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Township of Amaranth
Council Agenda
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Added Items (Late Submissions)** - To be in the office prior to the meeting

3. **Approval of Agenda**

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

   5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes held June 17, 2020
   5.2 Regular Meeting Minutes held July 2, 2020
   5.3. Special Meeting Minutes held July 7, 2020

6. **Public Question Period (6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.)**

*A maximum of 15 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Period. The CAO/Clerk will be responsible for reading as many letters as possible during this period. Due to the volume of letters/comments received not all will be read however, all will form an appendix to the minutes.

See additional letters listed under Schedule 'A'

7. **Delegations/Presentations**

7.1 Allto Investments Holdings Inc.
See letter provided from Larry Acchione

8. **Public Meetings** – (6:30 p.m. approximately)

Members of the public and agents or applicants are invited to submit their comments regarding the Planning files by email, indicating their name, comment and phone number to the Clerks Office at deputy.clerk@amaranth.ca by NOON on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 to be added to the speaking list during the comment period. Additionally, questions can be submitted through the secure drop box located at the Municipal Office by NOON on Tuesday, July 14.

8.1 B03-2020 Consent Application McCabe
Z03-2020 Rezoning Application McCabe
515163 2nd Line - Severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot. The application includes an application for Zoning By-Law Amendment concurrent with the severance application.

9. **Unfinished Business**

9.1. **Pulled Invoices from June 17, 2020**
Memo 2020-14

9.2. **Approval of Grand River's Amended Assessment Report and Plan affecting multiple municipalities**
Update and clarification provided

9.3. **Ice River Springs**
Pipeline Update

9.4. **Correia, Bruce and Silvia**
Memo 2020-10 - Site Alteration update from Building

10. **Planning Department**

10.1. Other - Verbal update to be provided, if any

11. **Public Works Department**

    11.1. Verbal update to be provided by the Manager of Public Works

12. **County Council Business**

    12.1 County of Dufferin Council Agenda
    June 25, 2020

    12.2 County Bridges on Local Roads Report – Jurisdictional Responsibilities

    12.3. Other, if any

13. **Committee Reports**

    13.1 **Grand River Conservation Authority**
    More amenities reopening at Grand River Parks

    13.2 **Grand River Conservation Authority**
    Summary of the General Membership Meeting – June 26, 2020

    13.3 Dufferin POA update – update on reopening

    13.4. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - Newsletter

14. **General Business and Correspondence**

    14.1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
    Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow

    14.2. AMO COVID-19 Update- Readiness Toolkit, Resumption of Land Use Planning Timelines, and Masks (Clarification)

    14.3. AMO WatchFile – June 18, 2020

    14.4. AMO Board Update: COVID-19, Three Months and Counting

    14.5. AMO Policy Update – Stage 2, Emergency Declaration Extension and Water Bottling Consultation

    14.6. AMO Policy Update – Provincial Emergency Extended and Tribunals Ontario

    14.7. AMO WatchFile – June 25, 2020

14.8. AMO Policy Update – Emergency Orders Extension and Towing Industry Oversight

14.9. AMO WatchFile – July 2, 2020

14.10. AMO Policy Update: Appeal for immediate financial assistance

14.11. AMO Policy Update: United Call for Emergency Municipal Financial Relief and New provincial growth, renewal and economic recovery plan

14.12. MPAC InTouch June 2020

14.13. **Town of Kingsville – Resolution 391-2020**
Rent Assistance Program

14.14. **Municipality of West Elgin – Resolution 2020-210**
Universal Basic Income

14.15. **Municipality of West Elgin – Resolution 2020-209**
Access to affordable broadband

14.16. **Township of Puslinch – Resolution 2020-166**
TAPMO Executive Meeting Minutes dated May 28, 2020

14.17. AMO Policy Update – Provincial Legislation re: Emergency Orders

14.18. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
Ministers Letter – COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act July 8 2020

15. **Treasury/Accounts**

15.1. Bills and Accounts - General Accounts

15.2. Bills and Accounts - Road Accounts

15.3. Other, if any

16. **Added Items (Late Submissions)**

17. **New Business**

17.1. **Town of Orangeville**
311 Implementation Notice and sample resolution

17.2. **Introduction of an Inclusion and Equity Committee for the Township of Amaranth**

Report to follow

17.3. **Recreation Services at Township**
Re-start of fitness classes

18. **Notice of Motions**

18.1. **Notice of Motion**
Flag Protocol
Draft Policy and Procedure for review

19. **Closed Meeting**

19.1. None at this meeting

20. **By-Laws**

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1. None at this meeting

21. **Confirming By-Law**

22. **Adjournment**

22.1. To meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Township of Amaranth
Council Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

The Township of Amaranth Council held an electronic regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present:	Mayor	B. Currie
	Councillor	M. Tijssen
	Councillor	G. Little
	Councillor	H. Foster
Via Audio:	Deputy Mayor	C. Gerrits
Staff Present:	Acting Clerk	N. Martin
Via Audio:	Treasurer	F. Quadri (for parts)
	Manager Public Works	B. Ryzebol (for parts)
	Interim Planner	V. Schmidt (for parts)

1. **Call to Order**

   Mayor Currie called the Meeting to Order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Added Items (Late Submissions)** – Added items discussed and added

3. **Approval of Agenda**

   Resolution #1
   Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

   Council do hereby approve the agenda as amended. The following items having been added to the agenda.

   5.3 Approval of Minutes
   Special Meeting Minutes held June 15, 2020
   6.0 Public Question Period
   2 Letters from ratepayer to be read and form part of minutes
   11.2 Bridge 6
   Construction Summary from R.J. Burnside
   15.5 Budget 2020
   Final Discussions
   20.2 Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws
   Being a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth for the year 2020

   CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons**
   Deputy Mayor provided a Declaration of Interest with respect to item 9.1

5. **Approval of Minutes**

5.1. Regular Meeting Minutes held June 3, 2020
5.2. Special Meeting Minutes held June 10, 2020
5.3. Special Meeting Minutes held June 15, 2020

Resolution #2
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 3, 2020; the Special Meeting of Council held on June 10, 2020 and the Special Meeting of Council held on June 15, 2020 as circulated.
CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

6. **Public Question Period**

The following is a letter received from a ratepayer and was read and will form part of the minutes.

I wish to comment on the article in the Orangeville Banner on May 7th with respect to we're most definitely in the position to get sued I was under the impression that Deputy Mayor Garrett's was to represent the constituents of amaranth and this article it is quite blatant that he is not by contacting the banner Chris Halliday and having said that he has spoken to three Human Resources professional as well as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ascertain that Miss hickey has a case totally unbelievable why didn't Mr Garrett not indicate that Miss hickey was on probationary period i am sure there are many municipalities that terminate an employee on a probationary period. I do not understand why mr. Garrett's has to continually go to the Orangeville Banner to publicize any & everything that is going on in a municipality in telling his story to the Orangeville Banner why did mr. Garrett's not indicate that East garafraxa has moved out of the amaranth building where in most of the employees who were either hired by “BLANK” went with her to East garafraxa it's interesting to note mr. Garrett that you were on Council previously and you knew that there was an 800,000 plus deficit but decided to remain silent regarding that mr. Garretts I wish to remind you that mr. Currie was elected by the residents of amaranth you were acclaimed and I would suggest that you reevaluate your priorities as your actions as noted above have definitely affected the selling prices of the houses in amaranth

The following is a letter received from a ratepayer and was read and will form part of the minutes.

Hello Mayor Currie, and esteemed council members, Originally, I sent an email to all of the council members on June 4th to address the lack of a Pride flag flying at the township office for the month of June 2020 (Pride month), to show acceptance and solidarity with the LGBTQ members of the Amaranth community. As of the time of this meeting, the email has not received a reply. I was, and remain, confused and concerned that the township has chosen not to show inclusion and equity by flying the flag this year. It is the duty of council to support ALL members of the Amaranth community, and the lack of support does not go unnoticed by your LGBTQ neighbors, friends, and community workers. As the office is directly across from the elementary school, which is flying the flag-as are all schools in the UGDSB- the township office has a duty to support those

students and community members who identify as LGBTQ. Refusing to fly the flag sends a very strong, outdated, and harmful message to our LGBTQ community, adults, teens, and children, that the township and council does not stand up for them, support them, or support human rights and equity. In my letter, I strongly encouraged you to rectify this issue for the remaining days of June and make a motion and commitment to fly the flag every June to show that the township of Amaranth and it's council doesn't support bigotry and discrimination, and instead supports and takes pride in its community members from all walks of life, including the members of its LGBTQ community. Mr. Mayor, and Council members, the ball is in your court, so to speak, this community and it's children are watching. Your actions will set the bar for how this community recognizes and treats its LGBTQ members. Make a motion for equity and inclusivity, make a motion to fly the Pride flag every June, support the whole community, preach love and tolerance. It may seem like just a flag to you, but to the LGBTQ community in Amaranth, it's so much more. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Stacey Whittington

7. **Delegations/Presentations**
Non at this meeting

8. **Public Meetings**
Council hold a Public Meeting regarding the following:

8.1. **B02-2020 Consent Application**
Application to sever 22.41 ha and retain 22.48 ha to create a new agricultural lot – 434201 4th Line, Amaranth (Owners: Ghanime, Antoine and Lucie Agent: The Biglieri Group)

The Acting Clerk reviewed the provision of calling a public meeting under the Planning Act. The Interim Planner gave an overview of the proposed severance. Council was advised that the application conforms to the County of Dufferin Official Plan and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. It was recommended that the application be approved at this time. The Planner reviewed the comments received from the agencies. Council reviewed the requirements for an Environmental Impact Study and an easement for a shared driveway. Agent for applicant, Brayden Libawski of The Biglieri Group was available via audio and had no further comments. The agent confirmed that his clients were aware of the conditions and in agreement with same. There were no other comments from members of public.

Resolution #3
Moved to M. Tijssen – Seconded by C. Gerrits
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Consent Application B02-2020, submitted by Brayden Libawski c/o The Biglieri Group Ltd. (Applicant), on behalf of Antoine and Lucie Ghanime (Owners) regarding Concession 3, Lot 14 municipally known as 434201 4th Line be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Taxes paid in full on both the severed and retained parcels
2. The Township is provided a solicitors undertaking to maintain and register the easement on title for access to the severed lot
3. Copy of the registered reference plan in digital and paper format on the severed and retained parcels
4. That the owner enter into a consent agreement addressing site servicing and drainage requirements to the satisfaction of the Township
5. A scoped environmental impact study to be submitted to the satisfaction of the GRCA and Township and the recommendations thereof to be included as requirements of the Consent Agreement
6. That any road widening, easements, survey cost, legal costs and any other transaction pertaining to this application shall be borne by the applicant
7. Certificate of Title to be supplied, showing no encumbrances on the land for road

widening purposes

8. That all condition be fulfilled, and certificate of clerk issued within one year of the date of notice of decision was given, failing to do so will cause the application to be null and void.
CARRIED.

9. **Unfinished Business**

The Deputy Mayor had declared a conflict on the following agenda item and it was confirmed that he logged out of the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

9.1. **Ice River Springs**
Memo 2020-07 Update and Ongoing

Council reviewed the information received from Ice River Springs and Croziers Consulting Engineers. Ice River Springs is prepared to enter into an agreement with the Township for the use of a corridor within the public roadway. Proposed amounts of securities and usage fees were discussed. Staff has been asked to respond back to Ice River Springs and still pursue the MPAC assessment option.

The Deputy Mayor logged back into the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

10. **Planning Department**

10.1 Other – Planner Valerie Schmidt provided a verbal update for upcoming matters that will be presented to Council including; a complaint from Cindy Sabo regarding an auto repair shop on a neighbouring property and if that falls into the view of home industry, staff has been asked to find the background file and update the planner and provide the ratepayer with a letter outlining any requirements; upcoming Hamount model home agreement; and new applications for consent and zoning by-law amendment.

11. **Public Works Department**

11.1. **Report to Council 2020-13**
Public Works Manager – update items

The Mayor mentioned a few areas that have dead trees to be addressed as a safety concern in the Township. The Public Works Manager updated Council with the 20th Sideroad project and the contingency items being discussed. A new culvert at the municipal drain is required at 20th Sideroad and the old rail line area which is going to be worked into the resurfacing project. Other areas of concern with the 20th Sideroad project include the box bridge west of County Road 12 may require new walls and guardrails and area west of 7th Line the old bridge walls need to be broken down first.

Council discussed stop signs on paved road intersections and County intersections.

Resolution #4
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council support the installation of 4 way stop signs at the intersections of County Road 12 and 20th Sideroad and 30th Sideroad/County Road 11 and 2nd Line. Council will ask County of Dufferin for permission to install stop signs on the County roadways and County intersections.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		

Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

11.2 **Bridge 6**
Construction Summary from R.J. Burnside

Council has been updated that the Bridge has been opened and the work complete. Final costing has not been received to date.

12. **County Council Business**

12.1. **Other**

Council was updated by the Deputy Mayor regarding the SWIFT program and the high speed internet which should be coming soon to Dufferin County.

13. **Committee Reports**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

13.1. **Building Department**
MPAC Update – May 2020

13.2 **Ontario Provincial Police**
Change in security check and revenue distribution processes

13.3 **Grand River Source Protection Plan and Assessment**
Update and Amendments Environmental Registry

Council discussed the amendment to the Source Water Protection and wanted more clarification from Guy Guardhouse and if Waldemar water is involved or affected. Staff will reach out to Mr. Guardhouse and report back.

13.4 **Provincial Offence Courts**
Potential Amendments to the *Provincial Offence Act*

13.5. **Other**

14. **General Business and Correspondence**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

14.1 AMO WatchFile – June 4, 2020

14.2 AMO COVID-19 Update – June 8, 2020

14.3 AMO COVID-19 Update – Child Care and Patio Extensions

14.4 AMO 2020 Conference: Program Update

14.5 AMO WatchFile – June 11, 2020

14.6 Laurelwoods Elementary School
Request for donation – Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony

Council discussed the request and the Deputy Mayor updated Council that he had offered the Township office to serve as a spot for families without internet access to use the Township internet for the graduation ceremony which is going to be held electronically due to the pandemic. Council also wanted to support the sponsorship request personally and donated $5 from each council member for

the award. The Deputy Mayor also requested a letter of congratulations be sent to the recipient of a County scholarship award as the recipient of the award is a Amaranth resident and former Laurelwoods Elementary School student.

Resolution #5
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council support Laurelwoods Elementary School with a donation of $25 sponsorship award for the student academic achievement award.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

14.7 Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Letter of Support

14.8 Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2020-151
Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

14.9. Township of Puslinch Council resolution 2020-104
Support for the Conservation Authorities

14.10. Town of Bracebridge resolution
Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic

15. **Treasury/Accounts**

15.1. **Bills and Accounts - General Accounts**

Council requested two accounts be pulled and not paid until further information is provided. The expense sheet received from the Mayor to be pulled and voted on separately when more information is provided. Additionally, the R.J. Burnside account be pulled for further information.

15.2. **Bills and Accounts - Road Accounts**

Resolution #6
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment:
General 2020 $253,595.73
Roads 2020 $305,252.89
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

15.3. **Memo 2020-06 Penalty and Interest Charges**

Council discussed the waiving of penalty and interest on tax and water accounts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution #7
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the Acting Clerk memo 2020-06 and direct staff to waive penalty and interest on water and tax accounts for July, 2020. Notice to ratepayers to be included on their tax bills that penalty and interest will re-commence in August, 2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

15.4. **Other**

15.5. **Budget 2020 Final Discussions**

The Mayor proposed purchasing a road deviation piece of property for $100,000.00, Council would like a formal written agreement in this regard before discussing further. Council discussed the budget as presented and the tax rate being proposed as a result of the budget amounts. The Treasurer pointed out that there was an error on the previous draft budget showing the Gas Tax funding as being received however did not show it being moved to reserves and would therefore sit as a benefit to the ratepayers and not for use in reserves. This was corrected on the budget being presented and formed the increase in the bottom line.

Resolution #8
Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the 2020 Budget in the amount of $4,063,039.14 to be raised from taxes.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little		**X**	
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

16. **Added Items - Late Submissions (to be in office prior to meeting)**

Council discussed the ratepayer letters read earlier in the meeting under Public Question Period. Staff has been asked to reach out to other neighbouring municipalities to determine if any are flying the Pride Flag for the month of June. Council was concerned over the number of proclamations that could be made in the course of a year and number of requests that could be generated if this precedent was set. Council deals with proclamations on an annual basis and she can request earlier for next year. Staff has been asked to respond to Stacey Whittington accordingly.

17. **New Business**

17.1 **Memo to Council 2020-08**
Orangeville Rotary Club – Drive Through Ribfest

Council discussed the request and was generally in agreement with the idea and encouraged the Orangeville Rotary Club to pursue the option as presented.

Resolution #9
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the Acting Clerk memo 2020-08 and support the Orangeville Rotary Club drive through Ribfest at the Headwaters Racquet Club.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

17.2. Memo to Council 2020-09
Summer Camp/Soccer/Recreation Classes

Council reiterated the previous discussions and conversations with camp staff that it would not be able to be run this season. Staff has been asked to check the tape around the playground again as it has ripped and been removed.

Resolution #10
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: G. Little
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the Acting Clerk memo 2020-09 and proceed to cancel the Camp Amaranth and Amaranth Soccer program for the 2020 summer season.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

17.3. Correspondence Received from Stutz Brown & Self
Correia, Bruce and Silvia 513464 2nd Line, Amaranth

Council discussed the correspondence received and has been asked to check with the Building Department with the “building envelope” area on the plans. Staff has been asked to reach out to the building department and ask for an inspector to attend a Council meeting to discuss the permit and grading on the property before responding to the legal representative.

17.4. Draft Tidy Yards By-law for review purposes only

Council did not feel that the draft presented accurately captured the intent of the Council and wanted it to focus more on derelict vehicles and shipping containers which is covered in the Zoning By-law. Staff has been asked to write a letter indicating that complaints have been received regarding an untidy yard to the owner of the property on 4th Line.

18. **Notice of Motions** – None

19. **Closed Meeting -** None at this meeting.

20. **By-Laws**

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1 Being a By-Law to appoint Nicole Martin as Acting CAO/Clerk for the Township of Amaranth.

Resolution #11
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: G. Little
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint an Acting CAO/Clerk for the Township of Amaranth and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 37-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

The Mayor asked the Deputy Mayor if he had any response to the Mayors letter of last council meeting. The Deputy Mayor indicated he had no response.

20.2 Being a By-Law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth for the year 2020

Resolution #12
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: C. Gerrits
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth of the year 2020; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 38-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little		**X**	
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

21. **Confirming By-Law**

Resolution #13
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for June 17, 2020; and that is be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 39-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		

Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

22. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Resolution #14
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

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Head of Council Acting Clerk

Township of Amaranth
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
Thursday, July 2, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Electronic Meeting

The Township of Amaranth Council held an electronic regular meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Council Present:	Mayor	B. Currie
	Councillor	M. Tijssen
	Councillor	G. Little
	Councillor	H. Foster
Via Audio:	Deputy Mayor	C. Gerrits
Staff Present:	Acting CAO/Clerk	N. Martin

The Acting Clerk having determined a quorum confirmed that the meeting would be able to continue. Electronic meeting technology features were reviewed, and the audio recording was started.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Currie called the Meeting to Order at 10:08 a.m. It became apparent that the platform for delivering the meeting to the public was not stable and it could not be determined that the link to the meeting agenda was functioning. As such, Council was not satisfied that any member of the public that wanted to participate in the council meeting had the ability to log on or call in to the listen to the audio portion of the meeting live. Council made the difficult but necessary decision to move all open session matters currently scheduled to the next available regular council meeting which is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Council felt that the closed session of the meeting on the agenda could proceed as scheduled.

Resolution #1
Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council do hereby move all open items to the July 15, 2020 6:00 p.m. meeting as the agenda line was not operational.
CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

2. **Closed Meeting #1**

Resolution #2
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local bard
- Labour relations or employee negotiations
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits		**X**	
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

Resolution #3
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

Lunch was taken from 12:30 to 1:25 p.m.

3. **Closed Meeting #2**

The Acting CAO/Clerk made a statement before commencing the closed meeting that pursuant to Section 228(4) of the Municipal Act she does hereby delegate her duties under Section 228(1) of the Municipal Act to Carrie Sharpin of Ward and Uptigrove for the purposes of taking minutes as required at the closed portion of the Council meeting to be held on July 2, 2020.

Resolution #4
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):

- The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

Resolution #5
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: C. Gerrits
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		

Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

It was confirmed that the only business discussed in closed meeting was that on the closed meeting agenda. Council further provided instructions to staff arising from the closed meeting direction.

Resolution #6
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: C. Gerrits
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council do hereby appoint Councillors Foster and Little to form the Executive Hiring Team.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

4. **By-Laws**
Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

4.1 Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for maintenance and repair to the Richardson Drainage Works and for the borrowing on the credit of the municipality the amount required for such work; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 40-2020.

Resolution #7
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for maintenance and repair to the Richardson Drainage Works and for the borrowing on the credit of the municipality the amount required for such work; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 40-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

4.2 Leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint a conditional Deputy Clerk for the purposes of taking minutes, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 41-2020.

Resolution #8
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: G. Little
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint a conditional Deputy Clerk for the purposes of taking minutes, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 41-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		

Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

5. **Confirming By-Law**

Resolution #9
Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for July 2, 2020; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 42-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

6. **Adjournment**

Resolution #10
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	**X**		
Councillor Heather Foster	**X**		
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

_____ _____
Head of Council Acting CAO/Clerk

Township of Amaranth
Special Meeting of Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Electronic Meeting

The Township of Amaranth Council held an electronic special meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Council Present:	Mayor	B. Currie
	Councillor	M. Tijssen
	Councillor	G. Little
Regrets:	Councillor	H. Foster
	Deputy Mayor	C. Gerrits
Staff Present:	Acting CAO/Clerk	N. Martin

The Acting CAO/Clerk having determined a quorum determined that the meeting would be able to continue. Electronic meeting technology features were reviewed, and the audio recording was started.

1. **Call to Order**

   Mayor Currie called the Meeting to Order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **Added Items (Late Submissions) – added items listed below**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

   Resolution #1
   Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: G. Little
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
   Council do hereby approve the agenda as circulated.
   CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits			**X**
Councillor Heather Foster			**X**
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons**
   None

5. **Closed Meeting**

   Resolution #2
   Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
   Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):
   - Labour relations or employee negotiations

   CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits			**X**

Councillor Heather Foster			**X**
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

Resolution #3
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: G. Little
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits			**X**
Councillor Heather Foster			**X**
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

It was confirmed that the only business discussed in closed meeting was that on the closed meeting agenda. Council further provided instructions to staff arising from the closed meeting.

Resolution #4
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Council direct the Acting CAO/Clerk to prepare an offer of employment for the Township Planner applicant.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits			**X**
Councillor Heather Foster			**X**
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

6. **Confirming By-Law**

Resolution #5
Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: G. Little
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Special Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for July 7, 2020; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 43-2020.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits			**X**
Councillor Heather Foster			**X**
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

7. **Adjournment**

Resolution #6
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits			**X**
Councillor Heather Foster			**X**
Councillor Gail Little	**X**		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	**X**		
Mayor Bob Currie	**X**		

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

_____ _____
Head of Council Acting CAO/Clerk

Jane M. Wilson

294015 8th line

Amaranth, Ontario

Mayor, Deputy Mayor
and Councillors

Township of Amaranth

RE: 2020 BUDGET

After listening to the better part of one budget meeting and a portion of the last budget meeting and actually going through the approved budget I feel Council did not do their jobs. Council is suppose to take the taxpayers of Amaranth as there first consideration. YOU ALL FAILED TO DO THAT.

