Authority

Item Number: CCW - 2020-312

Meeting Date: October 27, 2020

Subject: Request for Approval - Township of Essa Official Plan Amendment No. 33

Recommendation

That Official Plan Amendment No. 33 to the Township of Essa Official Plan, as adopted by Township of Essa By-law No. 2020-43, as per Schedule 2 to Item CCW 2020-312 dated October 27, 2020, be approved; and

That Notice of Decision of Official Plan Amendment No. 33 to the Township of Essa Official Plan be provided in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

Executive Summary

This privately initiated, site specific Amendment to the Township of Essa Official Plan will introduce a policy exception that will permit a severance to occur on lands designated 'Rural' in the Township's Official Plan. This policy exception is required as the Township's Official Plan requires a minimum lot area of at least 20 hectares in size for a 'Rural' severance to occur, whereas the subject lands are 15.78 hectares in size.

The following provides a summary of the proposal:

Location: Part of Lot 25, Concession 8, 7994 9th Line, Township of Essa
Applicant: Dr. Cathy Emms and Mr. Roger Emms c/o Innovative Planning Solutions Inc.
Proposal: A site specific amendment to permit a "Rural" severance in the
County File: E-OPA-19033
Municipal File: OPA 33 (By-law 2020-43)

Background/Analysis/Options

The lands subject to Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No. 33 are located at 7994 9th Line, Township of Essa. A location map of the subject lands is included as Schedule 1. The lands are 15.78

hectares in area and are accessed via an entrance from 9th Line. The property contains two dwelling units, which was approved through a 2019 Temporary Use By-law and a veterinary clinic.

The subject lands are designated "Rural" and 'Greenlands' per *Schedule 5.1 – Land Use Designations* to the Simcoe County Official Plan (SCOP) and the severed lot is fully located within the 'Rural' Designation. See Schedule 3 for a copy of the Conceptual Site Plan. Surrounding land uses include single detached residential dwellings to the north, rural and agricultural uses to the south and east, and a Hydro One utility corridor directly west.

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to permit a 'Rural' lot severance which would result in two properties, each with a residential dwelling, and one of the lots would also contain the veterinary clinic. In order to permit the creation of one (1) new lot, a policy exception would be required as the Township's Official Plan requires a minimum lot area of at least 20 hectares in size for a 'Rural' severance to occur, whereas the subject lands are 15.78 hectares in size

Notice of a public meeting was circulated by the Township of Essa on December 13, 2019, the statutory public meeting was held on January 15, 2020, and Council for the Township of Essa adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 33 on June 17, 2020 through By-law No. 2020-43.

A Planning Justification Report prepared by Innovative Planning Solutions Inc. was received on in support of the proposed application. The following is an overview of the applicable planning policy which supports the recommendation proposed above.

Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) provides policy direction on matters of Provincial Interest related to land use planning and development and sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land.

Section 1.1.5 of the PPS outlines policies related to Rural Lands in municipalities and 1.1.5.2 identifies permitted uses on rural lands which includes residential development, including lot creation, that is locally appropriate. Section 1.1.5.4 states that development that is compatible with the rural landscape and can be sustained by rural service levels should be promoted. The applicant's proposal to permit a new residential lot via a consent application which will be serviced by private services (private well & septic system) on the lot is consistent with the policies of the PPS.

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Office Consolidation 2020)

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) manages growth and development that supports economic prosperity, protects the environment, and helps communities achieve a high quality of life. The policies of the Plan focus on designing complete communities with high quality compact built form, prioritize intensification to make efficient use of land and infrastructure, support a range and mix of housing options and provide a diverse mix of land uses including residential and employment uses.

Section 2.2.9 of the Growth Plan provides policy direction for Rural Areas. Planning in such areas should be carried out in a manner that encourages a variety of cultural and economic opportunities. Development outside of settlement areas in rural landscapes may be permitted on the condition that they are compatible with the rural landscape, are sustained by rural service levels and will not adversely affect the protection of the existing agricultural uses.