You increased the Municipal tax rate by 12% but when the county tax rate and the education tax rate are factored in the overall residential tax rate increase is 4.15%. Not acceptable. I guess no one told you what the increase in residential assessment was from 2019 to 2020. I will tell you it was 4.34%. Obviously that was not taken into consideration so this is what will happen on an average assessment in Amaranth this year.

Average Assessment $500,000

2019	2020
500,000 X tax rate	521,700 X tax rate
= $5,022.55	= $5458.14

$435.59 increase

This computes to an 8.67% dollar increase. Pretty hefty when a lot of people are laid off from work or just not back to work.

I am not very pleased with the way Council went through the budget all you had to do is cut 364,000 out of your budget and the tax rate would have stayed level the only increase we would have faced is the increase in assessment. When I went through your budget there were several places where money could have been reduced or cut.

I just wanted to explain a few things and express my concerns as an Amaranth Taxpayer. You people were voted in to run this township in an orderly, efficient manner . That has not happened yet. Start looking after the important issues in the township and priorities.

Respectfully submitted

Jane M. Wilson

Mayor Currie and council members,

I am writing this letter in absolute shock and disgust. In the two weeks since the last township meeting the Amaranth community has been shaken to its core by the continued and unapologetic discrimination and homophobic comments of its own mayor, Bob Currie. What began as a simple request to fly the Pride flag and show support for the LGBTQ community of Amaranth, has uncovered one of the biggest failings of this council in it's history: we are being governed by an individual that proudly, and unapologetically supports discrimination against members of the community he has been entrusted to support and represent.
Hiding behind the phrases "I am not a typically politically correct politician", "I speak my mind and MY truth always", "Don't confuse me with facts" and "If I hurt somebody, that's their problem, not mine" the mayor has made it abundantly clear that he does not see anything wrong with his comments, is unwilling to acknowledge the extreme pain he has caused this community, and is unfit to hold this position.

In the past 72 hours, our town has been the subject of media coverage surrounding the horrific comments made by the Mayor, news outlets from as far away as Barrie and Toronto. Other communities are angry with the statements coming from the Mayor.

In the past 72 hours, a petition has been circulating telling Mayor Currie he needs to resign. This petition has collected over 5000 signatures in just 72 hours.
This community is angry with the statements coming from the Mayor. I do not say "Our Mayor or My Mayor" because, Mr. Currie, You Do Not Represent Me. You Do Not Represent This Community. The people of Amaranth have spoken with this petition. They want you out.
You can NOT represent the community of Amaranth if you refuse to represent EVERYONE in this community.

In the past 72 hours, Mr. Mayor, elected representatives from all over Dufferin County have spoken out against your words and actions. Other politicians are angry with the statements coming from the Mayor.
MP, Kyle Seeback said "Bob Currie's statements are absolutely disgraceful." , Mayor Mills from Shelburne said, "Not only were these remarks insensitive, but they showed a lack of understanding of the issues and struggles involved in the slow but steady advancement of civil rights." , and MPP Sylvia Jones said, "Generally, I do not insert myself into the affairs of other levels of government, but I am compelled to address recent comments made by Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie. I have zero tolerance for hate and discrimination in any form. As elected officials we have a duty to represent everyone in our community with the respect and dignity they deserve. Government, at all levels, has a leading role to play in standing against all forms of discrimination and hate - in our actions and in our words."

Mr. Mayor, I could go on with more of these. Perhaps most notably, the words of Warden Darren White, "Any leader who truly has the best interest of the County and its residents at heart would not make comments and cause the type of pain felt today by a segment of our community. Counsellor Currie, public statements made by you indicating you won't apologize for speaking your truth and that if people are hurt by what you have said that's their problem, have no place at this table. Members of the LGBTQ2+ community should not have to apologize for their truth either. They should be able to live their lives free from persecution and hate in this community and in any other in this great nation, in accordance with our Canadian values."

Mayor Currie, the people of Amaranth have spoken, the people of Dufferin County have spoken, and your peers and colleagues have spoken. There is no faith in your leadership, your ability to govern fairly and rationally, your ability to represent your constituents, and your ability to hold this office. We are all watching. And we will accept your resignation, immediately.
Stacey Whittington

July 9, 2020

Dear,

Mayor Bob Currie,

Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits

Councillor, Heather Foster

Councillor, Mark Tijssen

Councillor, Gail Little

Deputy Clerk, Nicole Martin

RE: LOT 19 West half Concession 9, Amaranth

I am a resident and taxpayer in the township of Amaranth since 1962. I am sure that the history of this property and all the occurrences to date have been explained to you by staff. I had to object to your official plan changes to allow me to remove peat soil from my property to maintain my topsoil business. The expenses that the township is claiming is equal to what I paid to defend myself, plus the cost of leveling my stockpiles and the cost of landscaping a swamp.

The courts awarded you cost of $66,000.00 primarily because I was unable to afford a lawyer to defend myself any longer. In 2018 I made an offer to settle of $66,000.00. I am asking this council to reconsider my previous offer of $66,000.00 so that all this can be put behind us.

Thank you for your consideration

Larry Acchione
Lot 19 West half Concession 9, Amaranth

The Township of Amaranth

Staff Planning Report to Council

To:	**Mayor Currie and Members of Council**
From:	**Valerie Schmidt, Consulting Township Planner** **Steve Wever, Consulting Township Planner**
Date:	**July 15th, 2020**
Applicants/Owners:	**Ray and Tara McCabe (Owners) &** **Brayden Libawski c/o The Biglieri Group Ltd. (Applicant)**
Subject:	**Consent Application B3-20 – 515163 2nd Line, Township of Amaranth**
Official Plan	
Designation:	**Agricultural (A) and Environmental Protection (EP)**
Zoning:	**Agricultural (A) Zone and Environmental Protection (EP)**

1.0 Purpose of Application

An application for consent has been submitted by Brayden Libawski c/o The Biglieri Group Ltd. (the "Applicant) on behalf of Ray and Tara McCabe (the "Owners") for the creation of one new lot from the property legally referred to as Lot 23, Concession 1 now designated as Parts 2 & 4 on Registered Plan 7R-6157, Township of Amaranth, County of Dufferin or municipally known as 515163 2nd Line (the "Subject Property"). The purpose and effect of the application is to sever the surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Property. The severed lot will contain the surplus farm dwelling including a septic system, private well and existing driveway having 60 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 100 metres in depth and be 0.6 hectares in size. The retained parcel of land will be the agricultural lot, which will have approximately 560 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, be approximately 670 metres in depth, and be approximately 40.63 hectares in size. It does not appear there is a separate farm field access to the proposed retained lot.

A Zoning By-law Amendment (Z3-20) has also been submitted concurrently to provide zoning provisions for both the severed and retained parcels of land to comply with applicable planning policies which would limit the use of the retained parcel to agricultural uses and prohibit residential uses on the lot, and a zoning provision on the proposed severed parcel of land that states that there is no Minimum Distance Separation required between the adjacent livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the severed lot.

2.0 Background

The Subject Property is located on the east side of 2nd Line, approximately 1.2 kilometers south of the 2nd Line and Sideroad 25 intersection. The area of the Subject Property is approximately 41 hectares with 613 metres of frontage on 2nd Line and is currently used for agricultural purposes and has one (1) single-detached dwelling and a barn/livestock facility. The dwelling residence has been deemed surplus to the farming operation.

The Subject Property is surrounded by large agricultural properties and contains environmental features including a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) on the property. The predominant use of land within 5 kilometres of the Subject Property is agricultural. Other rural residential lots, agricultural uses, and agricultural properties with farm dwellings are also located in the area.

The parcel of land west of the Subject Land is municipally identified as 515164 2nd Line and is also owned by the McCabes. This property contains one (1) single detached dwelling and a barn/livestock facility.

3.0 Proposed Use

The proposed severance application will sever the surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Property. The severed lot will contain the surplus farm dwelling, have 60 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 100 metres in depth and be 0.6 hectares in size. The retained parcel of land will be the agricultural lot, which will have approximately 560 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, be approximately 670 metres in depth, and be approximately 40.63 hectares in area.

4.0 Analysis

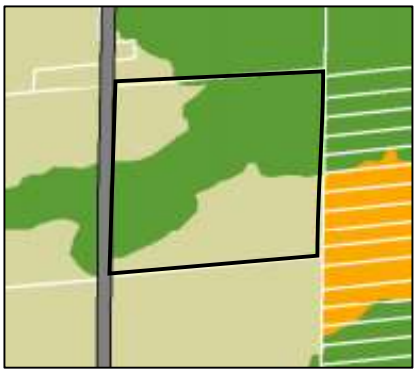
The property is designated "Agricultural" and "Environmental Protection" in the Township Official Plan. The property is currently zoned "Agricultural (A)" and "Environmental Protection (EP)".

<u>Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)</u>

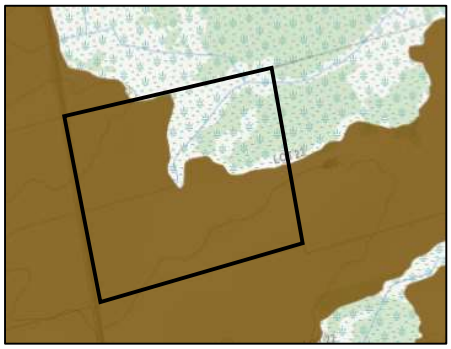
The 2020 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) provides direction on matters of Provincial interest related to land use planning and development and is relevant to the proposed application. All land use planning decisions shall be consistent with the PPS in accordance with section 3 of the Planning Act.

In the Province's draft agricultural land base mapping proposed to implement related policies in the Growth Plan, part of the Subject Property is located within the proposed Prime Agricultural Area. The Province's mapping of the Prime Agricultural Area and the Township Official Plan mapping of the Agricultural designation as they apply to the subject land are shown below for comparison. Although there are some differences in the mapping, both reflect the wetland feature on a portion of the property and the remaining land as prime agricultural land.

Township Official Plan, Schedule A (excerpt)



Draft Agricultural Land Base (Excerpt)



As per Section 2.3 of the PPS, Prime Agricultural Areas shall be protected for long-term use for agriculture. Permitted uses and activities in these areas are restricted to agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses.

Policy 2.3.3.3 of the PPS indicates that the creation of lots shall comply with the minimum distance separation (MDS) formulae. The existing dwelling on the Subject Property is a residence surplus to the McCabe's farming operation and is located on a separate lot form the nearby livestock facility. The 237 metres distance calculated with MDS formulae should not be applicable because an existing potential odour conflict already exists between the existing livestock facility and the existing residence that is surplus (as exemplified in MDS Guideline #9.1).

Policy 2.3.4.1 of the PPS states that lot creation in prime agricultural area is discouraged and may only be permitted for agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, or a residence surplus to a farming operation, and infrastructure. Agricultural uses are permitted provided that the lot area is of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and are sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations. According to policy 2.3.4.1.c) a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation is permitted provided that:

1. The new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services and;
2. The planning authority ensures the new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance.

The basic farm unit, as identified in the Township OP is approximately 40 hectares. The retained agricultural parcel is greater than 40 hectares. The proposed severed parcel of land will be 0.6 hectares in size, the minimum amount of land required by the Township Zoning By-law for a residential use within an Agricultural (A) zone to accommodate the necessary private water and sanitary servicing for the parcel. The concurrent Zoning By-law Amendment will zone the retained farm parcel to prohibit the construction of any residential dwellings in the future.

The creation of new residential lots in prime agricultural areas is limited to surplus farm dwelling severances resulting from a farm consolidation. As outlined in policy 2.3.4.3 of the PPS, the creation of new residential lots in prime agricultural areas shall not be permitted, except in accordance with policy 2.3.4.1(c).

The Subject Property also contains natural heritage features which are subject to the PPS. According to Section 2.1.8 of the PPS, development and site alteration shall not be permitted on adjacent lands to natural heritage features unless the ecological function of the adjacent lands has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or on their ecological functions. The proposed severed parcel is located more than 120 metres from the Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Therefore, it is expected that the lot creation will not negatively impact the PSW and associated natural heritage system.

Therefore, the proposed consent is consistent and does not conflict with the PPS and is supported by the following PPS policies:

- In prime agricultural areas, permitted uses and activities are agricultural uses (s.2.3.3.1).
- In prime agricultural areas, all types, sizes and intensities of agricultural uses shall be promoted and protected (s.2.3.3.2).
- New lot creation shall comply with minimum distance separation formulae (s.2.3.3.3).
- Lot creation for a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of a farm consolidation is permitted provided the new lot will be limited in a minimum size and new residential dwellings are prohibited (2.3.4.1.c)
- Prior to any development and site alteration, the adjacent natural heritage features will be evaluated through an EIS and demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or on their ecological functions (s.2.1.8).

Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

The new Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") came into effect on May 16, 2019 and applies to planning decisions after that date. The Growth Plan is intended to guide and manage growth and development in a way that supports economic prosperity, protects the environment, and helps communities achieve a high quality of life. As per Policy 4.2.6 of the Growth Plan, prime agricultural areas will be designated in accordance with mapping identified by the Province and these areas will be protected for long-term use for agriculture. As per the draft Agricultural Land Base Map for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, most of the area of the Subject Property is identified as part of the Prime Agricultural Area. A portion of the property is also identified within the Natural Heritage System. The proposed consent conforms and does not conflict with the Growth Plan and addresses the following Growth Plan policies:

- Prime agricultural areas will be designated in accordance with mapping identified by the Province and these areas will be protected for long-term uses for agriculture (s.4.2.6.2);
- The retention of agricultural lots for non-agricultural uses is discouraged (s.4.2.6.5);
- Proposals for new development or site alteration within 120 metres of a key natural heritage features within the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan will require a natural heritage evaluation (s.4.2.4.1).

County of Dufferin Official Plan

The County Official Plan provides direction on Dufferin County matters and provides land use planning guidance to the local municipalities within the County. The Subject Site is designated as "Countryside Area" as illustrated on Schedule B and "Agricultural" on Schedule C in the County Official Plan. The application for consent conforms to the County of Dufferin Official Plan and is supported by the following policies:

- Protect agricultural area and recognize the importance of agriculture by promoting a range of agricultural uses (s.4.1.b).
- Maintain and enhance the agricultural resource based and farming operations within the County (4.2.1.b).
- Protect the County's prime agricultural area from fragmentation, development and land uses unrelated to agriculture (4.2.1.d).
- Preserve and promote the agricultural and rural character of the County (4.2.1.f).

- The primary use of land is for agricultural uses including the growing of crops including nurseries (4.2.2.b.i).
- Lot creation in the Agricultural Area will generally be discouraged and only permitted in accordance with provincial policy and policies of the local municipal official plan (s.4.2.5.a).

Township of Amaranth Official Plan

The Township of Amaranth Official Plan is a planning policy document intended to guide land use and development within the Township. The Subject Site is designated as "Agricultural" and "Environmental Protection". The application conforms to the Township Official Plan and is supported by the following policies:

- To encourage all forms of agriculture and protect the long-term ability of farming operations to contribute to the economy and lifestyle of the Township of Amaranth (s.3.1.2.a).
- To maintain the open landscape character of the Township by preserving large parcel sizes and minimizing the intrusion of non-agricultural uses into agricultural areas (s.3.1.2.c). The typical parcel size in the area ranges from 12 hectares to 45 hectares that support various agricultural uses including livestock operations and fields crops. The minimum lot size according the current Agricultural (A) Zone for a residential use is 0.6 hectares, and 40 hectares for an agricultural lot.
- Lands in the Agricultural designation may be used for the following: agricultural uses that include the use of lands, building or structures for the growing of crops, including nursery and horticultural crops, raising of livestock (s.3.1.3.a); and a single detached dwelling on existing or approved new lots (s.3.1.3.b).
- The severed and retained parcels are to be of an appropriate size for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of the agricultural operation (s.3.1.4.a).
- All farm and non-farm development will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) (s.3.1.4.b).
- Existing agricultural operation should not be subdivided into smaller parcels of land where the severance would reduce the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit (s.3.1.4.d).
- To sever a dwelling built prior to 1978 that is surplus to a farm operation as the result of a farm consolidation. Farm consolidation means the acquisition of an additional farm parcel to be operated as one farm operation, normally within the County of Dufferin and where the remaining lands shall be zoned to prevent further residential building. Lots created in this circumstance shall be of a size and location that minimizes the removal of productive agricultural lands and meets the MDS formula (3.1.4.d.v.1).

According to Schedule B of the Township Official Plan, the property contains a provincially significant wetland and is located within a floodplain where a coldwater stream is identified on the property. The application is supported by the following policies:

- Permitted uses include existing agricultural operations and expansions to existing agricultural buildings and structures, accessory uses to both (s.3.8.3.a).

- To establish criteria regarding the scope, content and evaluation of Environmental Impact Assessment undertaken in support of development within and adjacent to important natural features in the Township as per Section 4.1.13 (s.3.8.2.b).
- The Township will seek technical advice of the appropriate review agencies, including the appropriate Conservation Authorities when dealing with development proposals in and adjacent to this designation (s.3.8.4.c).

According to Section 4.1.13.b of the Official Plan, the creation of three lots or less adjacent to the Environmental Protection area will require the preparation of a scoped Environmental Impact Assessment. The Subject Property is located within the regulated area of the NVCA. The proposed severed parcel is located outside of the regulated area and more than 120 metres from the Provincially Significant Wetland ("PSW"). The proposed lot creation is not expected to negatively impact the PSW, therefore a scoped Environmental Impact Assessment is not deemed to be required unless required by the NVCA. At the time of writing this report, the NVCA has not submitted any comments.

As per the PPS, County and Township policies, lot creation must comply with the Province of Ontario's Minimum Distance Separation Formulae in order to minimize odour conflicts between livestock facilities and development. Guideline #9.1 (MDS 1 Setbacks and Lot Creation for a Residence Surplus to a Farming Operation) of the MDS Guidelines states "where the existing dwelling to be severed and the nearby livestock facility are located on separate lots prior to the consent, an MDS 1 setback is not required for the consent application unless otherwise required by a municipal official plan policy. The existing dwelling on the Subject Lands is a residence surplus to the McCabe's farming operation and is located on a separate lot from the livestock facility. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will implement MDS Guideline #9.1 through a zoning provision on the proposed severed parcel of land that states that there is no Minimum Distance Separation required between the adjacent livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the severed lot.

Zoning By-law

The Subject Property is currently zoned "Agricultural (A)" and "Environmental Protection (EP)" in the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009. The permitted uses in the Agricultural (A) Zone include agricultural use, farm produce sales outlet accessory to an agricultural uses, farm produce storage facility, greenhouse, home occupation, home industry, kennel on a lot of at least 38 ha, resource management, riding school or boarding stables, single detached dwelling, etc.

The table below outlines the Agricultural (A) Zone regulations for agricultural and residential lots and compares it to the proposed retained and severed lots to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law.

	Agricultural (A) Zone Regulations (Agricultural Lot)	**Retained Lot**	**Agricultural (A) Zone Regulations (Residential Lot)**	**Severed Lot**
Min. Lot Area	19 hectares	40.6 hectares	0.6 hectares	0.6 hectares
Minimum Lot Frontage	150 metres	560 metres	60 metres	60 metres
Front Yard	30 metres	N/A	20 metres	27 metres
Interior Side Yard	15 metres	N/A	6 metres	11 metres

Exterior Side Yard	30 metres	N/A	20 metres	N/A
Rear Yard	30 metres	N/A	7.5 metres	55 metres
Max. Lot Coverage	5%	N/A	10%	3.5%
Max. Height	12 metres	N/A	12 metres	9 metres
Minimum Dwelling Unit GFA	111 square metres	N/A	140 square metres	185 square metres

The retained and severed parcels conform with the permitted uses and comply with the regulations of the Agricultural (A) zone. Within the EP zone, permitted uses include existing agricultural uses, conservation, passive recreation such as hiking and bird watching, resource management and existing building and structures. No new buildings or structures are being proposed on the retained or severed lands. As noted, site-specific zoning provisions are required to prohibit residential uses on the retained agricultural parcel and to implement MDS Guideline #9.1 as it relates to the existing livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the existing dwelling on the proposed severed lot.

Conclusion

The retained parcel is greater than 40 hectares in size and will provide for the long-term preservation of the agricultural land base. The proposed severed parcel of land is 0.6 hectares in area, the minimum size of a residential use lot within the Agricultural (A) Zone, therefore maximizing the amount of agricultural land available for continued farming of the retained parcel of land. The Zoning By-law Amendment submitted concurrently will establish the required site-specific provisions required by the PPS to prohibit residential uses on the retained land and to implement MDS Guideline #9.1 by adding a zoning provision that states that the MDS setback does not apply between the existing livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the existing dwelling on the proposed severed lot.

5.0 Consultation and Communications

The application was circulated to the required agencies and the public meeting was advertised in accordance with the Planning Act. A copy of the circulation comments received are attached.

WSP on behalf of the County of Dufferin reviewed the application and recommended consultation with the Township to ensure appropriate mitigation measures be implemented due to the presence of hazardous forest type of wildland fire; confirmation if the woodlands on the property are significant; confirmation as to whether an EIS is required; and consultation with the Township and NVCA related to the potential impacts to source water. The proposed severed parcel is located more than 120 metres from the Provincially Significant Wetland ("PSW") and significant woodlands. According to Schedule B of the Township OP, there are no significant woodlands identified on the property. Therefore, the lot creation is not expected to negatively impact the PSW and woodlands and a scoped Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. Additionally, no new structures or buildings are being proposed on the property so there are no impacts to source water. This also applied are no new risks are being introduced as it related to wildland fire as the existing physical conditions will remain as is.

At the time of writing this report, no comments had been submitted by the RMO.

Hydro One was circulated and has no concerns or comments.

The County Building department reviewed the application and had no comments.

6.0 Recommendation

Be it Resolved that, subject to the consideration of the any input received at the public meeting, it is recommended that Council grant conditional approval of Consent Application B3-20 subject to the following:

1. Taxes paid in full on both the severed and retained parcels.
2. Copy of the registered Reference Plan in digital and paper format on the severed and retained parcels.
3. That the Owner obtain approval of a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z3-20) to restrict a future residential dwelling from being constructed on the severed lot; and to provide that the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) of 237 metres between the adjacent livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the severed lot does not apply.
4. That the Owner obtain approval from the Township for a farm entrance permit for the retained lot, if required.
5. That any road widening, easements, survey cost, legal costs and any other transaction pertaining to this application shall be borne by the applicant.
6. Certificate of Title to be supplied, showing no encumbrances on the land for road widening purposes.
7. That all conditions be fulfilled, and certificate of clerk issued within one year of the date of notice of decision was given, failing to do so will cause the application to be null and void.

7.0 Supporting Documentation

Consent Sketch
MDS Analysis
Planning Justification Report prepared by the Biglieri Group
Agency Comments

Respectfully submitted,

V. Schmidt

Valerie Schmidt, MCIP, RPP
Consulting Township Planner

Reviewed by,

Steve Wever, MCIP, RPP
Consulting Township Planner

Figure 3 – Proposed Consent to Sever

Source: Google Earth, 2020

Minimum Distance Separation I

Worksheet 1
Prepared By: Everett Lusk, Van Harten Surveying Inc.