The application conforms to the direction provided in the Growth Plan as the proposed lot sizes are consistent with the surrounding rural landscape, would be sustained by existing rural service levels (private well & septic systems), and would not adversely impact the productivity of nearby agricultural or resource uses.

Simcoe County Official Plan

Schedule 5.1 of the SCOP designates the subject lands as 'Rural' and "Greenlands", per *Schedule 5.1- Land Use Designations* to the SCOP and the severed lot is fully located within the 'Rural' designation. It is understood by County staff that a temporary use zoning by-law amendment was passed in April 2019 to permit a garden suite on the subject lands. After that, a single detached dwelling was relocated to 7994 9th Line. Section 3.3.1 of the SCOP permits second units in the Rural, Agricultural, and Greenlands designations.

Section 3.3.3 of the SCOP states that in the Rural, Agricultural and Greenlands designations consents to create separate lots for two dwellings established in accordance with Section 3.3.1 are expressly prohibited. Although two dwelling units were established in accordance with 3.3.1 in 2019, County Planning staff are of the opinion that this application does not offend Section 3.3.3. The intention of 3.3.3 is to eliminate the potential for the creation of a new residential lot where one would typically not be permitted on the basis that a second residence has been temporarily permitted. It is not intended to prohibit a property from obtaining a severance that can otherwise meet all the criteria for lot creation in its respective designation just because it has a temporary residence on it.

Section 3.7 of the SCOP contains policies specific to the Rural designation which includes lot creation policies for limited residential development. The application meets the criteria for residential lot creation in the Rural designation.

The application conforms to the objectives and intent of the SCOP as the proposed severance meets the criteria for residential lot creation in the Rural designation.

Township of Essa Official Plan

The application requests a site-specific amendment to Section 26.5.1 of the Township of Essa Official Plan which provides direction on Consents to Sever. Section 26.5.1 reads as follows:

"Consents to sever may be permitted in areas designated as Rural subject to the policies of Section 26.2 and 26.3. Lots severed in areas designated as Rural should be of size, shape and location so as to maximize the potential for future surrounding agricultural use. In the areas designated Rural, rural-residential severances may be permitted provided they do not create any conflicts, or potential conflicts with the surrounding agricultural uses. One severance may be permitted on a lot which was existing on October 22, 1985 and which is at least 20 hectares in size."

The Township determined that in this instance, the creation of one (1) new residential lot on a property of 15.78 hectares, (whereas the Official Plan requires a minimum lot area of 20 hectares), would maintain the intent of the Township's Official Plan. This determination involved a policy review and analysis of relevant rural and lot creation policies in the Township's Official Plan. The application conforms to the intent of the Township's Official Plan.

Comments Received

Through the consultation process, written comments were received from one resident in objection to the application stating that an undersized lot can destroy landscapes, increase traffic and open the door for additional exceptions. The minutes from the January 15, 2020, Public Meeting indicate that two oral comments were received in support of the application and one oral comment was received to reiterate the written objection of the proposed amendment.

Township staff provided an analysis of relevant planning policy and reviewed all public and agency comments. County Planning staff are satisfied that the oral and written submissions received from the agencies were considered and/or addressed prior to the approval of OPA No. 33.

Summary

OPA No. 33 amends the Township of Essa Official Plan by adding the following to Section 26.5.1 of the Township's Official Plan:

- Notwithstanding the above, those lands situated on Lot 25, Concession 8, municipally known as 7994 9th Line, may be permitted a severance, at the time of this amendment, to create one (1) new Rural lot on lands less than 20 hectares in size.