Description: 515164 2nd Line

Application Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Municipal File Number:

Proposed Application: Lot creation for a residence surplus to a farming operation (i.e. surplus dwelling severance)
Type A Land Use

Applicant Contact Information
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Email: mccabe.family@sympatico.ca

Location of Subject Lands
County of Dufferin, Township of Amaranth
AMARANTH, Concession: 2, Lot: 23

Roll Number: 2208

Calculation Name: ***Farm 1***
Description: 515164 2nd LINE

Farm Contact Information
Not Specified

Location of existing livestock facility or anaerobic digester
County of Dufferin, Township of Amaranth
AMARANTH, Concession: 2, Lot: 23
Roll Number: 2208

Total Lot Size: 37.1 ha

The barn area is an estimate only and is intended to provide users with an indication of whether the number of livestock entered is reasonable.

Manure Type	Type of Livestock/Manure	Existing Maximum Number	Existing Maximum Number (NU)	Estimated Livestock Barn Area
Liquid	Beef, Backgrounders (7 - 12.5 months), Yard/Barn	120	40.0	446 m²

Existing Manure Storage: No storage required (manure is stored for less than 14 days)

Design Capacity (NU): 40.0

Potential Design Capacity (NU): 120.0

Factor A (Odour Potential)		Factor B (Size)		Factor D (Manure Type)		Factor E (Encroaching Land Use)		Building Base Distance F' (minimum distance from livestock barn)	(actual distance from livestock barn)
0.8	**X**	**336.55**	**X**	**0.8**	**X**	**1.1**	**=**	**237 m (777 ft)**	**115 m (377 ft)**

Storage Base Distance 'S'
(minimum distance from manure storage)
No storage present

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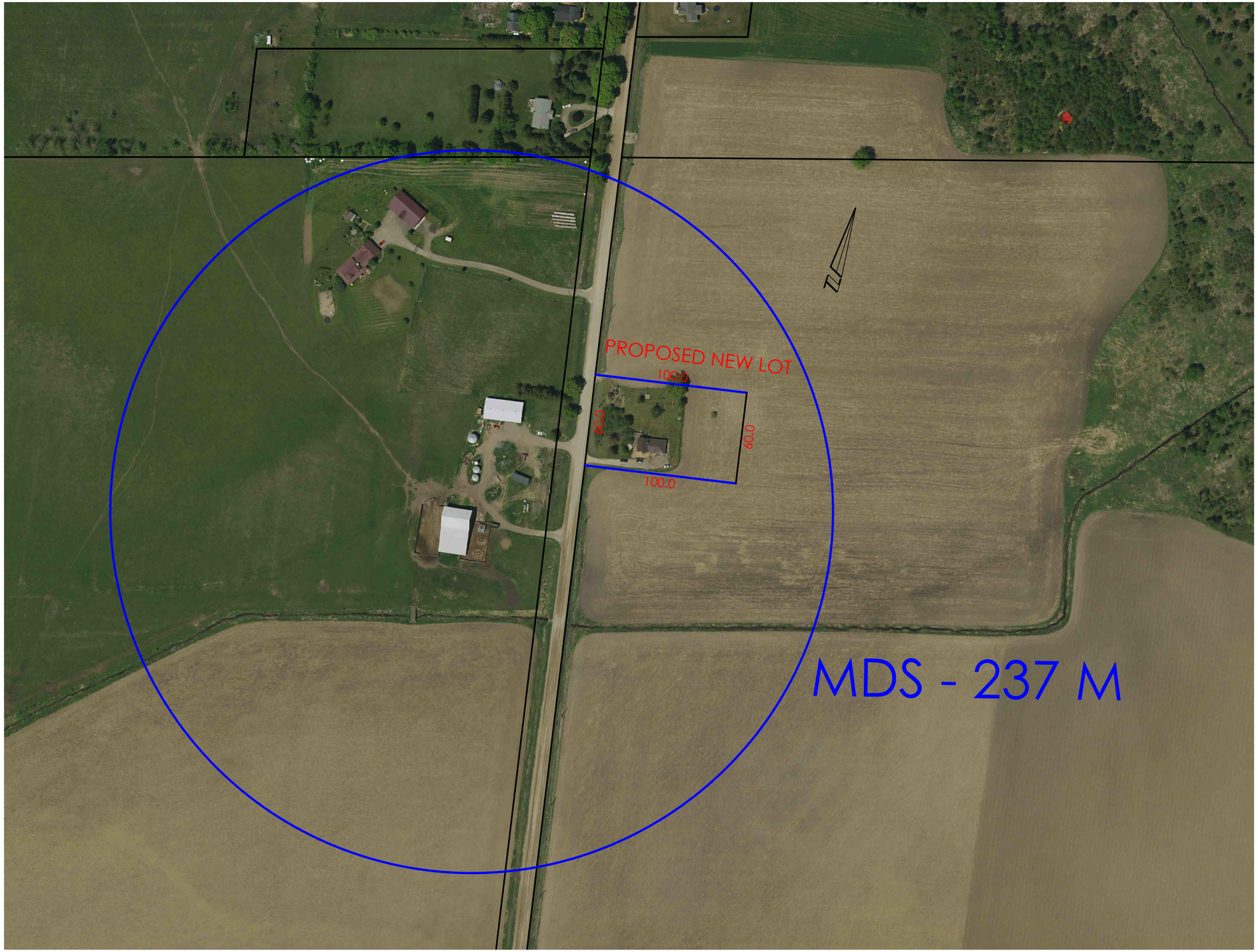
NOTE TO THE USER:
The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has developed this software program for distribution and use with the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae as a public service to assist farmers, consultants, and the general public. This version of the software distributed by OMAFRA will be considered to be the official version for purposes of calculating MDS. OMAFRA is not responsible for errors due to inaccurate or incorrect data or information; mistakes in calculation; errors arising out of modification of the software, or errors arising out of incorrect inputting of data. All data and calculations should be verified before acting on them.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MDS - 237 M

June 8th, 2020

Township of Amaranth
374028 6th Line
Amaranth, ON
L9W 0M6

Attention: Valerie Schmidt, Interim Planner, GSP Group Inc.

Dear Ms. Schmidt

RE: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent Application
515163 2nd Line
Amaranth, ON
TBG Project No. 20636

INTRODUCTION

The Biglieri Group Ltd. are the planning consultants for Ray and Tara McCabe (the "McCabe's" or "Owners") of 515163 2nd Line in the Township of Amaranth ("Subject Site"). The proposed development is for a Zoning By-law Amendment and a Consent to Sever Application to sever the Subject Site into two (2) lots and provide the necessary zoning provisions to comply with applicable planning policies. The Subject Site is currently designated as *Agricultural* in the Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018) and zoned *Agricultural (A)* and *Environmental Protection (EP)* within the Township of Amaranth's Zoning By-law #2-2009. This planning rationale covering letter and associated documentation are being submitted in accordance with the application requirements determined through pre-consultation and correspondence with Dufferin County and Township of Amaranth staff.

SUBJECT SITE

The Subject Site is located on the east side of 2nd Line, approximately 1.2 kilometers south of the 2nd Line and Sideroad 25 intersection (Figure 1). The Subject Site is a rectangular shaped agricultural parcel of land and is approximately 41 hectares in size, with 613 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 680 metres of depth along the northern lot line, and 687 metres of depth along the southern lot line. The Subject Site is currently used for agricultural purposes and has one (1) single detached dwelling (Figure 2). This dwelling residence has been deemed surplus to the farming operation (referred to as the "surplus farm dwelling").

The Subject Site is surrounded by large agricultural properties and designated environmental features. A Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and environmental feature, regulated by Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), is located in the northeast corner of the Subject Site. The predominant use of land within 5 kilometres of the Subject Site is agricultural. Other rural residential lots, agricultural uses, and agricultural properties with farm dwellings are also located within the context area of the Subject Site.

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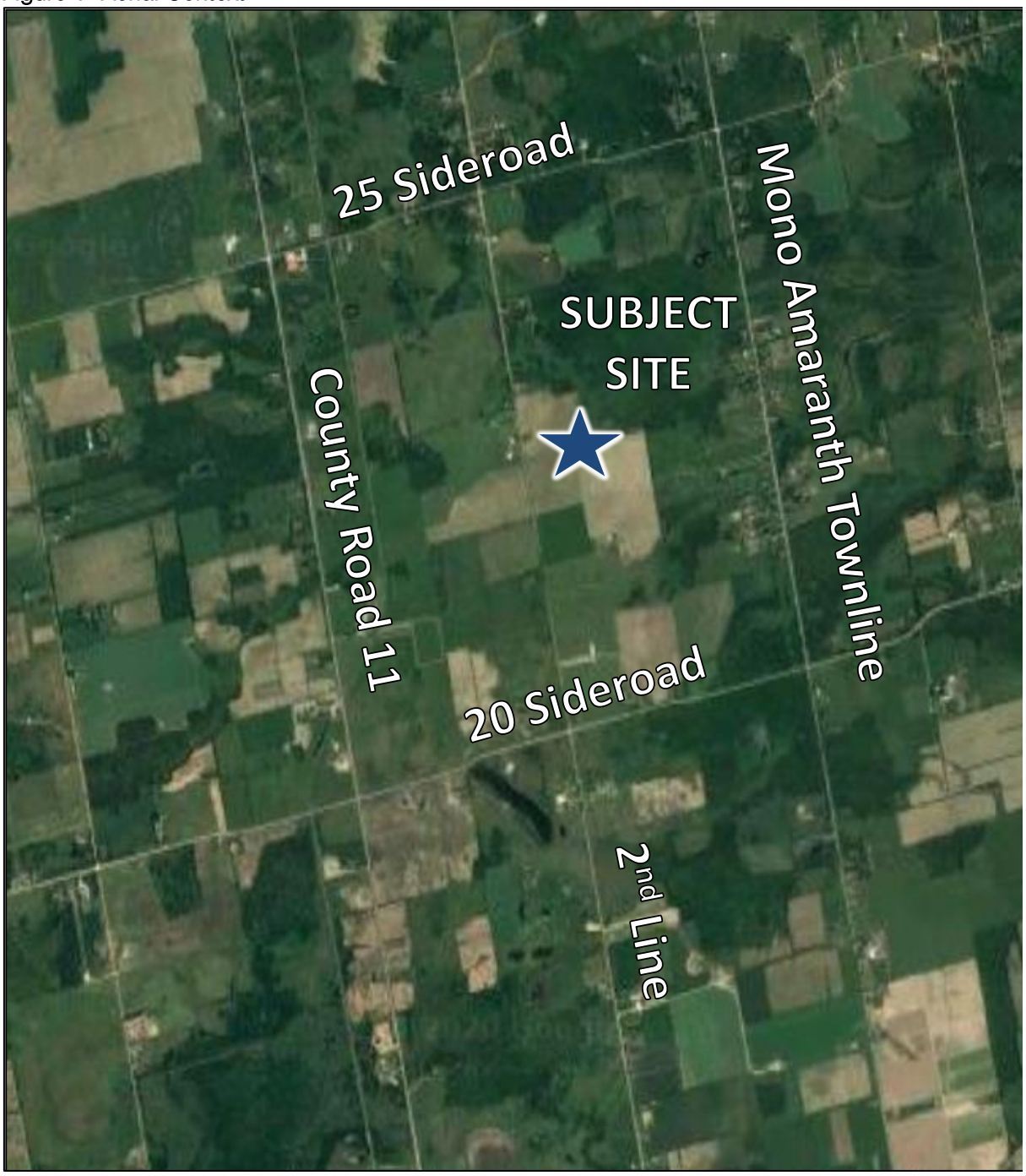
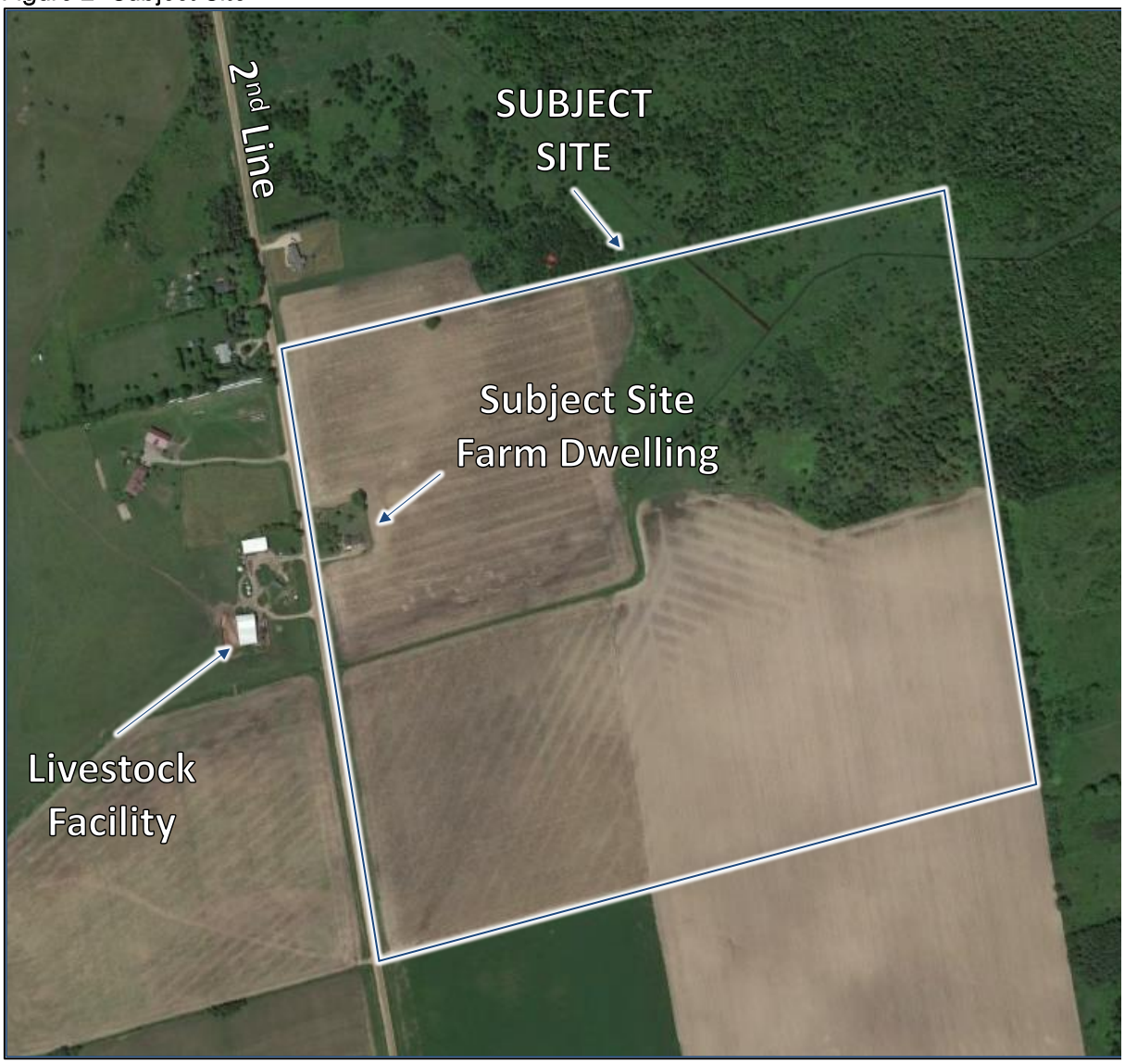
The parcel of land west of the Subject Site is municipally identified as 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth, and is also owned by the McCabe's. This property hosts one (1) single detached dwelling and a barn/livestock facility. The single detached dwelling at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth is the next closest residential dwelling from the surplus farm dwelling; they are approximately 200 metres away from each other. The barn/livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth is located approximately 115 metres west of the surplus farm welling. northwest of the surplus farm dwelling and is the next closest residential building.

Figure 1- Aerial Context



Source: Google Maps, 2020

Figure 2- Subject Site



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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

An Application for Consent is required to permit the severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot. Further, a Zoning By-law Amendment is required in tandem to provide zoning provisions for both the severed and retained parcels of land to comply with applicable planning policies. The proposed severance application will sever the surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Site (Figure 3). The severed lot will contain the surplus farm dwelling, have 60 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 100 metres in depth, and be 0.6 hectares in size. The retained parcel of land will be the agricultural lot, which will have approximately 560 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, be approximately 670 metres in depth, and be approximately 40.63 hectares in size. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment contains two (2) components:

1. To remove the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) of 237 metres between the existing livestock barn at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth to the Subject Site's surplus farm dwelling because the potential odour conflict already exists, as directed by MDS Guideline #9.1; and
2. To provide a zoning provision on the retained parcel of land that restricts a future residential dwelling from being constructed on the lot.

Figure 3 – Proposed Consent to Sever

Source: Google Earth, 2020

POLICY CONTEXT AND ANALYSIS

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever Applications are consistent with and conform to the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) (the "PPS"), the Dufferin County Official Plan (Office Consolidation, July, 2017) (the "County OP"), and the Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018) (the "Township OP"). Further it complies with the minimum lot size and frontage standards of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009 (the "ZBL").

Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 ("PPS") provides overall direction on matters of provincial interest related to municipal planning decisions. The PPS provides provincial direction in terms of land use planning and development in Ontario. Decisions related to planning shall be consistent with the PPS.

The PPS encourages efficient land use and development patterns to support healthy, livable and safe communities by promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities (Policy 1.1.1.a). Rural areas are important to the economic success of the Province and our quality of life; it is important to leverage rural assets and amenities, and to protect the environment as a foundation of a sustainable economy (Policy 1.1.4).

Policy 1.1.5.8 directs that in rural lands, new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock facilities, shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.

Section 2.3 of the PPS provides specific direction with respect to prime agricultural matters. Policy 2.3.1 states that "prime agricultural areas shall be protected for long-term use for agriculture". Permitted uses and activities within prime agricultural areas include: agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses, and said uses shall be compatible with and not hinder surrounding agricultural operations (Policy 2.3.3.1). The PPS directs prime agricultural areas to both promote and protect all types, sizes, and intensities of agricultural uses (Policy 2.3.3.2).

As per Policy 2.3.4.1.a) of the PPS, within prime agricultural areas, while lot creation is discouraged, it may be permitted for agricultural uses, provided that the lots are of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural use(s) common in the area and are sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations.

Per policy 2.3.4.1.c) lot creation may be permitted for a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation, provided that the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and the planning authority ensures that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance. Further, per policy 2.3.3.3 new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock facilities shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.

As will be demonstrated in the Policy Analysis section below, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Application for Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

Dufferin County Official Plan (Office Consolidation, 2017)

The Subject Site is designated as *Agricultural Area* and *Countryside Area* in the Dufferin County Official Plan ("County OP"). Section 4.2 of the County OP provides policy direction for lands designated as *Agricultural Area* in Dufferin County. The County OP requires agricultural lands to be protected for agricultural uses unless appropriate justification is provided for alternative uses. Lands designated as

Agricultural Area are intended to preserve and strengthen the continued viability of the agricultural community; furthermore, A*gricultural Areas* are to be protected from incompatible uses, while accommodating a diverse range of agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses.

Policy 4.2.2.h) determines which land uses are permitted in *Agricultural Area*, stating that "New land uses, including the creation of new lots, and livestock facilities and the expansion of existing livestock facilities will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, as implemented through the applicable local municipal planning documents".

Section 4.2.5 contains lot creation and adjustment policies that apply to *Agricultural Areas*. The following policies will apply with respect to lot creation in the *Agricultural Areas*:

a) "Lot creation in the *Agricultural Area* will generally be discouraged and only permitted in accordance with provincial policy and the policies of the local municipal official plan. The minimum lot area of both the retained and severed lots will be established in the local municipal official plans in accordance with the lot creation policies for the uses set out below.
b) For agricultural uses, provided that the lots are of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural use(s) common in the area and are sufficiently large enough to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations. For prime agricultural areas within the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside, the minimum lot size will be 40 hectares (100 acres).
c) Where a previous or current farm acquisition has rendered a residence surplus to a farming operation, a consent may be permitted subject to the following conditions:
    i) The retained farm parcel will be zoned so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings;
    ii) The new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and
    iii) The surplus dwelling parcel will be subject to Minimum Distance Separation I setback provisions, and be zoned to recognize the non-farm residential use, as required."

Section 5.0 of the County OP discusses natural heritage and water resources. It is the objective of the County OP to "protect, restore, and where possible enhance natural heritage features and the environment" (Policy 5.1.b)). Development and site alteration shall be directed away from significant natural heritage features and areas, and natural heritage features and areas will be protected for the long term (Policy 5.2.e) and f)).

Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018)

The Township of Amaranth Official Plan ("Township OP") was adopted by Council on December 15th, 2004 and was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on October 26th, 2005. The most recent Office Consolidation is June, 2018. The Township OP is a planning policy document intended to guide development within the Township of Amaranth. The Subject Site is designated as *Agricultural* and *Environmental Protection* in the Township OP.

The Township OP provides objectives as it relates to the entire Township and establishes the framework for the remaining policies of the Official Plan. The Township of Amaranth recognizes the importance of agriculture and the Township OP seeks to ensure that agricultural operations can adapt to changing economic and employment conditions and technology (Objective iii)). Furthermore, environmental features in the Township of Amaranth are to be protected in a manner that recognizes the different ecosystem functions and groundwater resources in the community (Objective iv)).

It is the objective of lands designated as *Agricultural* in the Township OP to encourage all forms of agriculture and protect the long-term ability of farming operations to contribute to the economy and lifestyle of the Township of Amaranth, as well as to maintain the open landscape character of the Township of Amaranth through the preservation of large parcel sizes and minimizing the intrusion of non-agricultural uses into agricultural areas (Policy 3.1.2.a) and c)). Permitted uses within the *Agricultural* designation include, but are not limited to: agricultural uses, a single-detached dwelling for the owner or manager of a farm operation, a single detached dwelling on existing or approved new lots, agriculture-related commercial and agriculture-related industrial uses that are small in scale and directly related to the farm operation and required to be located in close proximity to the farm operation, and accessory buildings, structures and facilities and site modifications required to accommodate those uses permitted in the *Agricultural* designation (Section 3.1.3).

Section 3.1.4 of the Township OP provides severance policies for lands designated as *Agricultural* in the Township of Amaranth. The following policies of Section 3.1.4 are applicable to the proposed Application for Consent:

a) "It is the policy of this Plan that the agricultural land base is to be preserved as much as possible in large parcels. The severed and retained parcels are to be of an appropriate size for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of the agricultural operation. In general, severances are discouraged. The basic farm unit in this category will be the original surveyed parcel of land, of approximately 40 hectares, the farm residence, barns and other buildings and structures which together support the farm operation.
b) All farm and non-farm development will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) established by the Province in order to minimize odour, conflicts between livestock facilities and development, as amended from time to time.
c) Existing agricultural operations should not be subdivided into smaller parcels of land where the severance would reduce the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit."

Section 3.1.5 of the Township OP provides development policies for lands designated as *Agricultural*, in addition to the Development Criteria in Section 4, in the Township of Amaranth. Policy 3.1.5.a) states that "development within and adjacent to the *Agricultural* designation shall ensure that there are no conflicts with the agricultural uses which may result in new restrictions on the agricultural use. All farm and non-farm development will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) established by the Province in order to minimize odour conflicts between livestock and development, as amended from time to time".