County Planning staff recommends that Official Plan Amendment No. 33 to the Township of Essa Official Plan, as adopted by the Township of Essa By-law No. 2020-043, be approved as per Schedule 2 to this Report, given the reasons outlined in this report which include:

- Consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement;
- Conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe;
- Conformity with the goals, objectives and general intent of the County of Simcoe Official Plan; and,
- Conformity with the Township of Essa Official Plan.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this item, however, if the County's decision is appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) there may be legal costs associated with that process. In the event of an appeal, staff will report back seeking authority to proceed with involvement in related LPAT proceedings.

Relationship to Corporate Strategic Plan

No direct relationship to corporate strategies.

Reference Documents

There are no reference documents associated with this item.

Attachments

Schedule 1	Location Map
Schedule 2	Township of Essa Official Plan Amendment No. 33 as adopted

Schedule 3 Conceptual Site Plan

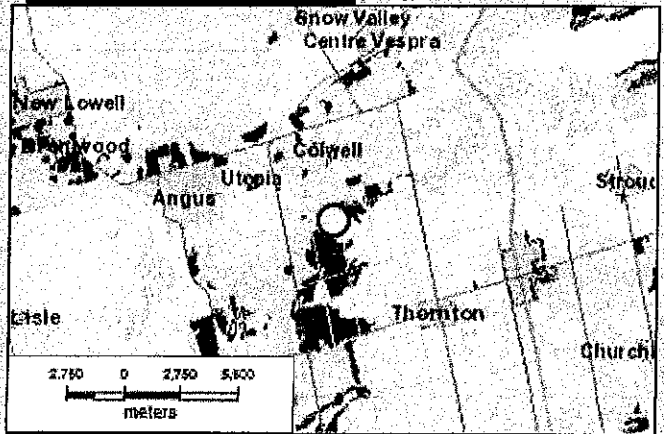
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Approvals	Date
David Parks, Director of Planning, Economic Development and Transit	October 8, 2020
Debbie Korolnek, General Manager, Environment, Planning and Environment	October 8, 2020
Trevor Wilcox, General Manager, Corporate Performance	October 19, 2020
Mark Aitken, Chief Administrative Officer	October 20, 2020