Section 4.0 of the Township OP details development criteria that applications for development and land division are subject to. Policy 4.2.6 pertains to Agricultural Separation Distances and states that "the Provincial Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) will be used in determining appropriate minimum separation distances between new development and livestock operations and determining appropriate minimum distance separation distances for new or expanding livestock operations outside the designated settlement areas. Separation distances between livestock operations and residential uses shall meet the Minimum Distance Separation requirements. The Township's Zoning By-law will incorporate the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) as zoning provisions applicable in the Township".

Lands designated as *Environmental Protection* in the Township of Amaranth are to be protected and enhanced, and are encouraged to be maintained and improved on both public and privately-owned lands to provide for a sustainable natural ecosystem throughout the Township of Amaranth (Policy 3.8.2.a) and b)). Permitted uses within the *Environmental Protection* designation include, but are not limited to, existing agricultural operations and expansions to existing agricultural buildings and

structures, and accessory uses to both, legally existing uses, forest, wildlife and fisheries management and archaeological activities, and essential transportation and utility facilities (Section 3.8.3).

Within the Township of Amaranth, the Township OP requires private sewer and water servicing to be the preferred form of servicing outside of communities (Policy 4.2.5.a)).

As will be demonstrated in the POLICY ANALYSIS section below, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Consent is consistent with the Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018).

Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009

The Subject Site is zoned *Agricultural (A)* and *Environmental Protection (EP)* in the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009. The following uses are permitted in the *Agricultural (A)* zone:

- Agricultural use;
- Farm produce sales outlet accessory to an agricultural use;
- Farm produce storage facility;
- Greenhouse;
- Home occupation;
- Home industry;
- Kennel on a lot of at least 38 hectares;
- Resource management;
- Riding school or boarding stables;
- Single detached dwelling;
- Specialized agriculture not exceeding 300 Nutrient Units (NU);
- Veterinary clinic; and
- Wayside pit or wayside quarry including a portable asphalt plant.

The retained and severed parcels comply to the use provisions of the *Agricultural (A)* zone. Table 1 below outlines the *Agricultural (A)* zone regulations for agricultural and residential lots and compares it to the proposed retained and severed lots to ensure compliance with the ZBL.

Table 1 – Comparison of Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law 2-2009 *Agricultural (A)* Zone Regulations to Proposed Severed and Retained Lots

	Agricultural (A) Zone Regulations (Agricultural lot)	Retained Lot	Agricultural (A) Zone Regulations (Residential lot)	Severed Lot
Min. Lot Area	19 hectares	40.6 hectares	0.6 hectares	0.6 hectares
Min. Lot Frontage	150 metres	560 metres	60 metres	60 metres
Min. Front Yard	30 metres	No buildings or structures	20 metres	27 metres
Min. Rear Yard	30 metres	No buildings or structures	7.5 metres	55 metres
Min. Interior Side Yard	15 metres	No buildings or structures	6 metres	11 metres
Max. Lot Coverage	5%	No buildings or structures	10%	3.5%
Max. Height	12 metres	No buildings or structures	12 metres	9 metres
Min. Dwelling Unit GFA	111 m^2	No buildings or structures	140m^2	185m^2

It is our professional opinion that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Consent complies with the provisions and regulations of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to remove the required MDS I while the Consent to Sever proposes to sever the retained approximately 40.63-hectare agricultural parcel of land from the residence surplus to the farming operation. An existing livestock barn is located on the agricultural lot immediately west of the Subject Site, municipally identified as 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth, which is a part of the McCabe's farming operations. The below sub-sections address the various themes that are applicable to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever Application.

Protection and Promotion of Agricultural Lands

Pursuant to PPS Policies 2.3.1, 2.3.3.1, and 2.3.3.2, County OP Section 4.2, and Township OP Policies 3.1.2 a), 3.1.2.b), and 3.1.4.b) and Section 3.1.3, agricultural lands are to be protected and promoted.

The retained parcel is greater than 40-hectares in size and will provide for the long-term preservation of the agricultural land base and is able to accommodate a diverse range of agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses into perpetuity. The severed parcel of land is to be 0.6-hectares in size, the minimum size of a residential-use lot in an *Agriculture (A)* zoning; doing so maximizes the amount of agricultural land available to the retained parcel of land. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will provide the retained parcel of land with a provision that prohibits the land from having any future residential dwelling construction.

Lot Creation Policies

Pursuant to PPS Policies 2.3.4.1.a) and 2.3.4.1.c), County OP Policies 4.2.5 a) and 4.2.5 c), and Township OP Section 3.1.4, lot creation is permitted subject to certain restrictions; in the case of the proposed Consent to Sever application, the following summarized requirements must be met:

- For lot creation pertaining to a residence surplus to a farming operation, the minimum lot area of both the retained and severed lots will be established in the local municipal lot creation policies for the uses (for the Township of Amaranth, approximately 40-hectares) and be subject to the following conditions:
  - The retained farm parcel will be zoned so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings;
  - The new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and
  - The surplus dwelling parcel will be subject to MDS I setback provisions, and be zoned to recognize the non-farm residential use, as required.
- Development is to comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) established by the Province; and
- The existing agricultural operations should not be subdivided into smaller parcels of land where the severance would reduce the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit.

The basic farm unit, as identified in the Township OP is approximately 40 hectares. The retained agricultural parcel is greater than approximately 40 hectares. The proposed severed parcel of land will be 0.6 hectares in size, the minimum amount of land required by the Township ZBL for a residential use within an *Agriculture (A)* zoning as well as to host the necessary private water and sanitary servicing for the parcel. The Zoning By-law Amendment will zone the retained farm parcel so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings in the future. The below sub-section on Provincial Minimum

Distance Separation addresses MDS I setback provisions and zoning. The retained parcel will be of sufficient size to continue its existing agricultural operations and will still provide for the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit.

Provincial Minimum Distance Separation (MDS)

Pursuant to PPS Policies 1.1.5.8 and 2.3.3.3, County OP Policy 4.2.2.h) and Township OP Policies 3.1.5.a) and 4.2.6, lot creation must comply with the Province of Ontario's Minimum Distance Separation Formulae. The Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Document, Publication 853 (Published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 2016) provides the formulae and guidelines for livestock facility and anaerobic digester odour setbacks for the Province of Ontario (the "MDS Guidelines"). Guideline #9 of the MDS Guidelines states the following: "where the existing dwelling to be severed and the nearby livestock facility or anaerobic digester are located on separate lots prior to the consent, an MDS I setback is not required for the consent application (or associated rezoning) unless otherwise required by a municipal official plan policy. This is because a potential odour conflict may already exist between those surrounding livestock facilities or anaerobic digesters and the existing dwelling".

The existing dwelling on the Subject Site is a residence surplus to the McCabe's farming operation and is located on a separate lot from the nearby livestock facility. Practically speaking, the 237 metre distance calculated with Minimum Distance Separation 1 Formulae should not be applicable because an existing potential odour conflict already exists between the existing livestock facility and the existing residence surplus (as exemplified in MDS Guideline #9.1). As such, the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will provide a zoning provision on the proposed severed parcel of land that states that no there is no Minimum Distance Separation required between the adjacent livestock facility at 515163 2nd Line, Amaranth and the severed lot.

Natural Heritage System/Environmental Features

Pursuant to PPS Policies 1.1.4 and 2.1.1, County OP Section 5.0, and Township OP Policies 3.8.2. a), 3.8.2.b) and Policy 3.8.4.i), environmental features are to be protected for the long term, and development is not permitted within Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW's) or wetlands.

Policy 4.4.1 of the Ministry of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Reference Manual, 2nd Edition (March 18th, 2010) identifies that the distance for consideration of potential negative impacts for significant wetlands shall be 120 metres. The proposed severed parcel is located more than 120 metres from the Provincially Significant Wetland identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and on Schedule B of the Township OP; therefore, the lot creation will not negatively impact the PSW and associated natural heritage system.

Water and Sanitary Servicing

Pursuant to County OP Policy 4.3.2.c) and Township OP Policy 4.2.5.a), *Agricultural Areas* and lands outside of communities are to be serviced with adequate sewage and water services.

Both the retained and severed lots will be serviced with private water and sanitary servicing.

SUMMARY

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever applications have been prepared to facilitate the creation of two (2) lots and provide the necessary zoning provisions to meet the planning policies applicable to the proposed development. The existing single detached dwelling residence has been deemed surplus to the farming operation. Thus, the Consent to Sever will sever the existing single detached dwelling (surplus farm dwelling) from the agricultural uses on the retained parcel of land. The Zoning By-law Amendment will implement two (2) zoning provisions. The first zoning provision will be applied to the severed parcel of land and proposes to remove the required Minimum Distance Separation of 237 metres between the existing livestock barn at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth to the Subject Site's farm dwelling because of the potential odour conflict already exists, as directed by MDS Guideline #91. The second zoning provision will be on the retained parcel of land and will restrict any future residential dwellings from being constructed on the lot.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever applications are consistent with and conform to the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, County of Dufferin Official Plan (Office Consolidation, July 2017), and Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June 2018). Furthermore, the retained and severed lots will comply with the zoning provisions of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Consent is appropriate and desirable, represents good planning, and warrants the support of planning staff from Dufferin County and the Township of Amaranth, as well as both Dufferin County Council and Township of Amaranth Council.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

In support of the proposed development, please find enclosed the following:

- Zoning By-law Amendment Application Form;
- Consent to Sever Application Form; and
- MDS I Calculation completed by Van Harten Surveying Inc. for the adjacent livestock operation also located on the McCabe's agricultural lands.

We trust you will find all in order, however if you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
THE BIGLIERI GROUP LTD.

Brayden Libawski, MSc.Pl.
Planner

Cc: Tara and Ray McCabe, owners and residents (respectively) of 515163 and 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth.

MEMO

TO: Jenny Li, Planning Coordinator, County of Dufferin

FROM: Gregory Bender, Manager, Municipal Planning, WSP

Matt Alexander, Senior Planner, WSP

Tommy Karapalevski, Planner, WSP

SUBJECT: **Application for Consent to Sever and Zoning By-law Amendment (Z3-2020) (File #s: B03/2020 & Z3-2020) – 515163 2nd Line, Amaranth, ON**

DATE: **July 7th, 2020**

Recommendation

Based on our review of the materials submitted, the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, the Countryside Area and Agricultural Area designations and the related policies in the Dufferin County Official Plan, provided that:

- Consultation occur with the Township to ensure appropriate mitigation measures be implemented as recommended in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's "Wildland Fire Assessment and Mitigation Standards" due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether the woodlands located on subject property are deemed significant;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required relative to the presence of woodlands and wetlands on the subject property; and
- Consultation occur with the Township of Amaranth and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) related to the potential impacts to source water because the subject properties are located within a source water protection area (Low and High Vulnerability Aquifer and Significant Groundwater Recharge Area).

Summary

The Purpose of the Consent Application is to permit the severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot. Further, a Zoning By-law Amendment is required in tandem to provide zoning provisions for both the severed and retained parcels of land to comply with applicable planning policies.

The proposed severance application will sever the surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Site. The severed lot will contain the surplus farm dwelling, have 60 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 100 metres in depth, and be 0.6 hectares in size.

The retained parcel of land will be the agricultural lot, which will have approximately 560 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, be approximately 670 metres in depth, and be approximately 40.63 hectares in size.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment contains two components:

1. To remove the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) of 237 metres between the existing livestock barn at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth to the Subject Site's surplus farm dwelling because the potential odour conflict already exists, as directed by MDS Guideline #9.1; and
2. To provide a zoning provision on the retained parcel of land that restricts a future residential dwelling from being constructed on the lot.

The documents received by WSP on June 25th, 2020 include:

- Notice of Complete Application & Notice of Public Meeting;
- Planning Justification and Covering Letter dated June 8th, 2020
- Zoning By-law Amendment Application Form
- Consent to Sever Application Form; and
- MDS I Calculation completed by Van Harten Surveying Inc. for the adjacent livestock operation also located on the McCabe's agricultural lands.

The circulation documents were reviewed against the Province of Ontario's Agricultural Area and Natural Heritage mapping, the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and the Dufferin County Official Plan.

Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) and Province of Ontario's Agricultural Area and Natural Heritage Mapping

As a result of Growth Plan 2019, the Province's Agricultural Area and Natural Heritage mapping must be studied and implemented into the County's Official Plan before it can be applied at a local level. However, as it relates to land use designations, the mapping should continue to be used as a guide to determine if the subject property is identified as agriculturally sensitive or with identified Natural Heritage features, should the County or local Official Plans not reflect current mapping.

Under Ontario's Agricultural Area mapping, part of the subject property is located within Prime Agricultural Lands. Per Section 2.3 of the PPS, Prime Agricultural Areas shall be protected for the long-term use of agriculture. Permitted uses and activities in these areas are restricted to agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses.

Policy 2.3.4.1(a) directs that lots created for agricultural uses must be a size appropriate for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and must be sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations. The Planning Justification Report submitted in support of the application indicates that the basic

farm unit, as identified in the Township OP is approximately 40 hectares. The retained agricultural parcel is greater than 40 hectares. The proposed severed parcel of land will be 0.6 hectares in size, the minimum amount of land required by the Township ZBL for a residential use within an Agriculture (A) zoning as well as to host the necessary private water and sanitary servicing for the parcel.

Per Policy 2.3.4.3, the creation of new residential lots in Prime Agricultural Areas shall not be permitted, except in accordance with policy 2.3.4.1(c) which relates to an existing residence surplus to a farming operation. Policy 2.3.4.1(c) states that where previous or current farm acquisition has rendered a residence surplus to a farming operation, a consent may be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and
2. the planning authority ensures that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance. The approach used to ensure that no new residential dwellings are permitted on the remnant parcel may be recommended by the Province, or based on municipal approaches which achieve the same objective.

Under Ontario's Natural Heritage Area mapping, the subject property contains some woodlands and provincially significant wetlands.

Dufferin County Official Plan (2017)

The subject property is designated as Countryside Area as shown under Schedule B (Community Structure and Land Use) of the County Official Plan. Part of the subject property is further designated as Agricultural Area under Schedule C (Agricultural Area and Rural Lands). The Agricultural Area designation consists primarily of prime agricultural lands, which are in accordance with Provincial policies. The County Official Plan requires that lands within these areas will be protected for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses, unless appropriate justification is provided for alternative uses.

Per Policy 4.2.2(h), new land uses will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, as implemented through the applicable local municipal planning documents. Policy 4.2.3(b) states that in order to avoid land use conflicts within the Agricultural Area designation, new land uses will comply with the MDS formulae, to ensure appropriate standards for separating incompatible uses from existing, new or expanding livestock facilities. The MDS formulae will be implemented through the applicable local municipal planning documents. The Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law states in Policy 3.25.1 that no livestock facility or manure storage facility shall be erected or expanded unless it complies with the MDS formulae.

The MDS guidelines discourage setback reductions but allow reductions in limited site-specific circumstances that meet the intent of the MDS Document. The Planning Justification Report indicates the 237 metre distance calculated with MDS I Formulae should not be applicable because an existing potential odour conflict already exists between the existing livestock facility and the existing residence surplus. Guideline #9 of the MDS Guidelines states the following: "where the existing dwelling to be severed and the nearby livestock facility or anaerobic digester are located on separate lots prior to the consent, an MDS I setback is not required for the consent application (or associated rezoning) unless otherwise required by a municipal official plan policy. This is because a potential odour conflict may already exist between those surrounding livestock facilities or anaerobic digesters and the existing dwelling".

Schedule E (Natural Heritage Features) identifies woodlands in the northwest corner, and adjacent to, the subject property. Further consultation with the Township of Amaranth and the NVCA should be undertaken to determine whether the woodlands are deemed significant and whether the proposed development will have a negative impact on the woodlands. Section 5.3.4 of the County Official Plan directs that development and site alteration adjacent to significant woodlands is not permitted unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions through preparation of an EIS.

The subject property also contains provincially significant wetlands as per Ontario's Natural Heritage mapping. Development and site alteration will not be permitted in or adjacent to any provincially significant wetland unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions through the preparation of an EIS (S. 5.3.1). Further consultation should be undertaken with the NVCA relative to whether an EIS is required given the type of development proposed and the presence of provincially significant wetlands.

The subject property is not located on a County road and as such the Township should provide any comments regarding access.

Under Appendix 2 (Source Water Protection) the subject properties are located within a source water protection area (Low and High Vulnerability Aquifer and Significant Groundwater Recharge Area). Policy 5.4.2(c) states that prior to the approval of development applications within designated vulnerable areas, the proponents shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the County, local municipality, Conservation Authority and Province, where necessary, that the quality and quantity of municipal drinking water sources will not be negatively impacted. It is anticipated that the NVCA will provide further review and comments with respect to the requirements for Source Water Protection as it relates to the changes proposed on the subject properties.

Under Appendix 3 (Potential Forest Hazard Classification for Wildland Fire) the subject property has forest areas that are identified as High and Extreme Risk of wildland fire. Development is to be directed to areas outside of lands that are unsafe for development due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire. Potential forest hazard classifications for wildland fire identified as high to extreme risk for wildland fire are illustrated on Appendix 3. Appendix 3 is provided for information purposes and is intended to provide a screening tool for identifying areas at risk for wildland fire. The Dufferin County Official Plan encourages that appropriate mitigation measures be implemented as recommended in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's "Wildland Fire Assessment and Mitigation Standards".

Recommendation

Based on our review of the materials submitted, the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, the Countryside Area and Agricultural Area designations and the related policies in the Dufferin County Official Plan, provided that:

- Consultation occur with the Township to ensure appropriate mitigation measures be implemented as recommended in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's "Wildland Fire Assessment and Mitigation Standards" due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether the woodlands located on subject property are deemed significant;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required relative to the presence of woodlands and wetlands on the subject property; and
- Consultation occur with the Township of Amaranth and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) related to the potential impacts to source water because the subject properties are located within a source water protection area (Low and High Vulnerability Aquifer and Significant Groundwater Recharge Area).

DUFFERIN COUNTY

BUILDING AND BY-LAW

Date: June 26, 2020

To: Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
Acting CAO/Clerk
Township of Amaranth

Re: Application for Consent B03/2020 / Zoning By-Law Amendment Z03/2020
Severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot and the ZBA is to be applied to the retained parcel and proposes to restrict any future residential dwellings from being constructed on the lot.

Ray & Tara McCabe
515163/ 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth
Concession 1 Lot 23

This letter serves to confirm that I have commenced a preliminary review of the application and other information submitted with your request for comments.

Please be advised that the application for the above noted address has not revealed any issues. The Building Department has no other comments at this time.

If you should have any questions pertaining to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Rita Geurts, M.A.A.T.O., CBCO
Building Inspector / Plans Examiner
T: 519-941-2816 ext. 2704
rgeurts@dufferincounty.ca

Valerie Schmidt

From: LandUsePlanning@HydroOne.com
Sent: June 25, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Nicole Martin
Subject: Amaranth - 515163 2 Line - B03/2020

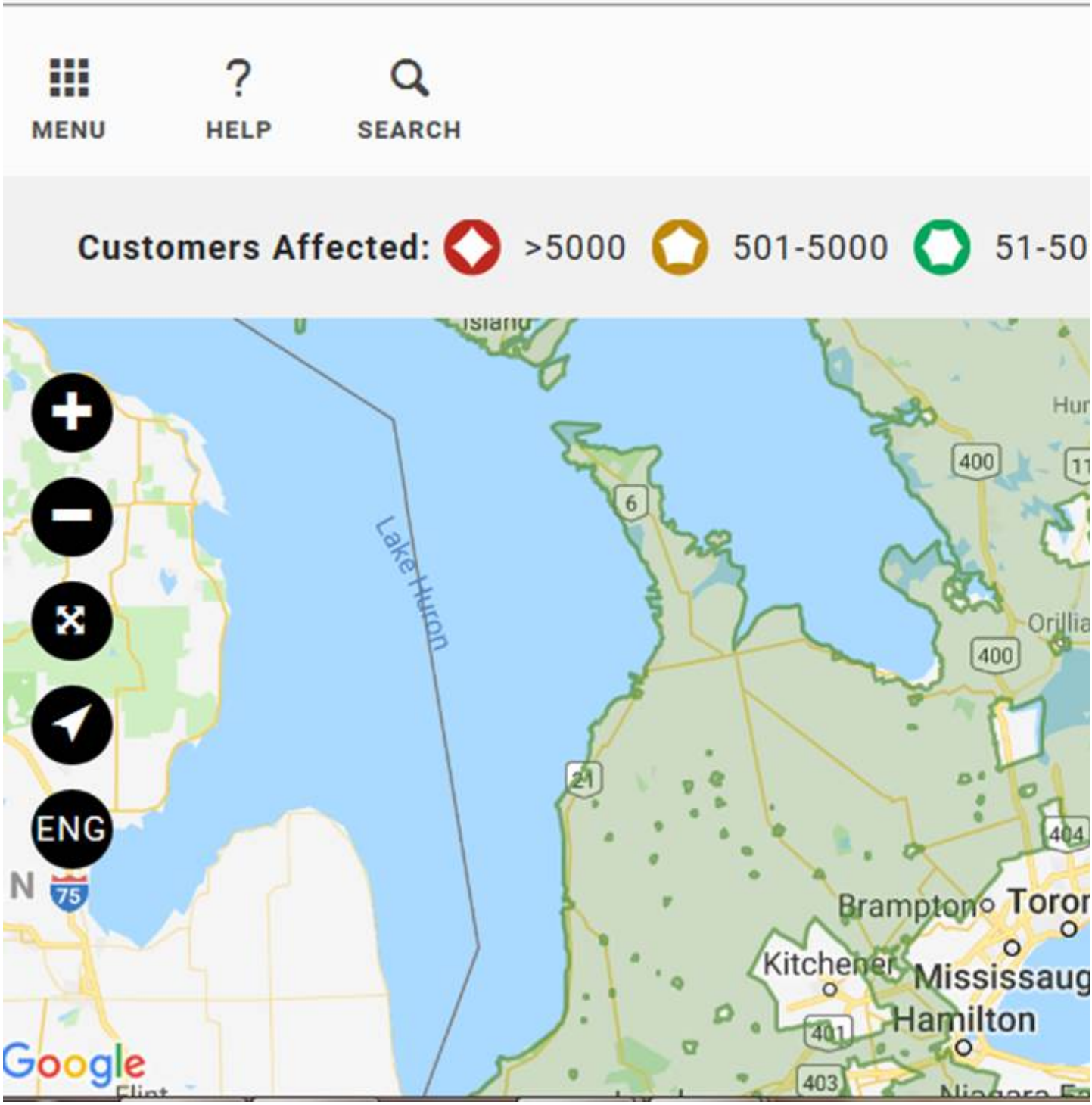
Hello,

We are in receipt of your Application for Consent, B03/2020 dated June 24, 2020. We have reviewed the documents concerning the noted Application and have no comments or concerns at this time. **Our preliminary review considers issues affecting Hydro One's 'High Voltage Facilities and Corridor Lands' only.**

For proposals affecting 'Low Voltage Distribution Facilities' please consult your local area Distribution Supplier.

To confirm if Hydro One is your local distributor please follow the following link:
http://www.hydroone.com/StormCenter3/

Please select " Search" and locate address in question by entering the address or by zooming in and out of the map



If Hydro One is your local area Distribution Supplier, please contact Customer Service at 1-888-664-9376 or e-mail CustomerCommunications@HydroOne.com to be connected to your Local Operations Centre

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Dennis De Rango
Specialized Services Team Lead, Real Estate Department
Hydro One Networks Inc.