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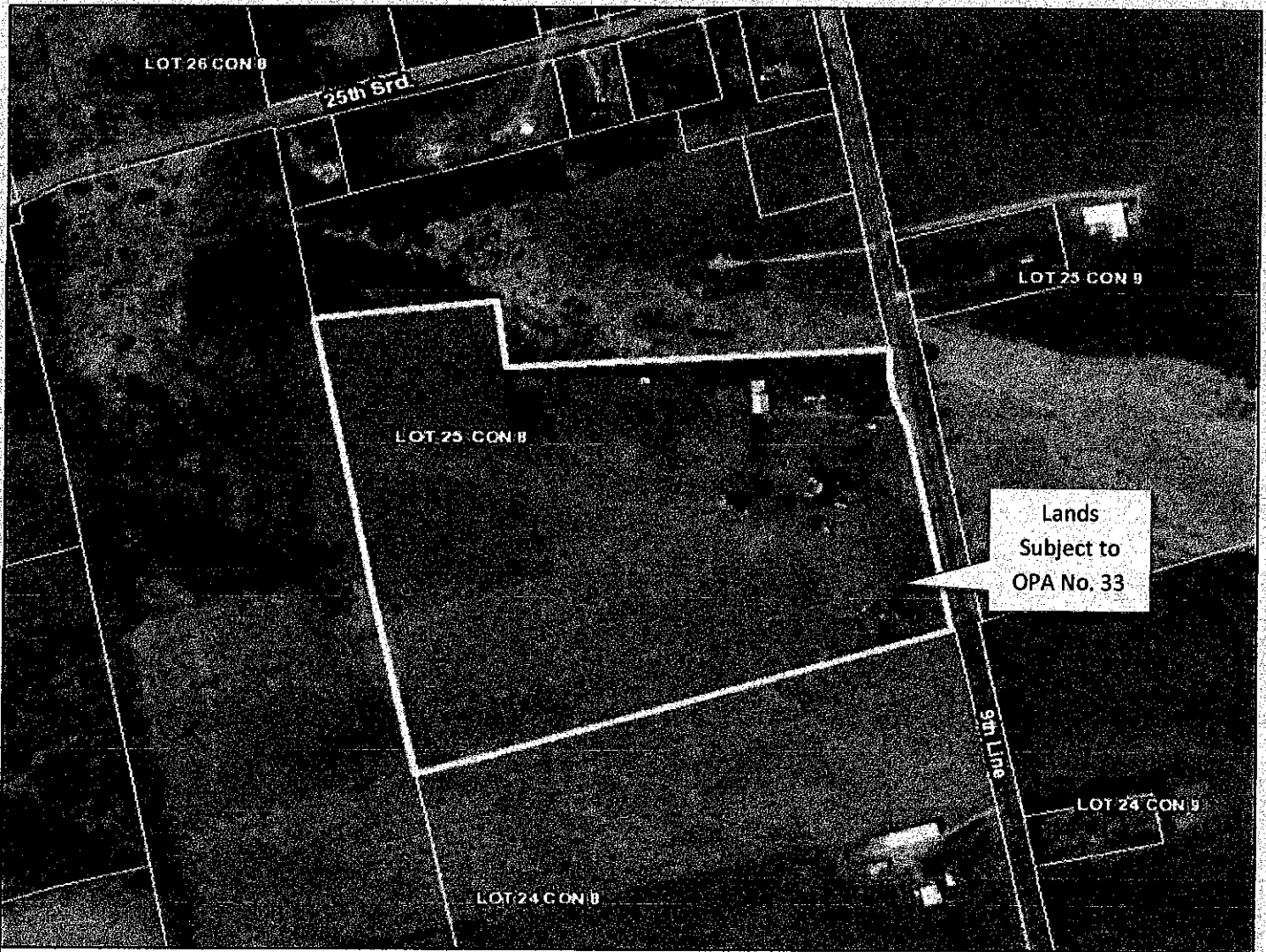
Location Map

Municipal Context



Township of Essa Official Plan Amendment No. 33
County File Number: E-OPA-1933
Address: 7994 9th Line, Township of Essa

Agricultural Lands	Lands Not Subject To Plan
Settlements	Niagara Escarpment Plan Area
Economic District	Greenbelt Plan - Protected Countryside
Greenlands	Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area
Rural Lands	Special Development Area Big Bay Point
Secondary Plan	Subject Property



Map Legend

- Subject Property
- Settlement Area
- Bulk Boundary
- 2016



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA

BY-LAW NO. 2020 – 43

Being a By-law to adopt an Amendment to the Official Plan for the Township of Essa with respect to lands municipally known as 7994 9th Line.

WHEREAS section 21 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended authorizes Council to amend its Official Plan that applies to the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Essa has provided adequate information to the public, and has held at least one public meeting in accordance with section 22 of the *Planning Act*; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Essa deems it appropriate to amend the Township of Essa's Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Township of Essa Official Plan Schedule "A" be amended to denote these lands with "OPA 33 See Section 26.5.1 Special Policy".
2. THAT the following be added to Section 26.5.1, of the Township's Official Plan:
 - a) Notwithstanding the above, those lands situated on Lot 25, Concession 8, municipally known as 7994 9th Line, may be permitted a severance, at the time of this amendment, to create one (1) new Rural lot on lands less than 20-hectares in size.
3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the approval of the Corporation of the Township of Essa and in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this the 17th day of June, 2020.

Certified to be a true copy



Lisa Lehr, Clerk
Township of Essa


Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Lisa Lehr, Clerk

Official Plan Amendment Text

Township of Essa
Amendment 33
To the Official Plan of
The Township of Essa

Part A – The Preamble

1. Purpose

The purpose of this amendment is to provide site-specific policies to the Official Plan to recognize the existing lot size and to permit a future severance. More specifically, the Amendment proposes to add a site-specific policy to Section 26.5, Policy 26.5.1, Rural Consents, of the Official Plan of the Township of Essa.