Tel: (905)946-6237

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The Township of Amaranth

Staff Planning Report to Council

To:	**Mayor Currie and Members of Council**
From:	**Valerie Schmidt, Consulting Township Planner** **Steve Wever, Consulting Township Planner**
Date:	**July 15 2020**
Applicants/Owners:	**Ray and Tara McCabe (Owners) & Brayden Libawski c/o The Biglieri Group Ltd (Applicant)**
Subject:	**Rezoning Application Z3-20**
	515163 2nd Line, Township of Amaranth
Official Plan	
Designation:	**Agricultural (A) and Environmental Protection (EP)**
Zoning:	**Agricultural (A) and Environmental Protection (EP)**

1.0 Purpose of Application

An application for a Zoning By-law Amendment has been submitted by Brayden Libawski c/o The Biglieri Group Ltd. (the "Applicant") on behalf of Ray and Tara McCabe ("the Owner") for lands legally known as Concession 1, Lot 23 now designated as Parts 2 & 4 on Registered Plan 7R-6157, Township of Amaranth, County of Dufferin or municipally referred to as 515163 2nd Line, Amaranth ("Subject Property"). A Consent application (B3-20) has also been submitted concurrently to sever a surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Property. The severed lot will contain a surplus farm dwelling and the retained lands will remain as an agricultural lot.

The purpose and effect of the application is to rezone the subject land from Agricultural (A) Zone to two site-specific Agricultural (A-XX and A-XY) Zones to establish zoning provisions for both the severed and retained parcels of land to conform with and implement applicable planning policies which restrict a future residential dwelling from being constructed on the agricultural lot (retained lot), as well as a zoning provision stating that no Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) is required between the adjacent livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the residential surplus residence (severed lot) .

2.0 Background

The Subject Property is located on the east side of 2nd Line, approximately 1.2 kilometers south of the 2nd Line and Sideroad 25 intersection. The area of the Subject Property is approximately 41 hectares with 613 metres of frontage on 2nd Line and is currently used for agricultural purposes and has one (1) single-detached dwelling. The dwelling residence has been deemed surplus to the farming operation.

The Subject Property is surrounded by large agricultural properties and contains environmental features including a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) on the property. The predominant use of land within 5 kilometres of the Subject Property is agricultural. Other rural residential lots, agricultural uses, and agricultural properties with farm dwellings are also located in the area.

The parcel of land west of the Subject Site is municipally identified as 515164 2nd Line and is also owned by the McCabe's. This property contains one (1) single detached dwelling and a barn/livestock facility.

3.0 Proposed Use

The purpose of the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the subject land to restrict future residential dwelling from being constructed on the retained lot (agricultural lot), as well as include a zoning provision that states that there is no Minimum Distance Separation required between the adjacent livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line and the severed lot (surplus residence).

4.0 Consultation and Communications

The required notification and Public Meeting for the Zoning By-law Amendment have been completed in accordance with the Planning Act.

WSP on behalf of the County of Dufferin reviewed the application and recommended consultation with the Township to ensure appropriate mitigation measures be implemented due to the presence of hazardous forest type of wildland fire; confirmation if the woodlands on the property are significant; confirmation as to whether an EIS is required; and consultation with the Township and NVCA related to the potential impacts to source water. The proposed severed parcel is located more than 120 metres from the Provincially Significant Wetland ("PSW"). Therefore, the lot creation is not expected to negatively impact the PSW and a scoped EIS is not required. Additionally, no new structures or buildings are being proposed on the property so there are no impacts to source water.

The County Building Department reviewed the application and had no comments.

The NVCA has been circulated and no comments have been received at the time of this report.

5.0 Recommendation

That the Staff Planning Report dated July 15, 2020 for Rezoning Application Z3-20 for lands legally described as Concession 1, Lot 23 and designated as Parts 2 & 4 on Registered Plan 7R-6157, Township of Amaranth, County of Dufferin be received as information.

6.0 Supporting Documentation

Consent Sketch
MDS Analysis
Planning Justification Report prepared by the Biglieri Group
Agency Comments

Respectfully submitted,

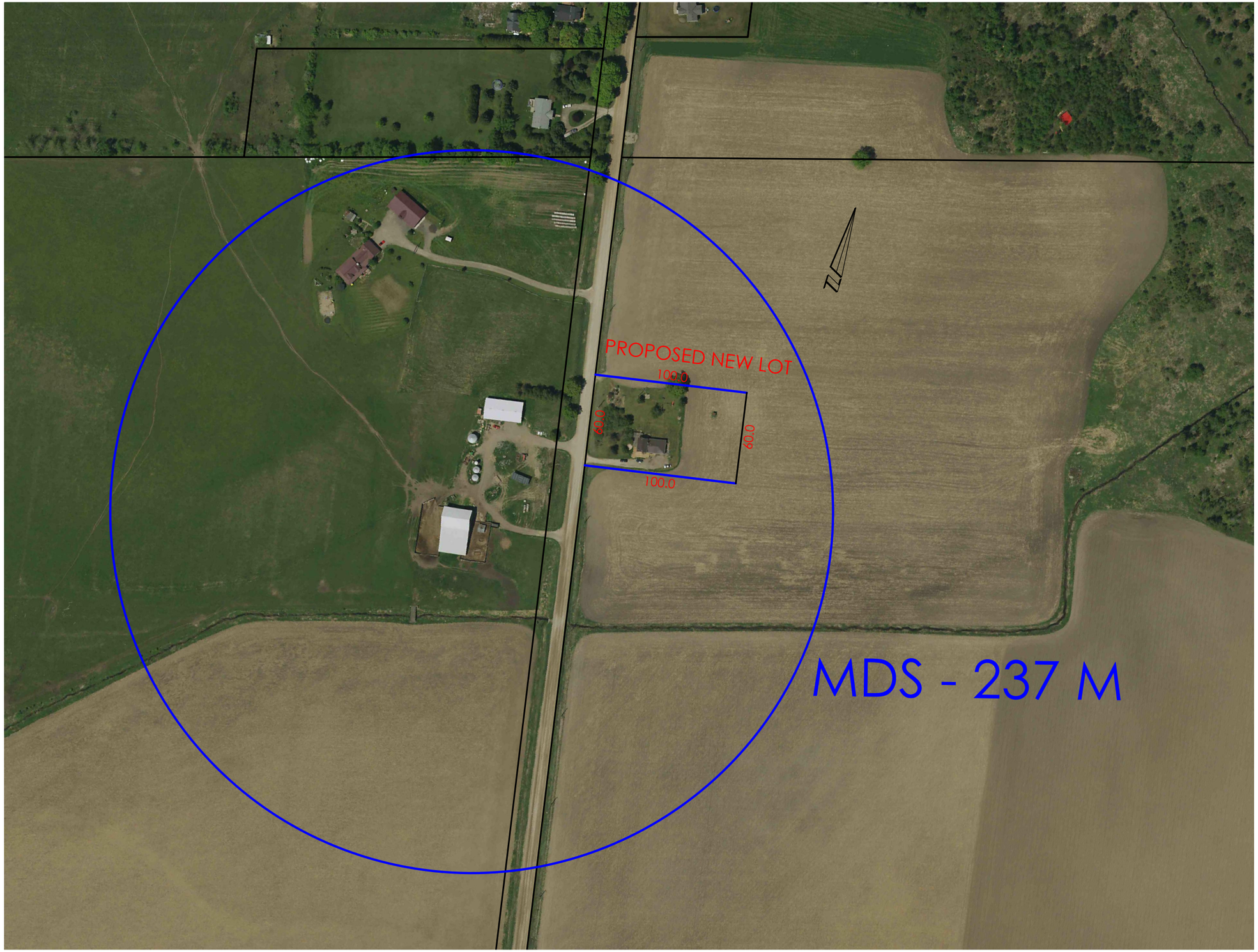
Valerie Schmidt, MCIP, RPP
Consulting Township Planner

Reviewed by,

Steve Wever, MCIP, RPP
Consulting Township Planner

Figure 3 – Proposed Consent to Sever

Source: Google Earth, 2020


PROPOSED NEW LOT
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MDS - 237 M

Minimum Distance Separation I

Worksheet 1
Prepared By: Everett Lusk, Van Harten Surveying Inc.

Description: 515164 2nd Line

Application Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Municipal File Number:

Proposed Application: Lot creation for a residence surplus to a farming operation (i.e. surplus dwelling severance)
Type A Land Use

Applicant Contact Information
Ray and Tara McCabe
515164 2nd Line
Amaranth, ON, Canada L9W 0S7
Phone #1: 519-278-0729
Email: mccabe.family@sympatico.ca

Location of Subject Lands
County of Dufferin, Township of Amaranth
AMARANTH, Concession: 2, Lot: 23

Roll Number: 2208

Calculation Name: ***Farm 1***
Description: 515164 2nd LINE

Farm Contact Information
Not Specified

Location of existing livestock facility or anaerobic digester
County of Dufferin, Township of Amaranth
AMARANTH, Concession: 2, Lot: 23
Roll Number: 2208

Total Lot Size: 37.1 ha

The barn area is an estimate only and is intended to provide users with an indication of whether the number of livestock entered is reasonable.

Manure Type	Type of Livestock/Manure	Existing Maximum Number	Existing Maximum Number (NU)	Estimated Livestock Barn Area
Liquid	Beef, Backgrounders (7 - 12.5 months), Yard/Barn	120	40.0	446 m²

Existing Manure Storage: No storage required (manure is stored for less than 14 days)

Design Capacity (NU): 40.0

Potential Design Capacity (NU): 120.0

Factor A (Odour Potential)		Factor B (Size)		Factor D (Manure Type)		Factor E (Encroaching Land Use)		Building Base Distance F' (minimum distance from livestock barn)	(actual distance from livestock barn)
0.8	**X**	**336.55**	**X**	**0.8**	**X**	**1.1**	**=**	**237 m (777 ft)**	**115 m (377 ft)**

Storage Base Distance 'S'
(minimum distance from manure storage)
No storage present

Preparer Information
Everett Lusk
Van Harten Surveying Inc.
660 Riddell Road
Unit 1
Orangeville, ON, Canada L9W 5G5
Phone #1: 519-940-4110
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Signature of Preparer: _____ Date: _____
Everett Lusk

NOTE TO THE USER:
The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has developed this software program for distribution and use with the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae as a public service to assist farmers, consultants, and the general public. This version of the software distributed by OMAFRA will be considered to be the official version for purposes of calculating MDS. OMAFRA is not responsible for errors due to inaccurate or incorrect data or information; mistakes in calculation; errors arising out of modification of the software, or errors arising out of incorrect inputting of data. All data and calculations should be verified before acting on them.

June 8th, 2020

Township of Amaranth
374028 6th Line
Amaranth, ON
L9W 0M6

Attention: Valerie Schmidt, Interim Planner, GSP Group Inc.

Dear Ms. Schmidt

RE: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent Application
515163 2nd Line
Amaranth, ON
TBG Project No. 20636

INTRODUCTION

The Biglieri Group Ltd. are the planning consultants for Ray and Tara McCabe (the "McCabe's" or "Owners") of 515163 2nd Line in the Township of Amaranth ("Subject Site"). The proposed development is for a Zoning By-law Amendment and a Consent to Sever Application to sever the Subject Site into two (2) lots and provide the necessary zoning provisions to comply with applicable planning policies. The Subject Site is currently designated as *Agricultural* in the Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018) and zoned *Agricultural (A)* and *Environmental Protection (EP)* within the Township of Amaranth's Zoning By-law #2-2009. This planning rationale covering letter and associated documentation are being submitted in accordance with the application requirements determined through pre-consultation and correspondence with Dufferin County and Township of Amaranth staff.

SUBJECT SITE

The Subject Site is located on the east side of 2nd Line, approximately 1.2 kilometers south of the 2nd Line and Sideroad 25 intersection (Figure 1). The Subject Site is a rectangular shaped agricultural parcel of land and is approximately 41 hectares in size, with 613 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 680 metres of depth along the northern lot line, and 687 metres of depth along the southern lot line. The Subject Site is currently used for agricultural purposes and has one (1) single detached dwelling (Figure 2). This dwelling residence has been deemed surplus to the farming operation (referred to as the "surplus farm dwelling").

The Subject Site is surrounded by large agricultural properties and designated environmental features. A Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and environmental feature, regulated by Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), is located in the northeast corner of the Subject Site. The predominant use of land within 5 kilometres of the Subject Site is agricultural. Other rural residential lots, agricultural uses, and agricultural properties with farm dwellings are also located within the context area of the Subject Site.

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The parcel of land west of the Subject Site is municipally identified as 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth, and is also owned by the McCabe's. This property hosts one (1) single detached dwelling and a barn/livestock facility. The single detached dwelling at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth is the next closest residential dwelling from the surplus farm dwelling; they are approximately 200 metres away from each other. The barn/livestock facility at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth is located approximately 115 metres west of the surplus farm welling. northwest of the surplus farm dwelling and is the next closest residential building.

Figure 1- Aerial Context

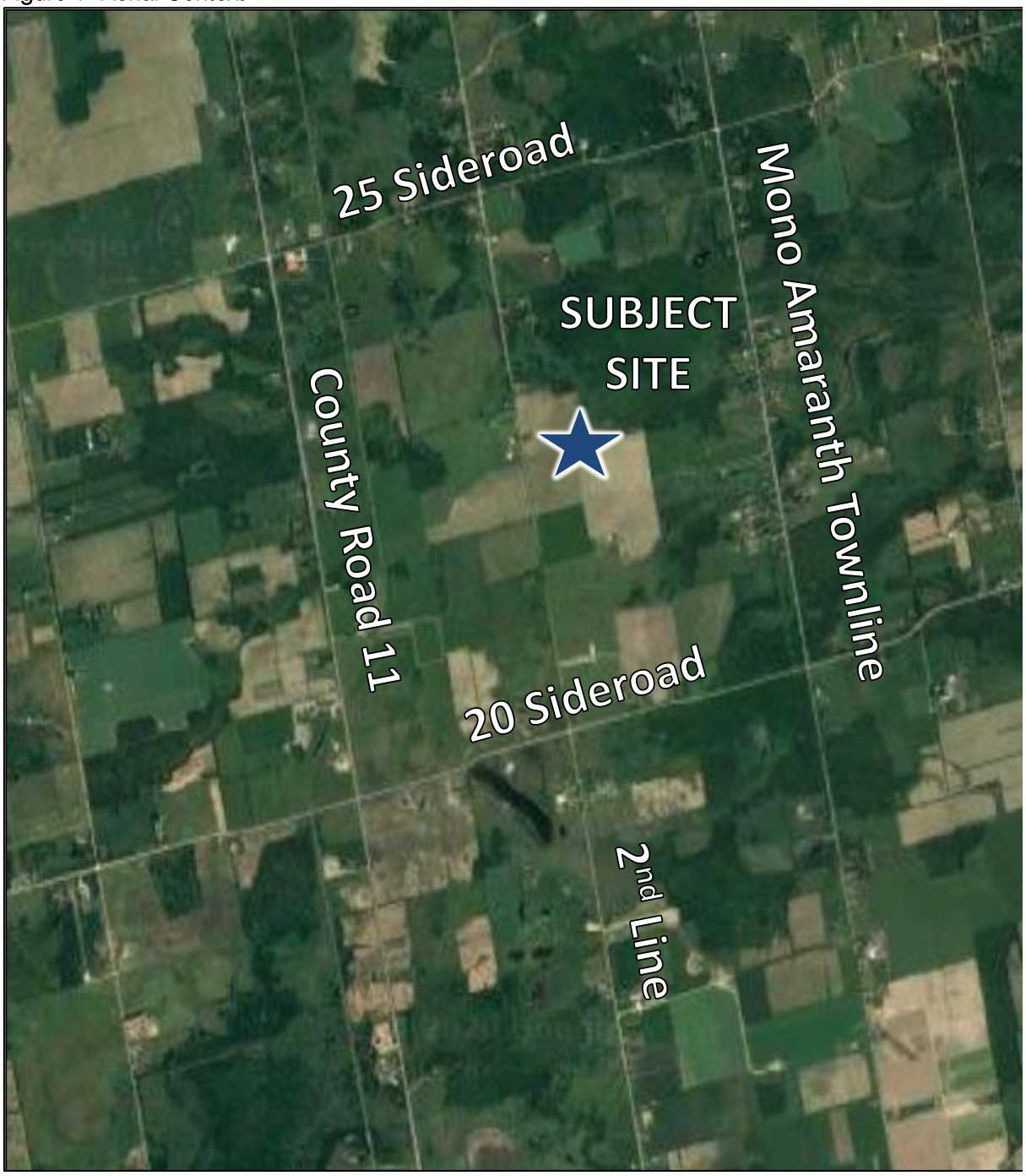

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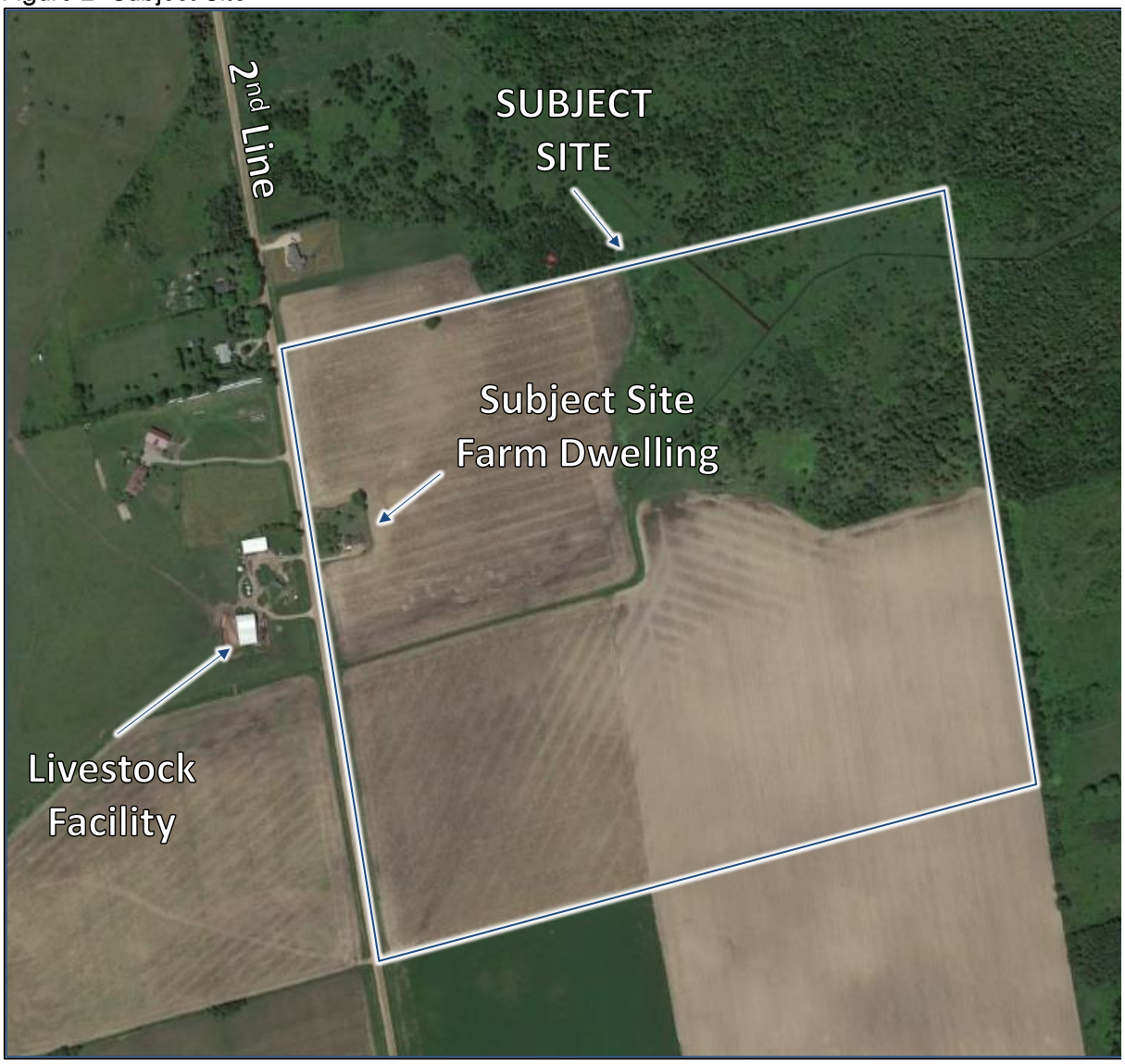
Figure 2- Subject Site



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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

An Application for Consent is required to permit the severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot. Further, a Zoning By-law Amendment is required in tandem to provide zoning provisions for both the severed and retained parcels of land to comply with applicable planning policies. The proposed severance application will sever the surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Site (Figure 3). The severed lot will contain the surplus farm dwelling, have 60 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 100 metres in depth, and be 0.6 hectares in size. The retained parcel of land will be the agricultural lot, which will have approximately 560 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, be approximately 670 metres in depth, and be approximately 40.63 hectares in size. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment contains two (2) components:

1. To remove the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) of 237 metres between the existing livestock barn at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth to the Subject Site's surplus farm dwelling because the potential odour conflict already exists, as directed by MDS Guideline #9.1; and
2. To provide a zoning provision on the retained parcel of land that restricts a future residential dwelling from being constructed on the lot.

Figure 3 – Proposed Consent to Sever

Source: Google Earth, 2020

POLICY CONTEXT AND ANALYSIS

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever Applications are consistent with and conform to the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) (the "PPS"), the Dufferin County Official Plan (Office Consolidation, July, 2017) (the "County OP"), and the Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018) (the "Township OP"). Further it complies with the minimum lot size and frontage standards of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009 (the "ZBL").

Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 ("PPS") provides overall direction on matters of provincial interest related to municipal planning decisions. The PPS provides provincial direction in terms of land use planning and development in Ontario. Decisions related to planning shall be consistent with the PPS.

The PPS encourages efficient land use and development patterns to support healthy, livable and safe communities by promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities (Policy 1.1.1.a). Rural areas are important to the economic success of the Province and our quality of life; it is important to leverage rural assets and amenities, and to protect the environment as a foundation of a sustainable economy (Policy 1.1.4).

Policy 1.1.5.8 directs that in rural lands, new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock facilities, shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.

Section 2.3 of the PPS provides specific direction with respect to prime agricultural matters. Policy 2.3.1 states that "prime agricultural areas shall be protected for long-term use for agriculture". Permitted uses and activities within prime agricultural areas include: agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses, and said uses shall be compatible with and not hinder surrounding agricultural operations (Policy 2.3.3.1). The PPS directs prime agricultural areas to both promote and protect all types, sizes, and intensities of agricultural uses (Policy 2.3.3.2).

As per Policy 2.3.4.1.a) of the PPS, within prime agricultural areas, while lot creation is discouraged, it may be permitted for agricultural uses, provided that the lots are of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural use(s) common in the area and are sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations.

Per policy 2.3.4.1.c) lot creation may be permitted for a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation, provided that the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and the planning authority ensures that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance. Further, per policy 2.3.3.3 new land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock facilities shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.