The designation of the subject lands is 'Rural' in the Township of Essa Official Plan. Schedule "A"- Land Use Designations to the Official Plan will also be modified to identify the subject lands with reference to the special policy applying to these lands.

2. Location

This Amendment applies to those lands legally described as Part of Lot 25, Concession 8, Township of Essa, and known municipally as 7994 9th Line.

3. Basis

This Amendment proposes to provide a site-specific policy to Section 26.5, Policy 26.5.1, 'Rural' designated lands, of the Plan and modify Schedule "A" of the Township of Essa Official Plan by identifying the lands which are the subject of this special policy.

The Amendment will enable a future severance to occur on lands designated 'Rural'. Policy 26.5.1 of the Official Plan requires a minimum lot area of at least 20 hectares in size for a 'Rural' severance to occur, whereas the subject lands are 15.78 hectares in size.

The amendment will permit a future severance to occur, creating two lots, each with a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment is in character with the general nature of the property, keeping in character with the area, and will recognize the existing lot size.

Part B – The Amendment

The intention of this part of the document entitled *Part B – The Amendment*, which consists of the following text and Schedule "A", constitutes Amendment 33 to the Official Plan of the Township of Essa.

Details of the Amendment

The Official Plan is amended as follows:

1. Section 26.5, policy 26.5.1, 'Rural', is hereby further amended by adding the following to the end of Subsection 26.5.1:

OPA (33) i) Notwithstanding any other policies of this Plan to the contrary, those land situated on Lot 25, Concession 8, and identified by the reference "See Policy 25.6.1" a severance may be permitted at the time of this amendment, to create two 'Rural' lots, each containing a residential dwelling, subject to the appropriate approvals."

2. Schedule "A", Land Use Designations of the Township of Essa is hereby further amended by outlining the area as shown on the attached Schedule "A", and referencing same as "Special Policy Area _____"