As will be demonstrated in the Policy Analysis section below, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Application for Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

Dufferin County Official Plan (Office Consolidation, 2017)

The Subject Site is designated as *Agricultural Area* and *Countryside Area* in the Dufferin County Official Plan ("County OP"). Section 4.2 of the County OP provides policy direction for lands designated as *Agricultural Area* in Dufferin County. The County OP requires agricultural lands to be protected for agricultural uses unless appropriate justification is provided for alternative uses. Lands designated as

Agricultural Area are intended to preserve and strengthen the continued viability of the agricultural community; furthermore, A*gricultural Areas* are to be protected from incompatible uses, while accommodating a diverse range of agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses.

Policy 4.2.2.h) determines which land uses are permitted in *Agricultural Area*, stating that "New land uses, including the creation of new lots, and livestock facilities and the expansion of existing livestock facilities will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, as implemented through the applicable local municipal planning documents".

Section 4.2.5 contains lot creation and adjustment policies that apply to *Agricultural Areas*. The following policies will apply with respect to lot creation in the *Agricultural Areas*:

a) "Lot creation in the *Agricultural Area* will generally be discouraged and only permitted in accordance with provincial policy and the policies of the local municipal official plan. The minimum lot area of both the retained and severed lots will be established in the local municipal official plans in accordance with the lot creation policies for the uses set out below.
b) For agricultural uses, provided that the lots are of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural use(s) common in the area and are sufficiently large enough to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations. For prime agricultural areas within the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside, the minimum lot size will be 40 hectares (100 acres).
c) Where a previous or current farm acquisition has rendered a residence surplus to a farming operation, a consent may be permitted subject to the following conditions:
    i) The retained farm parcel will be zoned so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings;
    ii) The new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and
    iii) The surplus dwelling parcel will be subject to Minimum Distance Separation I setback provisions, and be zoned to recognize the non-farm residential use, as required."

Section 5.0 of the County OP discusses natural heritage and water resources. It is the objective of the County OP to "protect, restore, and where possible enhance natural heritage features and the environment" (Policy 5.1.b)). Development and site alteration shall be directed away from significant natural heritage features and areas, and natural heritage features and areas will be protected for the long term (Policy 5.2.e) and f)).

Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018)

The Township of Amaranth Official Plan ("Township OP") was adopted by Council on December 15th, 2004 and was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on October 26th, 2005. The most recent Office Consolidation is June, 2018. The Township OP is a planning policy document intended to guide development within the Township of Amaranth. The Subject Site is designated as *Agricultural* and *Environmental Protection* in the Township OP.

The Township OP provides objectives as it relates to the entire Township and establishes the framework for the remaining policies of the Official Plan. The Township of Amaranth recognizes the importance of agriculture and the Township OP seeks to ensure that agricultural operations can adapt to changing economic and employment conditions and technology (Objective iii)). Furthermore, environmental features in the Township of Amaranth are to be protected in a manner that recognizes the different ecosystem functions and groundwater resources in the community (Objective iv)).

It is the objective of lands designated as *Agricultural* in the Township OP to encourage all forms of agriculture and protect the long-term ability of farming operations to contribute to the economy and lifestyle of the Township of Amaranth, as well as to maintain the open landscape character of the Township of Amaranth through the preservation of large parcel sizes and minimizing the intrusion of non-agricultural uses into agricultural areas (Policy 3.1.2.a) and c)). Permitted uses within the *Agricultural* designation include, but are not limited to: agricultural uses, a single-detached dwelling for the owner or manager of a farm operation, a single detached dwelling on existing or approved new lots, agriculture-related commercial and agriculture-related industrial uses that are small in scale and directly related to the farm operation and required to be located in close proximity to the farm operation, and accessory buildings, structures and facilities and site modifications required to accommodate those uses permitted in the *Agricultural* designation (Section 3.1.3).

Section 3.1.4 of the Township OP provides severance policies for lands designated as *Agricultural* in the Township of Amaranth. The following policies of Section 3.1.4 are applicable to the proposed Application for Consent:

a) "It is the policy of this Plan that the agricultural land base is to be preserved as much as possible in large parcels. The severed and retained parcels are to be of an appropriate size for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of the agricultural operation. In general, severances are discouraged. The basic farm unit in this category will be the original surveyed parcel of land, of approximately 40 hectares, the farm residence, barns and other buildings and structures which together support the farm operation.
b) All farm and non-farm development will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) established by the Province in order to minimize odour, conflicts between livestock facilities and development, as amended from time to time.
c) Existing agricultural operations should not be subdivided into smaller parcels of land where the severance would reduce the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit."

Section 3.1.5 of the Township OP provides development policies for lands designated as *Agricultural*, in addition to the Development Criteria in Section 4, in the Township of Amaranth. Policy 3.1.5.a) states that "development within and adjacent to the *Agricultural* designation shall ensure that there are no conflicts with the agricultural uses which may result in new restrictions on the agricultural use. All farm and non-farm development will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) established by the Province in order to minimize odour conflicts between livestock and development, as amended from time to time".

Section 4.0 of the Township OP details development criteria that applications for development and land division are subject to. Policy 4.2.6 pertains to Agricultural Separation Distances and states that "the Provincial Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) will be used in determining appropriate minimum separation distances between new development and livestock operations and determining appropriate minimum distance separation distances for new or expanding livestock operations outside the designated settlement areas. Separation distances between livestock operations and residential uses shall meet the Minimum Distance Separation requirements. The Township's Zoning By-law will incorporate the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) as zoning provisions applicable in the Township".

Lands designated as *Environmental Protection* in the Township of Amaranth are to be protected and enhanced, and are encouraged to be maintained and improved on both public and privately-owned lands to provide for a sustainable natural ecosystem throughout the Township of Amaranth (Policy 3.8.2.a) and b)). Permitted uses within the *Environmental Protection* designation include, but are not limited to, existing agricultural operations and expansions to existing agricultural buildings and

structures, and accessory uses to both, legally existing uses, forest, wildlife and fisheries management and archaeological activities, and essential transportation and utility facilities (Section 3.8.3).

Within the Township of Amaranth, the Township OP requires private sewer and water servicing to be the preferred form of servicing outside of communities (Policy 4.2.5.a)).

As will be demonstrated in the POLICY ANALYSIS section below, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Consent is consistent with the Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June, 2018).

Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009

The Subject Site is zoned *Agricultural (A)* and *Environmental Protection (EP)* in the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009. The following uses are permitted in the *Agricultural (A)* zone:

- Agricultural use;
- Farm produce sales outlet accessory to an agricultural use;
- Farm produce storage facility;
- Greenhouse;
- Home occupation;
- Home industry;
- Kennel on a lot of at least 38 hectares;
- Resource management;
- Riding school or boarding stables;
- Single detached dwelling;
- Specialized agriculture not exceeding 300 Nutrient Units (NU);
- Veterinary clinic; and
- Wayside pit or wayside quarry including a portable asphalt plant.

The retained and severed parcels comply to the use provisions of the *Agricultural (A)* zone. Table 1 below outlines the *Agricultural (A)* zone regulations for agricultural and residential lots and compares it to the proposed retained and severed lots to ensure compliance with the ZBL.

Table 1 – Comparison of Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law 2-2009 *Agricultural (A)* Zone Regulations to Proposed Severed and Retained Lots

	Agricultural (A) Zone Regulations (Agricultural lot)	Retained Lot	Agricultural (A) Zone Regulations (Residential lot)	Severed Lot
Min. Lot Area	19 hectares	40.6 hectares	0.6 hectares	0.6 hectares
Min. Lot Frontage	150 metres	560 metres	60 metres	60 metres
Min. Front Yard	30 metres	No buildings or structures	20 metres	27 metres
Min. Rear Yard	30 metres	No buildings or structures	7.5 metres	55 metres
Min. Interior Side Yard	15 metres	No buildings or structures	6 metres	11 metres
Max. Lot Coverage	5%	No buildings or structures	10%	3.5%
Max. Height	12 metres	No buildings or structures	12 metres	9 metres
Min. Dwelling Unit GFA	111 m^2	No buildings or structures	140m^2	185m^2

It is our professional opinion that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Consent complies with the provisions and regulations of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to remove the required MDS I while the Consent to Sever proposes to sever the retained approximately 40.63-hectare agricultural parcel of land from the residence surplus to the farming operation. An existing livestock barn is located on the agricultural lot immediately west of the Subject Site, municipally identified as 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth, which is a part of the McCabe's farming operations. The below sub-sections address the various themes that are applicable to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever Application.

Protection and Promotion of Agricultural Lands

Pursuant to PPS Policies 2.3.1, 2.3.3.1, and 2.3.3.2, County OP Section 4.2, and Township OP Policies 3.1.2 a), 3.1.2.b), and 3.1.4.b) and Section 3.1.3, agricultural lands are to be protected and promoted.

The retained parcel is greater than 40-hectares in size and will provide for the long-term preservation of the agricultural land base and is able to accommodate a diverse range of agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses into perpetuity. The severed parcel of land is to be 0.6-hectares in size, the minimum size of a residential-use lot in an *Agriculture (A)* zoning; doing so maximizes the amount of agricultural land available to the retained parcel of land. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will provide the retained parcel of land with a provision that prohibits the land from having any future residential dwelling construction.

Lot Creation Policies

Pursuant to PPS Policies 2.3.4.1.a) and 2.3.4.1.c), County OP Policies 4.2.5 a) and 4.2.5 c), and Township OP Section 3.1.4, lot creation is permitted subject to certain restrictions; in the case of the proposed Consent to Sever application, the following summarized requirements must be met:

- For lot creation pertaining to a residence surplus to a farming operation, the minimum lot area of both the retained and severed lots will be established in the local municipal lot creation policies for the uses (for the Township of Amaranth, approximately 40-hectares) and be subject to the following conditions:
  - The retained farm parcel will be zoned so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings;
  - The new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and
  - The surplus dwelling parcel will be subject to MDS I setback provisions, and be zoned to recognize the non-farm residential use, as required.
- Development is to comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS) established by the Province; and
- The existing agricultural operations should not be subdivided into smaller parcels of land where the severance would reduce the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit.

The basic farm unit, as identified in the Township OP is approximately 40 hectares. The retained agricultural parcel is greater than approximately 40 hectares. The proposed severed parcel of land will be 0.6 hectares in size, the minimum amount of land required by the Township ZBL for a residential use within an *Agriculture (A)* zoning as well as to host the necessary private water and sanitary servicing for the parcel. The Zoning By-law Amendment will zone the retained farm parcel so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings in the future. The below sub-section on Provincial Minimum

Distance Separation addresses MDS I setback provisions and zoning. The retained parcel will be of sufficient size to continue its existing agricultural operations and will still provide for the long-term flexibility and viability of the existing farm unit.

Provincial Minimum Distance Separation (MDS)

Pursuant to PPS Policies 1.1.5.8 and 2.3.3.3, County OP Policy 4.2.2.h) and Township OP Policies 3.1.5.a) and 4.2.6, lot creation must comply with the Province of Ontario's Minimum Distance Separation Formulae. The Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Document, Publication 853 (Published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 2016) provides the formulae and guidelines for livestock facility and anaerobic digester odour setbacks for the Province of Ontario (the "MDS Guidelines"). Guideline #9 of the MDS Guidelines states the following: "where the existing dwelling to be severed and the nearby livestock facility or anaerobic digester are located on separate lots prior to the consent, an MDS I setback is not required for the consent application (or associated rezoning) unless otherwise required by a municipal official plan policy. This is because a potential odour conflict may already exist between those surrounding livestock facilities or anaerobic digesters and the existing dwelling".

The existing dwelling on the Subject Site is a residence surplus to the McCabe's farming operation and is located on a separate lot from the nearby livestock facility. Practically speaking, the 237 metre distance calculated with Minimum Distance Separation 1 Formulae should not be applicable because an existing potential odour conflict already exists between the existing livestock facility and the existing residence surplus (as exemplified in MDS Guideline #9.1). As such, the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will provide a zoning provision on the proposed severed parcel of land that states that no there is no Minimum Distance Separation required between the adjacent livestock facility at 515163 2nd Line, Amaranth and the severed lot.

Natural Heritage System/Environmental Features

Pursuant to PPS Policies 1.1.4 and 2.1.1, County OP Section 5.0, and Township OP Policies 3.8.2. a), 3.8.2.b) and Policy 3.8.4.i), environmental features are to be protected for the long term, and development is not permitted within Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW's) or wetlands.

Policy 4.4.1 of the Ministry of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Reference Manual, 2nd Edition (March 18th, 2010) identifies that the distance for consideration of potential negative impacts for significant wetlands shall be 120 metres. The proposed severed parcel is located more than 120 metres from the Provincially Significant Wetland identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and on Schedule B of the Township OP; therefore, the lot creation will not negatively impact the PSW and associated natural heritage system.

Water and Sanitary Servicing

Pursuant to County OP Policy 4.3.2.c) and Township OP Policy 4.2.5.a), *Agricultural Areas* and lands outside of communities are to be serviced with adequate sewage and water services.

Both the retained and severed lots will be serviced with private water and sanitary servicing.

SUMMARY

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever applications have been prepared to facilitate the creation of two (2) lots and provide the necessary zoning provisions to meet the planning policies applicable to the proposed development. The existing single detached dwelling residence has been deemed surplus to the farming operation. Thus, the Consent to Sever will sever the existing single detached dwelling (surplus farm dwelling) from the agricultural uses on the retained parcel of land. The Zoning By-law Amendment will implement two (2) zoning provisions. The first zoning provision will be applied to the severed parcel of land and proposes to remove the required Minimum Distance Separation of 237 metres between the existing livestock barn at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth to the Subject Site's farm dwelling because of the potential odour conflict already exists, as directed by MDS Guideline #91. The second zoning provision will be on the retained parcel of land and will restrict any future residential dwellings from being constructed on the lot.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Consent to Sever applications are consistent with and conform to the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, County of Dufferin Official Plan (Office Consolidation, July 2017), and Township of Amaranth Official Plan (Office Consolidation, June 2018). Furthermore, the retained and severed lots will comply with the zoning provisions of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law #2-2009.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Application for Consent is appropriate and desirable, represents good planning, and warrants the support of planning staff from Dufferin County and the Township of Amaranth, as well as both Dufferin County Council and Township of Amaranth Council.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

In support of the proposed development, please find enclosed the following:

- Zoning By-law Amendment Application Form;
- Consent to Sever Application Form; and
- MDS I Calculation completed by Van Harten Surveying Inc. for the adjacent livestock operation also located on the McCabe's agricultural lands.

We trust you will find all in order, however if you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
THE BIGLIERI GROUP LTD.

Brayden Libawski, MSc.Pl.
Planner

Cc: Tara and Ray McCabe, owners and residents (respectively) of 515163 and 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth.

MEMO

TO: Jenny Li, Planning Coordinator, County of Dufferin

FROM: Gregory Bender, Manager, Municipal Planning, WSP

Matt Alexander, Senior Planner, WSP

Tommy Karapalevski, Planner, WSP

SUBJECT: **Application for Consent to Sever and Zoning By-law Amendment (Z3-2020) (File #s: B03/2020 & Z3-2020) – 515163 2nd Line, Amaranth, ON**

DATE: **July 7th, 2020**

Recommendation

Based on our review of the materials submitted, the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, the Countryside Area and Agricultural Area designations and the related policies in the Dufferin County Official Plan, provided that:

- Consultation occur with the Township to ensure appropriate mitigation measures be implemented as recommended in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's "Wildland Fire Assessment and Mitigation Standards" due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether the woodlands located on subject property are deemed significant;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required relative to the presence of woodlands and wetlands on the subject property; and
- Consultation occur with the Township of Amaranth and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) related to the potential impacts to source water because the subject properties are located within a source water protection area (Low and High Vulnerability Aquifer and Significant Groundwater Recharge Area).

Summary

The Purpose of the Consent Application is to permit the severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot. Further, a Zoning By-law Amendment is required in tandem to provide zoning provisions for both the severed and retained parcels of land to comply with applicable planning policies.

The proposed severance application will sever the surplus farm dwelling from the agricultural uses on the Subject Site. The severed lot will contain the surplus farm dwelling, have 60 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, 100 metres in depth, and be 0.6 hectares in size.

The retained parcel of land will be the agricultural lot, which will have approximately 560 metres of frontage on 2nd Line, be approximately 670 metres in depth, and be approximately 40.63 hectares in size.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment contains two components:

1. To remove the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) of 237 metres between the existing livestock barn at 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth to the Subject Site's surplus farm dwelling because the potential odour conflict already exists, as directed by MDS Guideline #9.1; and
2. To provide a zoning provision on the retained parcel of land that restricts a future residential dwelling from being constructed on the lot.

The documents received by WSP on June 25th, 2020 include:

- Notice of Complete Application & Notice of Public Meeting;
- Planning Justification and Covering Letter dated June 8th, 2020
- Zoning By-law Amendment Application Form
- Consent to Sever Application Form; and
- MDS I Calculation completed by Van Harten Surveying Inc. for the adjacent livestock operation also located on the McCabe's agricultural lands.

The circulation documents were reviewed against the Province of Ontario's Agricultural Area and Natural Heritage mapping, the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and the Dufferin County Official Plan.

Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) and Province of Ontario's Agricultural Area and Natural Heritage Mapping

As a result of Growth Plan 2019, the Province's Agricultural Area and Natural Heritage mapping must be studied and implemented into the County's Official Plan before it can be applied at a local level. However, as it relates to land use designations, the mapping should continue to be used as a guide to determine if the subject property is identified as agriculturally sensitive or with identified Natural Heritage features, should the County or local Official Plans not reflect current mapping.

Under Ontario's Agricultural Area mapping, part of the subject property is located within Prime Agricultural Lands. Per Section 2.3 of the PPS, Prime Agricultural Areas shall be protected for the long-term use of agriculture. Permitted uses and activities in these areas are restricted to agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses.

Policy 2.3.4.1(a) directs that lots created for agricultural uses must be a size appropriate for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and must be sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in the type or size of agricultural operations. The Planning Justification Report submitted in support of the application indicates that the basic

farm unit, as identified in the Township OP is approximately 40 hectares. The retained agricultural parcel is greater than 40 hectares. The proposed severed parcel of land will be 0.6 hectares in size, the minimum amount of land required by the Township ZBL for a residential use within an Agriculture (A) zoning as well as to host the necessary private water and sanitary servicing for the parcel.

Per Policy 2.3.4.3, the creation of new residential lots in Prime Agricultural Areas shall not be permitted, except in accordance with policy 2.3.4.1(c) which relates to an existing residence surplus to a farming operation. Policy 2.3.4.1(c) states that where previous or current farm acquisition has rendered a residence surplus to a farming operation, a consent may be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services; and
2. the planning authority ensures that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance. The approach used to ensure that no new residential dwellings are permitted on the remnant parcel may be recommended by the Province, or based on municipal approaches which achieve the same objective.

Under Ontario's Natural Heritage Area mapping, the subject property contains some woodlands and provincially significant wetlands.

Dufferin County Official Plan (2017)

The subject property is designated as Countryside Area as shown under Schedule B (Community Structure and Land Use) of the County Official Plan. Part of the subject property is further designated as Agricultural Area under Schedule C (Agricultural Area and Rural Lands). The Agricultural Area designation consists primarily of prime agricultural lands, which are in accordance with Provincial policies. The County Official Plan requires that lands within these areas will be protected for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses, unless appropriate justification is provided for alternative uses.

Per Policy 4.2.2(h), new land uses will comply with the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, as implemented through the applicable local municipal planning documents. Policy 4.2.3(b) states that in order to avoid land use conflicts within the Agricultural Area designation, new land uses will comply with the MDS formulae, to ensure appropriate standards for separating incompatible uses from existing, new or expanding livestock facilities. The MDS formulae will be implemented through the applicable local municipal planning documents. The Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law states in Policy 3.25.1 that no livestock facility or manure storage facility shall be erected or expanded unless it complies with the MDS formulae.

The MDS guidelines discourage setback reductions but allow reductions in limited site-specific circumstances that meet the intent of the MDS Document. The Planning Justification Report indicates the 237 metre distance calculated with MDS I Formulae should not be applicable because an existing potential odour conflict already exists between the existing livestock facility and the existing residence surplus. Guideline #9 of the MDS Guidelines states the following: "where the existing dwelling to be severed and the nearby livestock facility or anaerobic digester are located on separate lots prior to the consent, an MDS I setback is not required for the consent application (or associated rezoning) unless otherwise required by a municipal official plan policy. This is because a potential odour conflict may already exist between those surrounding livestock facilities or anaerobic digesters and the existing dwelling".

Schedule E (Natural Heritage Features) identifies woodlands in the northwest corner, and adjacent to, the subject property. Further consultation with the Township of Amaranth and the NVCA should be undertaken to determine whether the woodlands are deemed significant and whether the proposed development will have a negative impact on the woodlands. Section 5.3.4 of the County Official Plan directs that development and site alteration adjacent to significant woodlands is not permitted unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions through preparation of an EIS.

The subject property also contains provincially significant wetlands as per Ontario's Natural Heritage mapping. Development and site alteration will not be permitted in or adjacent to any provincially significant wetland unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions through the preparation of an EIS (S. 5.3.1). Further consultation should be undertaken with the NVCA relative to whether an EIS is required given the type of development proposed and the presence of provincially significant wetlands.

The subject property is not located on a County road and as such the Township should provide any comments regarding access.

Under Appendix 2 (Source Water Protection) the subject properties are located within a source water protection area (Low and High Vulnerability Aquifer and Significant Groundwater Recharge Area). Policy 5.4.2(c) states that prior to the approval of development applications within designated vulnerable areas, the proponents shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the County, local municipality, Conservation Authority and Province, where necessary, that the quality and quantity of municipal drinking water sources will not be negatively impacted. It is anticipated that the NVCA will provide further review and comments with respect to the requirements for Source Water Protection as it relates to the changes proposed on the subject properties.

Under Appendix 3 (Potential Forest Hazard Classification for Wildland Fire) the subject property has forest areas that are identified as High and Extreme Risk of wildland fire. Development is to be directed to areas outside of lands that are unsafe for development due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire. Potential forest hazard classifications for wildland fire identified as high to extreme risk for wildland fire are illustrated on Appendix 3. Appendix 3 is provided for information purposes and is intended to provide a screening tool for identifying areas at risk for wildland fire. The Dufferin County Official Plan encourages that appropriate mitigation measures be implemented as recommended in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's "Wildland Fire Assessment and Mitigation Standards".

Recommendation

Based on our review of the materials submitted, the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, the Countryside Area and Agricultural Area designations and the related policies in the Dufferin County Official Plan, provided that:

- Consultation occur with the Township to ensure appropriate mitigation measures be implemented as recommended in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's "Wildland Fire Assessment and Mitigation Standards" due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether the woodlands located on subject property are deemed significant;
- Confirmation be provided as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required relative to the presence of woodlands and wetlands on the subject property; and
- Consultation occur with the Township of Amaranth and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) related to the potential impacts to source water because the subject properties are located within a source water protection area (Low and High Vulnerability Aquifer and Significant Groundwater Recharge Area).

DUFFERIN COUNTY

BUILDING AND BY-LAW

Date: June 26, 2020

To: Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
Acting CAO/Clerk
Township of Amaranth

Re: Application for Consent B03/2020 / Zoning By-Law Amendment Z03/2020
Severance of a surplus farm dwelling from the retained agricultural lot and the ZBA is to be applied to the retained parcel and proposes to restrict any future residential dwellings from being constructed on the lot.

Ray & Tara McCabe
515163/ 515164 2nd Line, Amaranth
Concession 1 Lot 23

This letter serves to confirm that I have commenced a preliminary review of the application and other information submitted with your request for comments.

Please be advised that the application for the above noted address has not revealed any issues. The Building Department has no other comments at this time.

If you should have any questions pertaining to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Rita Geurts, M.A.A.T.O., CBCO
Building Inspector / Plans Examiner
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REPORT TO COUNCIL 2020-14

TO: **Mayor Currie and Members of Council**

FROM: **Nicole Martin, Acting CAO/Clerk**

DATE: **July 2, 2020**

SUBJECT: **Pulled Invoices from June 17, 2020**

Recommendation

That Staff Report 2020-14 dated July 2, 2020 regarding the unpaid invoices be received for information and staff be directed accordingly.

Background

At the June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council a motion was passed requesting two invoices to be pulled and not paid in the general accounts for further information.

One invoice was for R.J. Burnside and the item line read “Wilmar Property”. Council asked for clarification on this project as the re line was not triggering any property sites to them. The Westside Commerce Centre is part of the OP Trust Amaranth Inc. or Blackwood Partners Inc. projects all also referred to as the Wilmar Property.

The second invoice was to Bob Currie for expenses incurred in April and May 2020. The Mayor attended a meeting on April 29 that was invoiced as a Special Meeting and included mileage. The policy for attendances at Special Meetings is that it must be a Special Meeting of Council or a Committee or Board meeting in order to receive the per diem meeting rate. This appears to not be the case for this expense and as such it is the suggestion of the Acting CAO/Clerk is not to pay the special meeting rate or mileage.

It is worth noting that no other member of Council has submitted an expense claim for 2020 to date. If there are outstanding meetings or mileage that are required to be paid please submit your expense claims in a timely fashion.

Financial Impact

In reviewing past expense claims, the mileage has been calculated incorrectly and overpayment

of mileage has occurred to Bob Currie. I would not retroactively try to correct that. It is the suggestion of the Acting CAO/Clerk to institute an internal control measure over reviewing the expense reports submitted before payment is made.

Summary

Council direct staff to pay the invoice for R.J. Burnside as submitted.
Council direct staff to pay an amended invoice for Bob Currie removing the April 29 meeting date and mileage.
Council further direct staff to implement some internal control measures to review all expense claims submitted by Council before they are processed for payment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Martin
Acting CAO/Clerk

From:	Guy Gardhouse
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Subject:	Fwd: Approval of Grand River's Amended Assessment Report and Plan affecting multiple municipalities
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Hi Nicole

As Martin explains below, any changes are of a housekeeping nature..

Just for reference, the attached map is of Shelburne's DWS which is part of the Nottawasaga SWP area...

If there is anything I can be of help with, please contact me..

Regards....Guy

Guy Gardhouse
Board Member
GRCA

Sent from my iPad

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> **Subject: RE: Approval of Grand River's Amended Assessment Report and Plan affecting multiple municipalities**
>
> Mayor Gardhouse,
>
> Thank you for your questions. My original email from June 2 included two documents briefly summarizing the amendments, one for the plan, one for the assessment report – I've attached them for you. In addition, I can provide you with the following details that are relevant for Amaranth:
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> <!--[if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->**Waldemar Drinking Water System** – the

original write up of the Waldemar Drinking Water System was done more than 10 years ago. With the current update, staff revised the description of the system, including updating the current pumping rates for PW 1 and PW 3, and shortened the description of the technical analysis for improved readability. The description of the list of drinking water threats was revised to reflect the most current information, e.g., for septic systems referencing the on the ground verifications that were done through inspections by the County of Dufferin in 2014. There are no changes to the Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) for Waldemar and the level of protection has not changed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->**Changes to Grand River Source Protection Plan affecting Amaranth** – revisions to the policies were administrative in nature, and included a new implementation and timing policy (DC-AEG-CW-1.1.1) to ensure reference of the original effective date of the plan but also the effective date of any subsequent amendment, such as this one. Other changes include changing the short names of prescribed drinking water threats, to align with changes the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) made, and changing the policy text for Liquid Hydrocarbon Pipelines as a result of the MECP changing this activity from a local threat to a prescribed threat under the Regulation. The name of the Ministry was also updated to MECP. The level of protection provided through the source protection plan policies has not changed. Of note are revisions to the Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) in relation to wells from the Town of Shelburne that resulted in an updated Schedule B (attached) where the WHPA overlaps from Shelburne into the Grand River watershed and into Amaranth.

I hope this provides some additional context to understand the amendments. If you or Amaranth Council have any additional questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Regards,

Martin Keller, M.Sc.

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MEMO TO COUNCIL 2020-10

TO: **Mayor Currie and Members of Council**

FROM: **Nicole Martin, Acting CAO/Clerk**

DATE: **July 15, 2020**

SUBJECT: **Correia, Bruce and Silvia 513464 2nd Line, Amaranth**

Recommendation

That Council accept the Acting CAO/Clerk memo 2020-10 and direct staff accordingly.

Background

At the June 17 Council meeting Council discussed the correspondence received and staff has been asked to check with the Building Department with the "building envelope" area on the plans. Staff has been asked to reach out to the building department and ask for an inspector to attend a Council meeting to discuss the permit and grading on the property before responding to the legal representative. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Building Department offered the following written comments as a response:

The Ontario Building Code is not specific to grading and drainage on a property and only states that there must be positive drainage away from every building.

Our inspectors look for positive drainage away from buildings and look to see that any septic system is properly installed with the right materials and at the approved elevations.

The building permit for 513464 2nd Line Amaranth was submitted with an engineered grading plan that specified the grading elevations for the property.

This grading plan does not specifically exclude the owners from obtaining a fill permit due to a building permit being issued. The building envelope boundaries are sometimes specified within a municipal bylaw.

When a boundary is not specified the limitation can be open for interpretation but at a minimum we would require positive drainage away from the building and we would include the septic system and loading area.

A septic system is defined as a "building" under the Ontario Building Code Act.

We have been out to 513464 2nd Line Amaranth to discuss the current state of the septic system and the fill that was placed in and around the building.

When we inspected the property it was discovered that the septic system was buried by fill in manner that could cause issue with the septic system functionality but could not be confirmed on just a visual inspection.

The County of Dufferin has an outstanding order on the property for this reason. See below excerpt from our Order to Comply that remains open and unaddressed by the Owner.

Item	Reference	Description and location	Required action and compliance date
1	BCA C.23.s.8(13) &OBC Sentence 8.9.3.2.(1&2)	Septic field grading has been altered in such a manner that is not in accordance with the reviewed site grading plan on which the Building Permit was issued.	Restore septic field to the approved condition and have the septic re-certified by the original engineer R.S. Simpson.

Remedial work may be required once the grading engineer reviews the current levels of the grading elevations and the septic system designer reviews the functionality of the septic system in conformance with Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code.

The property owner has not contacted the County of Dufferin to address the Order to Comply and therefore we will be looking to issue an additional order that will be registered on the property title.

Greg MacNaughtan | Chief Building Official of Corporate Services

Summary

Council is asked to direct staff to respond to the law firm acting for Correia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Martin

Nicole Martin, Acting CAO/Clerk

REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Warden White and Members of County Council

From: Scott C. Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Meeting Date: June 25, 2020

Subject: **County Bridges on Local Roads – Jurisdictional Responsibilities**

In Support of Strategic Plan Priorities and Objectives:
Good Governance - ensure transparency, clear communication, prudent financial management

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to explain the County's role with respect to bridges on local roads and boundary roads, as directed by Council on May 28th, 2020.

Background & Discussion

Dufferin County is responsible for an approximate 324 centreline kilometre network of roads, bridges, and culverts. This network serves as primary travel corridors with increased traffic volumes, higher rates of speed, minimized interruption, all to help support the efficient movement of traffic within and outside our boundaries. A County road network is complementary to Provincial Highways. Along these County roads exist 15 bridges and 72 large-span structural culverts (excludes all small structures and culverts under 3 metres span). These roads, culverts, and bridges all form the highway networks that is wholly under the jurisdiction of the County of Dufferin.

In addition to the transportation related infrastructure described above, the County is responsible for several structures along local municipal roads that either form; a County boundary (7 bridges), an internal local municipal boundary (6 bridges), a former local municipal boundary (1 bridges), or a former County road (1 bridge). These local municipal road structures became the responsibility of the County by several means, over many years and results in a full County inventory of 30 bridges and 72 large-span culverts.

Through review of historical By-laws, it appears that the first formal mention of boundary bridges was made in 1917 through By-law No. 488. This document speaks to inspections and payment for work on internal boundary structures by the County and a desire to have County boundary structures treated similarly to those along township boundary roads. Later in 1928, By-law No. 691 speaks again to boundary line bridges with specific mention of all bridges of at least a 10 foot span being assumed by the County and all bridges with a span of less than 10 feet reverting to the municipalities in which they are situated. In 1945, By-law 958 stipulates that all bridges with a span less than 20 feet that are not located on a County road be transferred to the local municipality in which they are situated. In 1983, By-law 83-46 briefly notes that the County is not responsible for County boundary line bridges of less than 6 metres (19.7 feet). From this point, there is little mention of any substance that pertains to bridge responsibilities.

For all of the structures (bridges and large-span culverts) identified in this report the County performs the required biennial structural inspections in line with the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual, per O.Reg 472/10 (amending O.Reg. 104/97 - Standards for Bridges). The inspection report then informs the Capital budget 10-year plan for the rehabilitation of bridges and large culverts. This process is focused primarily on maintaining structural integrity through preventative maintenance in the effort of avoiding costly and unnecessary replacements. This logic is applied to all 102 structures (30 bridges and 72 large-span culverts) within the County inventory whether on a County or a local municipal road as described earlier. Prior to 1996, the Province of Ontario offered significant subsidies to help municipalities maintain their road networks. As part of this, Counties could also apply for special funding to assist with projects related to County bridges on local roads. Today this program no longer exists and therefore the burden of securing funds for infrastructure work lies with the County.

Regulatory and operational signage or maintenance such as speed limits, warning signs, snow plowing, patrol, etc., of the roadway abutting and crossing the structure rests with the respective road authority. This means that all aspects pertaining to the function of a roadway over a bridge on a County road rests with the County, whereas all aspects pertaining to the function of a roadway over a bridge on a local road rests with the municipality or municipalities who preside over the roadway.

The topic of County bridges on local roads has been discussed at length by several neighbouring Counties over the years in the effort of streamlining infrastructure responsibilities. Some have continued forward with full responsibility over bridges on local roads, some have developed further criteria for which bridges remain and which bridges are transferred to the local municipality, some have policies to transfer

responsibility of boundary bridges to the respective local municipality once significant rehabilitation or replacement occurs.

For Dufferin County, the practice has been to manage all 102 bridges and culverts (whether on County Roads or the other roads noted in this report) through the lens of asset management. Each structure is assessed for condition and then scheduled for rehabilitation to maximize structure life, or where a structure is no longer deemed as structurally sound, it is replaced. In 2016, Dufferin County embarked on a road and bridge rationalization study that assessed the entire inventory of roads and bridges to determine which roads and bridges serve a County function. Along with some recommended jurisdictional changes for roads, it was recommended that all bridges not located on a County road revert back to the local municipality in which they are situated. The recommendations of the study were not adopted and therefore the responsibility of managing County roads and County bridges, as well as some bridges not on County roads remains with Dufferin County.

Financial, Staffing, Legal, or IT Considerations

Through continued assessment of roads, large culverts, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure, funds and cost projections are included in each years' Capital Budget. The most recent 10-year plan includes $16,975,700 for work to 78 different large culverts and bridges, some of which are on County roads while some of the bridges are on local roads. Looking specifically at bridges, this same 10-year plan includes $2,993,800 for bridges on County roads and $1,838,500 for bridges on local roads.

Recommendation

THAT Report, County Bridges on Local Roads – Jurisdictional Responsibilities, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 25, 2020, be received.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Scott C. Burns, P.Eng., C.E.T.
Director of Public Works/County Engineer

From: noreply@grandriver.ca
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Subject: Grand River Conservation Authority - More amenities reopening at Grand River Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:52:19 PM

More amenities reopening at Grand River Parks

The GRCA has begun to open gatehouses, beaches and some washrooms in most of its conservation areas.

The Ontario government recently announced more businesses and services are permitted to reopen, provided that the proper health and safety measures are in place. The Province's announcement currently applies to most conservation areas within the Grand River watershed, with Byng Island in Haldimand County entering this stage beginning June 19. Local health units may have additional requirements that must be followed.

"As the GRCA reopens more amenities and activities for visitors in our Grand River Parks, the health and safety of staff and the community remain our highest priority," says GRCA Chair Helen Jowett. "We are pleased to reopen more amenities, and while this is good news, it's also important to remember it will not be business as usual in our parks this year. As always, we encourage people to be responsible so that we can continue to offer an enjoyable experience for all visitors."

In light of the province's recent announcements, the GRCA will make a decision on its ability to offer other recreational activities, such as overnight camping, in the near future. A decision on overnight camping is anticipated by the end of June, and will be communicated via the GRCA's website, social media channels and through the news media.

The following is a list of parks and recreational activities that have currently reopened:

- most Grand River Parks are now open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; gatehouses are open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- beaches and washrooms in day use areas only
- Grand River Parks memberships are available for purchase at gatehouses during gatehouse operating hours, as well as online
- seasonal boat launch passes will be available for purchase at the Belwood Lake and Conestogo Lake gatehouses during operating hours

Visitors should check www.grandriver.ca/COVID19-FAQ for information about which facilities and services are available before visiting Grand River Parks. If visitors have further questions, they are asked to contact the parks directly.

The following GRCA conservation areas, facilities and programs remain closed until further notice:

- the Elora Quarry Conservation Area
- boat, canoe and kayak rentals
- pavilions, picnic shelters and other group facilities
- playground equipment
- overnight camping, including group camping
- tubing and the splash pad at Elora Gorge Conservation Area

- showers and change rooms
- washrooms not in day use areas
- the Learn to Fish program
- the fishing equipment rental program and the life jacket loaner program

The following facilities and programs will remain closed for the remainder of the 2020 season:

- swimming pools at Brant and Byng Island conservation areas
- food concession stands

To help protect both staff and visitors, the GRCA will be implementing a number of measures to address overcrowding and promote physical distancing in its parks and facilities. This may include limiting the number of daily visitors and increased patrols. Visitors should be aware that parking is limited, and while garbage receptacles are now available and will be emptied as frequently as possible, people are reminded to visit responsibly and if garbage bins are full, to take their waste with them and dispose of it at home.

Furthermore, Belwood Lake, Conestogo Lake, Elora Gorge, Guelph Lake and Rockwood conservation areas are subject to orders in place by the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit. All visitors who enter a commercial establishment, including Grand River Park gatehouses and public washrooms in these parks must wear a face covering.

Like many organizations and businesses across Ontario, the GRCA has needed to adapt its operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even where the Province and the local health units permit an activity to occur or facility to open, the GRCA may determine that certain activities will not occur and certain facilities will not open on GRCA properties. As an organization, the GRCA must consider both its ability to meet the government's public health safety guidelines, as well as the financial feasibility of permitting certain activities and/or opening facilities, when making decisions about which programs and services it is able to provide in 2020.

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Summary of the General Membership Meeting – June 26, 2020
This meeting was held virtually and streamed live for the public on GRCA's Board Webcast Page

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

Action Items

The Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- GM-06-20-42 - Financial Summary
- GM-06-20-40 - Elora Quarry Perimeter Fencing Tender Results
- GM-06-20-45 - Grand River Conservation Foundation Member Appointments
- GM-06-20-C03 – Property Disposition – Town of Erin (Closed Agenda)

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-06-20-39 - Cash and Investment Status
- GM-06-20-41 - Current Watershed Conditions
- GM-06-20-44 - Pinehurst Lake and Byng Island Conservation Areas Seasonal Camping Winter Storage
- GM-06-20-43 - Status of Beach Monitoring Program

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Township of Puslinch - Council Resolution

Please note that there is no meeting of the General Membership scheduled for July.

For full information, please refer to the June 26 Agenda Package. Complete agenda packages and minutes of past meetings can be viewed on our online calendar. The minutes of this meeting will be posted on our online calendar following the next meeting of the General Membership scheduled on August 28, 2020.

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TOWN OF CALEDON

Allan Thompson
Mayor

June 24, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Support for Proposed Amendments to the *Provincial Offences Act (POA)* and the Need for Judicial Resources

I am writing to show my support for the recent proposed amendments to the *Provincial Offences Act (POA)* as they have been well received by the administration that provides POA services for both the Town of Caledon and the municipalities within Dufferin County. The proposed amendments broaden the options available to the court and to municipal partners as we plan for the reopening of POA court operations. Given the trying times we find ourselves faced with, allowing teleconference early resolution meetings regardless of the distance is of upmost importance. The Town of Caledon together with Dufferin County has approximately 500 early resolution matters to address. We are also advocating for amendments that will allow guilty pleas to be heard remotely at any stage of a proceeding that had been scheduled for trial but have since been impacted by the pandemic and resulting court closure.

As the Mayor of the Town of Caledon I know firsthand that we have learned a lot during the pandemic, about the need to adapt and be flexible in the services we provide to our residents and visitors, and a key element is making services available online and remotely. The same approach and support must be taken for services offered by our POA administration. I recommend that legislative amendments that support remote proceedings and increase efficiencies in the administration of the service are made on a permanent basis to ensure on-going modernization and continued flexibility.

I would also like to request continued assurance of adequate allocation of judicial resources. Because of the current court closures necessitated by the pandemic, I know municipalities are faced with a backlog of cases to resolve. Such backlogs cannot be addressed without enough judicial resources. The Town of Caledon will be implementing Automatic Speed Enforcement

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the near future, and I request your support in ensuring adequate judicial resources are available to the Town as we implement these important safety measures in our community. Sufficient judicial resources are critical.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss my request further with you or should you have any questions, alternatively you can contact Laura Hall, Acting General Manager, Corporate Services / Acting Town Clerk at 905.584.2272 ext. 4288 or by laura.hall@caledon.ca.

Best Regards,

Mayor Allan Thompson

Cc. Honorable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Sylvia Jones, MPP, Solicitor General of Ontario
Carey Herd, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Caledon
Dufferin POA Board Members

TOWN OF CALEDON

Ontario

COVID-19: RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

RESUMING COURT OPERATIONS

June 25, 2020

Authored By:

Ministry of the Attorney General Recovery Secretariat

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CONTEXT

During the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) responded swiftly to establish innovative ways of delivering justice remotely and online, which ensured that priority matters could continue to be heard safely. As the judiciary resumes scheduling proceedings requiring in-person appearance, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that court personnel and court users feel safe, understand and have confidence in the measures put in place to protect them.

To support the recovery of court operations, the ministry has created this guidebook sharing the steps that have been, and will be taken to:

- Prepare courthouses to resume in-person appearances
- Mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission in courthouses
- Ensure access to justice

This guidebook addresses precautionary measures specific to workplace facilities. It does not address aspects of workforce planning or business processes that may also be modified to further mitigate risk.

The recovery of court operations will be phased and will align with the broader provincial recovery framework and direction provided by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario.

Reducing the need for in-person attendance to the courthouse continues to be the most effective method of mitigating the risk of transmission. Remote work, the prioritizing of online services, and the modernization of courts will continue to be a key focus during recovery.

MAG divisions will work with judiciary, justice sector and facility partners to action the content of this guidebook for their shared sites.

Provincial Guidance and Medical Direction

The recovery of courthouses must be informed by the best available scientific knowledge and empirical data and must adapt as expert knowledge evolves.

To inform recovery planning, MAG has engaged:

- Dr. Michelle Murti – Public Health Ontario physician specializing in communicable diseases and emergency preparedness and response. Dr. Murti will support the ministry by providing scientific and technical advice from a public health perspective to apply the Chief Medical Officer of Health's direction in a courthouse environment.
- Mr. Ron Kelusky – Chief Prevention Officer for Ontario from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD), which is the ministry responsible for the oversight of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA). Mr. Kelusky will support the ministry by ensuring that the appropriate precautionary measures are in place to support health and safety in the workplace.

These advisors have relied on the guidance and direction regarding response to and recovery from COVID-19 as provided by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD).

Accessibility

In planning for recovery, MAG has worked with the Ontario Courts Accessibility Committee, Ontario Public Service (OPS), and ministry resources to ensure that accessibility measures are considered, and the needs of vulnerable individuals will be accommodated throughout recovery.

At all points, consideration will be given to ensuring that recovery does not introduce barriers to access and acknowledges inequities in access, particularly for vulnerable court users.

Risk Identification

MAG is responsible for 74 base courts consisting of 682 courtrooms. The implementation of these guidelines must take into consideration many factors at each site that may affect the ability to resume in-person hearings.

The OHSA remains in effect throughout the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak. To ensure compliance with obligations under this act, MAG has engaged with the Public Services Health and Safety Association (PSHSA) to provide support as court operations resume. PSHSA is funded by MLTSD and works with

Ontario's public and broader public sector employers and workers. PSHSA provides training, consulting and resources to reduce workplace risks and prevent occupational injuries and illnesses.

Potential risks will be identified through a risk assessment completed for each courthouse that will be coordinated by the PSHSA with the assistance of local managers. The results of these risk assessments will be shared with the local joint health and safety committee and justice sector partners.

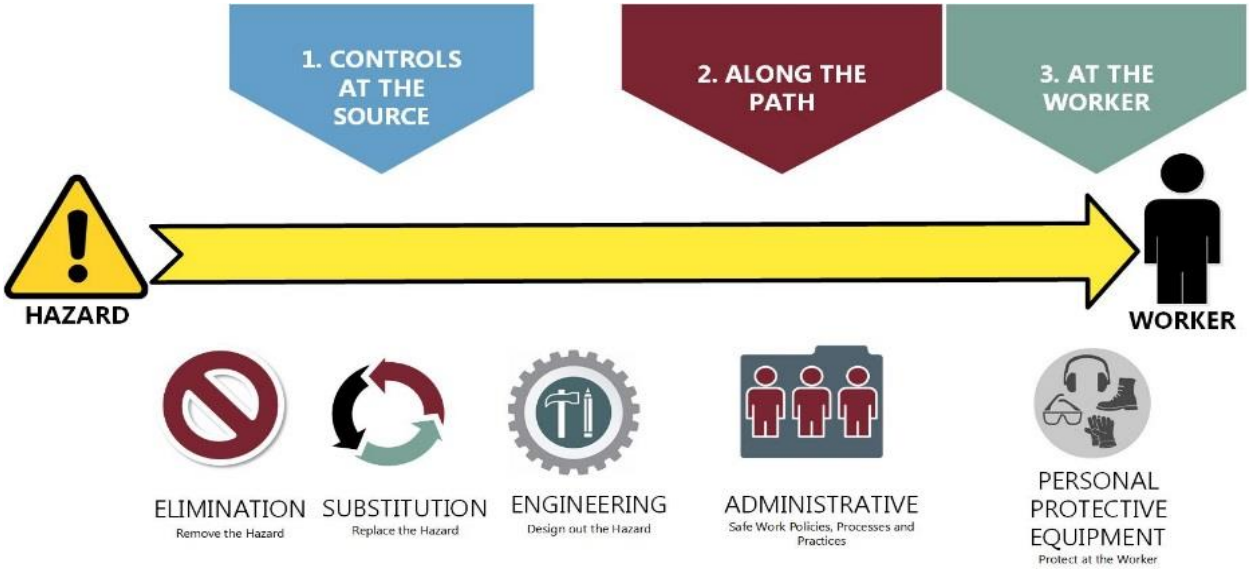
As part of the risk assessment process, "journey mapping" will occur for the path through the court environment from the perspective of both court users and court personnel. To support planning for recovery, journey mapping has been undertaken at a ministry level, however it should also be carried out through a coordinated process at local sites. This process provides an opportunity to identify risks and mitigation measures from a variety of perspectives.