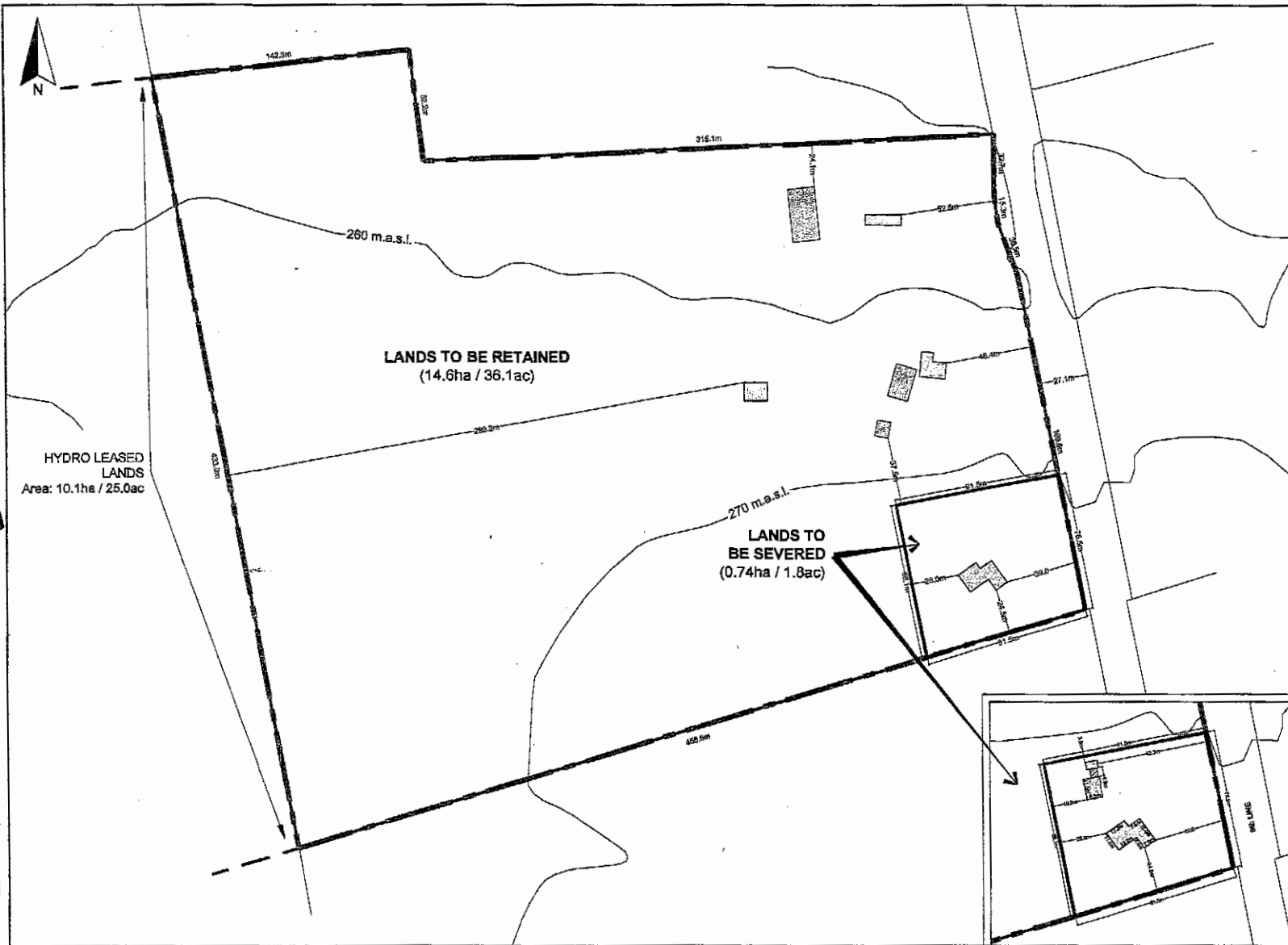
Implementation

This Amendment shall be implemented in accordance with Section 28, Administration and Implementation of the Official Plan of the Township of Essa.

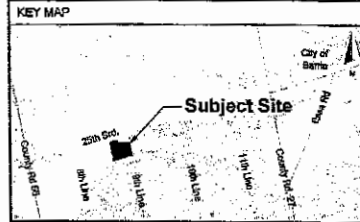
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Lisa Lehr, Clerk
Township of Essa



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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

Part of East 1/2 of Lot 20, Concession 4,
Township of Essa,
County of Simcoe
Scale 1:4,000

- LEGEND**
- SUBJECT SITE
Area: 15.3ha / 37.9ac
 - LANDS TO BE SEVERED
Area: 0.74ha / 1.8ac
 - EXISTING IVY VET SERVICES
(Area: 241.72m²)
 - PROPOSED HOUSE
(Area: 104.5m²)
 - PROPOSED GARAGE (4.2m x 3.6m)
(Area: 28.1m²)
 - EXISTING BUILDINGS

ZONING TABLE - RURAL (RL) ZONE

PROVISION	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
Lot Frontage (min.)	45.0m	79.2m
Lot Area (min.)	2,782.0m ²	7,421.8m ²
Lot Coverage (max.)	10.0%	5.0%
Front Yard Setback (min.)	18.0m	30.0m
Interior Side Yard Setback (min.)	3.0m	3.0m
Exterior Side Yard Setback (min.)	18.0m	N.A.
Rear Yard Setback (min.)	7.2m	18.2m
1 Storey (min.)	83.0m ²	< 83.0m ²

Source: Township of Essa, Zoning By-Law No. 2023-50
 Note: Information shown is approximate and subject to change.

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

7994 9TH LINE, ESSA

SCHEDULE OF REVISIONS

No.	Date	Description	By

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 File: 19-051 Checked: J.H.