Risk Mitigation

Public Health Ontario and MLTSD recommend employing a hierarchy of control measures to effectively mitigate risks identified through the risk assessment process. This approach reflects the requirements of applicable provincial occupational health and safety legislation and will be used in addressing any issues identified in MAG facilities.

The Hierarchy of Controls

The principle of the hierarchy of controls has been used to identify opportunities to mitigate risk. The most effective control is elimination (on the left of the diagram below), which is when the hazard has been addressed before it reaches the worker. Towards the right of the diagram, the controls become less effective in eliminating or removing the hazard before it reaches the workers. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is considered the least effective control.



Elimination of the hazard is the first control measure to be considered. Consequently, in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak, remote work and virtual/online service are the foundation for any risk mitigation strategy. Until there is provincial direction that supports a return to, remote work and prioritizing online service should continue to be the main method of mitigating risk.

The ministry will introduce additional measures, including engineered and administrative controls, and PPE where remote work and/or physical distancing are not possible. The table below explains the hierarchy of controls in more detail and, where applicable, provides examples of how they apply to COVID-19.

Type of control	Description and Example
ELIMINATION Remove the Hazard	Remove the hazard. - Working from home - Virtual/online services
SUBSTITUTION Replace the Hazard	Substitute hazardous substance for a less hazardous one. -Not applicable to COVID-19
ENGINEERING Design out the Hazard	Isolate emission source. Use of barriers. - Number of air changes per hour in a room - Type of filter on the HVAC system
ADMINISTRATIVE Safe Work Policies, Processes and Practices	Work procedures and processes such as: process changes, procedures and practices, change to tools used. - Hand hygiene program

	- Position of furniture to maintain distance Administrative actions including but not limited to: training, compliance enforcement, hours of operation, signage, capacity for room/building, active screening.
	PPE selected to address the route of entry for the hazard. In the case of COVID-19 protection for the nose, eyes and mouth against droplet transmission.

I. PREPARING THE COURT ENVIRONMENT

Preparing the Workforce

Ensuring that clear messaging and information is available to employees in advance of reopening is critical. To engage employees and managers throughout the recovery process, MAG has held multiple townhall events and COVID-19 information sessions with the medical and health and safety advisors to provide the opportunity to learn about recovery efforts and ask questions of MAG senior recovery leaders. Employees will continue to be provided with up-to-date information from ministry and OPS sources as recovery proceeds.

Role of Joint Health and Safety Committees (JHSC) during Recovery

The role of the JHSC at courthouses remains consistent throughout the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak. JHSC representatives participated in the risk assessment process and will be provided with a copy of the resulting report.

Resources to support JHSC representatives can be found at the following links:

Guide for health and safety committees and representatives

Maintaining an Effective JHSC During Emergency Situations COVID 19 Fact Sheet

Role of Accessibility Coordinators during Recovery

MAG remains committed to supporting accessibility throughout recovery. Each courthouse has an Accessibility Coordinator identified on site who can assist in situations where people may require accommodation or assistance related to precautionary measures. Accessibility Coordinators are supported by the MAG Diversity Inclusion and Accessibility Office and the broader OPS. Additional resources are under development from these groups and will be provided to Accessibility Coordinators as they become available.

Physical Distancing

MAG facilities differ from location to location. Measures to maintain physical distancing introduced at one site may not be possible at other sites.

The measures listed below will be introduced wherever possible:

- Remote work and online services will continue to be relied upon to reduce the number of people in the courthouse.
- Layouts for common areas, courtrooms, public counters, and administrative areas will support the maintenance of physical distancing.
- Measures supporting physical distancing will include:
  - Signage that will request individuals maintain physical distancing of two metres
  - Physical distancing floor decals/queuing markers spaced every two metres in queuing and waiting areas
  - Where feasible, direction of the public away from office areas and judicial chambers
  - Administrative procedures to manage flow of individuals where necessary (e.g., one-way hallways/stairways)
  - Signage and visual markers to aid in physical distancing of seating in courtrooms, waiting areas and any other rooms
  - Where reasonable and possible, removing or "taping off" seating to maintain physical distancing
  - Signage and markers to aid in distancing of workstations in administrative areas
- Within the courtroom:
  - Physical distancing will be maintained in keeping with the approach to maintaining general courtroom decorum.
  - At the close of the hearing, court attendees will be asked by court staff to exit the courtroom in a manner that respects physical distancing and avoids overlap with those entering for the next session.

- Where physical distancing is not possible, other control measures will be introduced, such as engineered controls and the use of PPE, as recommended through the risk assessment.

Facility and Room Capacity

- Maximum occupancy levels have been identified for courthouses and rooms/courtrooms within the courthouse to support physical distancing measures.
  - The courthouse maximum capacity will be indicated at the front entrance.
  - The room/courtroom maximum capacity will be clearly indicated near the room entry. Where possible, seating in excess of the room capacity will be taped off or removed.
- The courthouse and courtroom occupancy will be monitored.
- If the courthouse or courtroom capacity is exceeded:
  - Courthouse: No additional people will be permitted into the courthouse. If a person in the queue indicates that they are going to miss a scheduled court time, information will be gathered from that individual and provided to the court administration office for sharing with the appropriate parties.
  - Courtroom: Those remaining in the hallway will be told that no additional people will be permitted into the courtroom and they may continue to wait provided that physical distancing can be maintained. Note: the admittance of participants in scheduled proceedings will be prioritized over members of public. Counsel may be asked to assist in identifying people who need to be in the courtroom.

Plexiglass Barriers

- Plexiglass barriers will be installed to serve as an engineered control where physical distancing of two metres is not possible.
- Installation of barriers will maintain accessibility, security and safety of persons, as well as maintain the normal operation of proceedings.
- The precise placement of plexiglass will depend on the configuration of the courthouse and courtrooms. However, common areas for placement may include:
  - Public counters

  - Along the front and sides of the judicial dais and bench
  - Along the front and sides of in-court personnel workstations
  - Along the front and sides of the tables for defense and Crown attorneys
  - In front of the witness stand
  - Interview rooms
  - In-take offices
- After plexiglass barriers have been installed, an assessment of audio systems will be undertaken, and adjustments will be made to address accessibility and quality of recording.

Fixed Hand Sanitizer Dispensers

- Fixed hand sanitizer dispensers will be mounted throughout the court facility in high traffic areas. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Entrances
  - Information desks
  - Courtrooms
- Hand sanitizer stations will be clearly marked, and all court personnel and users are to use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable.
- The refilling of fixed hand sanitizer dispensers will be the responsibility of local facilities maintenance, wherever possible. If this is not possible, alternative solutions will be determined.

Daily Enhanced Cleaning

- Daily enhanced cleaning is performed up to three times per day at courthouses in response to the high degree of public-facing interaction.
- Infrastructure Ontario (IO), through its service providers, coordinates the daily enhanced cleaning of all high-contact areas where warranted.
- Along with the daily enhanced cleaning, additional one-time enhanced cleaning can be directed by the ministry in response to any occurrences of COVID-19 cases in a specific location.

- Enhanced cleaning involves cleaning with stronger Health Canada-approved disinfectant cleaners.
- Examples of high-touch surfaces include:
  - light switches/power outlets
  - telephones
  - handrails
  - entrance areas
  - glass doors, doors and door frames
  - paper towel/toilet paper dispensers
  - door knobs, door handles, door plates
  - benches
  - sinks, faucets
  - counter tops
  - public service counters
  - elevators, elevator lobby
  - public corridor
  - public washrooms
  - public waiting areas

Enhanced Cleaning of Courtrooms:

- Enhanced cleaning will be done in courtrooms between proceedings by cleaning crews hired by CBRE for government-owned locations and by landlord cleaning crews for leased locations.
- Current mechanism of engaging cleaning under consideration is for court staff to instant message (text/email) the cleaning crew when the court proceeding has been completed.
- Cleaning of courtrooms will include cleaning of the witness and prisoner boxes, between court proceedings or when there may be a change of witness or prisoner.

Enhanced Cleaning of Holding Cells:

- Cleaning of holding cells (and prisoner transport elevator) is included in the daily enhanced cleaning protocols being implemented by IO.
- Holding cells will be cleaned multiple times per day. MAG has requested for day porter service where the holding cell will be cleaned every time there is a different prisoner occupying any given holding cell. For example:

- Prisoner A, occupying Holding Cell 1 should ideally be returned to Holding Cell 1 after their appearance in court.
- If Prisoner A is placed in a different Holding Cell other than Holding Cell 1, then Holding Cell 1 will be cleaned prior to placing a different prisoner into that cell.

Cleaning of Workspaces

- In keeping with the Clean Workspace Guidelines provided by Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS), MAG employees will clean their individual workspaces both in program areas and the courtroom including work surfaces, chair arms, and computer peripherals (such as mouse and keyboard) before and after use, as well as photocopiers/printers and hard file systems before and after each use.
- Counsel will be required to clean the counsel table and podium/lectern in the courtroom before and after use.

Cleaning Products

- The use of cleaning products (hand sanitizer, disinfectants) constitutes an administrative control measure that will be in place to mitigate risk in court environments.
- The use of disinfectant cleaners in the workplace is intended for personal workstations and other personal, hard surface items where enhanced cleaning is not occurring/not possible.
- As noted above, these products will be made available in:
  - Office areas for use by employees for cleaning of workspaces (in programs areas and the courtroom) and shared or common touchpoints (filing systems, photocopiers, etc.).
  - Courtrooms to support counsel in cleaning tables and podiums/lecterns.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Definitions

<u>Face Mask</u>

A medical-grade protective barrier (i.e., surgical mask) designed to be worn over the nose and mouth to protect the wearer from exposure to infectious droplets. It meets international testing standards for medical grade equipment and is classified under Occupational Health and Safety regulations as PPE.

Eye Protection

A protective barrier designed to be worn over the eyes to protect the wearer from exposure to infectious droplets. It meets international testing standards for medical grade equipment and is classified under Occupational Health and Safety regulations as PPE.

Distribution of PPE

- MAG Business Continuity and Emergency Management (BCEM) will work with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS) to centrally coordinate the procurement and distribution of PPE, individualized hand sanitizer, and disinfectant cleaner.
- Upon receipt of the completed risk assessment, BCEM and MGCS will determine the quantities of products required to address the personal safety needs for staff in identified positions.
- BCEM will be the point of contact for supply requests for all MAG divisions and program areas within the courthouse and Legal Aid Ontario.
- Transfer Payment Agencies and Fee for Service Providers will be expected to route their supply requests to the appropriate MAG program area who will then forward the request to BCEM.
- If at any time commercial product supply becomes limited or unavailable, distribution will focus on addressing critical needs first. If PPE is not available for situations where it has been identified as necessary, alternate work arrangements will be required in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation.

PPE Training

- PPE can become a source of infection if not worn or discarded properly.
- Training will be provided by the employer on the safe use, care and limitations of PPE, including putting on and taking off (donning and doffing) and proper disposal.
- This training will comply with Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

PPE Usage

- Where the COVID-19 risk assessment has determined that PPE is required, the wearing of the required PPE will be mandatory.
- Considerations will be explored for those with existing health, physical/psychological limitations, and/or religious restrictions that prevent them from safely wearing PPE (i.e. alternate work arrangements).
- MAG will not provide items beyond the required PPE (e.g. gloves not required by the risk assessment). However, employees and members of the judiciary are permitted to obtain and wear these items independently should they choose.

Considerations

- The Hierarchy of Controls will be followed to determine the appropriate control to mitigate risks. PPE is not a substitute for other important infection prevention and control practices. PPE should only be used in circumstances where the risk of COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated or sufficiently reduced by other control methods and the COVID-19 risk assessment recommends its use.
- If other PPE is required for a position as per an existing ministry directive, then that directive's requirements will continue to apply.

Face Coverings

Definition

A non-medical-grade barrier (i.e., cloth mask) designed to be worn over the nose and mouth to prevent the wearer from spreading infectious droplets to others. Face coverings are a source control measure and are not classified under Occupational Health and Safety regulations as PPE.

<u>Justice Sector Partners and Members of the Public</u>

- In accordance with public health guidance that indicates face coverings are an effective method of source control, anyone entering the courthouse who is not staff or judiciary (i.e. justice sector partners and members of the public) will be mandated to wear face coverings, with the exception of:
    - When testifying or making submissions in court.
    - Children under two years of age.

  - Children under five years of age, either chronologically or developmentally, who can not be persuaded to wear a face covering by their caregiver.
  - Persons with an underlying medical condition which inhibits the ability to wear a mask or face covering.
  - Persons who are unable to place or remove a face covering without assistance.
  - Additional accommodations in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- Attendees will be asked to bring their own face coverings. However, face coverings will be available to those attendees who do not bring their own.
- If a person refuses to wear a face covering, they will be asked if there is a reason that prevents them from wearing a face covering. If the person answers "yes" they will not be asked further questions as there is no entitlement to know their rationale nor should the validity of their reasoning be questioned.

Court Personnel and Judiciary

- In areas where the COVID-19 risk assessment determines that PPE is not required, court personnel and judiciary will not be required to wear face coverings.
- Court personnel and judiciary who wish to wear a face covering may elect to bring their own.
- Face coverings should be reasonable and appropriate for the workplace (i.e. clean, non-threatening, no profanity, etc.) and should be worn and handled appropriately in alignment with Ministry of Health direction.

Hand Sanitizer

- While frequent handwashing is the recommended course of action to reduce the likelihood of personal infection and transmission, frequent handwashing may not always be possible. In these circumstances hand sanitizer should be used.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available at key locations throughout the courthouse.
- Members of the public will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the courthouse; however, it will not be mandated.

Public Washrooms

- The frequency of cleaning of public washrooms will be increased in alignment with the enhanced cleaning protocol. Enhanced cleaning will include disinfecting of all high-touch areas.
- Where possible, "last cleaned" signage will be displayed.
- To support physical distancing in public washrooms the following measures will be put in place:
  - Washroom occupancy will be limited to one person at a time, with some exceptions (e.g. caretakers, children, etc.)
  - Signage will be posted indicating:
    - Maintain physical distancing while waiting to enter and within washrooms
    - Practice frequent hand hygiene - wash hands with soap or sanitize hands

Elevators

- Whenever possible, staff and judiciary should use separate elevators from the public.
- Elevator occupants should have one person press buttons using an implement (e.g., pen) rather than directly touching the buttons.
- Public elevators will be equipped with:
  - Floor decals or markers indicating where to stand to maintain physical distancing
  - Signage indicating maximum occupancy
  - Signage to maintain physical distancing and practice hand hygiene

Food Service Areas/Lunchrooms

- Cafeterias in government-owned buildings will remain closed for the initial return to work phase/period, in keeping with government health guidelines.
- When cafeteria food service re-opens, steps will be taken to ensure precautionary measures are in place.

- Employee lunchrooms will follow the guidance provided by Treasury Board Secretariat, including:
  - Staggering break and lunch times
  - Physical distancing markers and removal or taping off seats in excess of maximum occupancy
  - Removal of shared use tools/appliances
  - Requirement for employees to disinfect tables before and after use

Building Systems

- IO Property Services is continuing to ensure that building systems, including Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), are monitored, maintained, and operating optimally in both government owned and leased buildings.
- All provincially-owned and third-party leased buildings are operated in accordance with the Ontario Building Code, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards and industry best practices.
- IO Property Services is continuing to monitor emerging operational and return-to-work practices related to the design and maintenance of building systems. Necessary adjustments will be made in owned buildings, as practical, in response to updated requirements from accredited organizations. IO Property Services is also continuing to work with landlords to maintain shared awareness and reasonable adoption of best practices.

Monitoring of Precautionary Measures

- MAG continues to assess the need for monitoring of precautionary measures such as physical distancing and wearing face coverings in public spaces of the courthouse.

II. ATTENDANCE TO THE COURTHOUSE

Public Communication

MAG will undertake public communication with the goal of ensuring attendees are aware of and prepared to abide by the new processes in place at courthouses in advance of attending.

The public will be encouraged not to attend the courthouse unless they have matters before court or business to conduct at the courthouse.

This information will be provided through:

- The public-facing page on Ontario.ca
- Communication with justice stakeholders

Information will include:

- What to expect when attending a courthouse in person
- What to do if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and are unable to attend the courthouse

Entrance Protocol – Justice Sector Partners and Members of the Public

An entrance protocol has been established to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the courthouse. This protocol is a risk assessment recommendation and is in alignment with guidance provided by Public Health Ontario.

Entrance Signage and Markers

Queuing markers and physical distancing markers will be installed at entrances. Signage at the entrance will include:

- Maintain physical distancing
- COVID-19 information
- Active and passive screening
- Maximum occupancy

Entrance Personnel

- Personnel from either police services or court services will be present at the entrance to:
  - Support attendees in completing the active screening protocol
  - Remind attendees to maintain physical distancing in the queue
- Engineered controls and PPE will be introduced in accordance with the risk assessment to ensure the safety of entry personnel.

Active Screening for COVID-19 - Justice Sector Partners and Members of the Public

- A notice will be posted on the public-facing internet site informing of active screening protocols at court locations.
- Completing the screening protocol will be a prerequisite to entering the courthouse. Where a person refuses to complete the screening protocol, they will be deemed inadmissible and provided with the same options outlined below for inadmissible persons.
- Responses to the screening protocol will qualify a person as either admissible or inadmissible.
  - When a person is deemed inadmissible, the person will be advised not to enter the courthouse.
  - Direction will be provided to seek assessment by a qualified medical practitioner and only return when cleared to do so by same and also to contact their lawyer, if applicable.
  - Depending on the persons' role/reason for attending the courthouse further recommendations will be made and relevant local contact numbers will be provided to assist the person in connecting with the court. This is most critical for persons whose attendance on that day is compelled by the Court (i.e. as an accused, witness under subpoena, etc.).
  - When a person is admissible, they will be instructed to proceed into the courthouse.

Entering the Courthouse

Upon entering the courthouse, the designated monitor will advise the person to:

a) Use hand-sanitizer to clean their hands before entering the facility. For this purpose, dispensers of hand sanitizer will be made available at entrances.

b) Wear a face covering during the duration of their visit. If the person did not bring their own face covering, one will be provided to them.

c) Abide by the measures in place in the courthouse, including maintaining physical distancing, wearing a face covering, and practicing frequent hand hygiene.

Security Screening

- Attendees will undergo security screening, including the screening of belongings, in keeping with regular protocols.
- Engineered controls and PPE will be introduced in accordance with the risk assessment to ensure the safety of screening personnel.

Cleaning of the Screening Area

- The screening area will be cleaned by local cleaning services as part of the enhanced cleaning protocol.
- Staff and court security working in the screening area will be provided with appropriate supplies to support them in cleaning their work area and the equipment used for security screening.

Entrance Protocol - Court Personnel and Judiciary

- To reduce congestion at entryways to the courthouse and courtrooms, where possible:
  - Staff and judiciary will use a separate entrance from the public, and/or
  - Specific entry times may be considered to reduce overlap.

Active Screening for COVID-19 – Court Personnel and Judiciary

- All court personnel and judiciary will be required to complete the active screening protocol before they attend to the courthouse.
- Like the above process, responses to the screening protocol will qualify a person as either admissible or inadmissible.

Where a member of court personnel or judiciary is deemed admissible:

- They will attend to work and will be required to comply with all precautionary measures in place within the facility.

Where a member of court personnel or judiciary is deemed inadmissible:

- Where court personnel or judiciary are deemed inadmissible, they are not to enter the courthouse and are to immediately contact their manager or Regional Senior Justice.
- Court personnel and judiciary deemed inadmissible will be asked not to return to the courthouse until cleared by a medical health professional.

III. PUBLIC SERVICE COUNTERS

Precautionary Measures

- Signage will be in place facing both the public and staff indicating:
    - Physical distancing must be maintained
    - Frequent and proper hand hygiene must be undertaken
- Floor decals and queuing markers will be in place to support physical distancing and route people away from high traffic areas or office entrances/exits where feasible.

Hours of Operation

- Public counter hours continue to be limited to manage traffic flow.
- Hours will continue to be reviewed and adjusted to ensure adequate access and an eventual return to full service in alignment with reopening.
- As in-person services continue to expand, online methods of service should be promoted before in-person attendance.

Receiving Payments

- In situations involving payments at the public service counters, employees will:
    - Avoid hand-to-hand exchange of money, bank or credit cards.
    - Encourage card payments, ideally using fixed payment terminals that do not need to be handled.
    - Wash hands or use hand sanitizer after every transaction.

Receiving Documents

- Wherever possible, alternate methods for document submission will be encouraged.
- Avoid hand-to-hand transmission. Parties remitting documents will be invited to place them on the counter where staff will then retrieve the documents.
- Hand hygiene should be practiced before and after handling documents.

IV. IN THE COURTROOM

Access to the courtroom will require individuals to abide by the broader facility measures in place:

- Practice physical distancing.
- Practice frequent and proper hand hygiene.
- Wear PPE when required by the risk assessment.

Courtroom Reconfiguration

The layout of each courtroom will be adjusted to the degree feasible to support physical distancing between the members of the court, the clerk/reporter desk, witness box, parties and the public.

Movement of Documents and Exhibits

- Wherever possible alternate methods for document sharing and signature will be considered (e.g., scanning, endorsing on behalf of parties).
- To maintain physical distancing during the transmission of exhibits or documents, a bin or trolley may be used. Parties remitting items will be invited to place them in the bin or trolley and return to their seat. Court staff will then retrieve the documents or exhibits.
- Hand hygiene should be practiced before and after handling documents or exhibits.

Movement of In-Custody Accused

- MAG has worked closely with the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen) to ensure that consistent precautionary measures are in place for the entirety of the process of in-custody accused appearances.
- If an in-custody accused is in medical isolation on the day of their scheduled appearance, they will not attend in-person and an alternate appearance type will be arranged.

- Appendix A provides the precautionary measures that will be in place to mitigate risk and screen individuals throughout the prisoner transportation process.

Public and Media Access to Court Proceedings

- Due to courthouse and courtroom capacity, access to proceedings will be limited.
- Where feasible, remote viewing options of court proceedings for public and media may be introduced to allow more people to follow court proceedings.
- If public interest is known in advance, an overflow room providing videoconferencing for observers will be arranged when possible. This room will also comply with physical distancing requirements.

Courtroom Cleaning

- Daily enhanced cleaning of the courtroom will be provided up to three times a day as applicable and determined by court scheduling.
- Courtroom cleaning responsibilities will be as follows:

Courtroom Area	Responsible for Cleaning	Frequency
Dais	Local cleaning services	Before opening court At recess At closing of court
Court staff area	Court staff	Before opening court At recess At closing of court
Crown/Counsel tables – including microphone, etc.	Crown/Counsel	Before using table After concluding at table
Podium/Lectern (note: with judicial approval, counsel may elect to speak from their table rather than at the podium/lectern)	Crown/Counsel	Before using After concluding

Witness box (incl. peripherals – chair, microphone, etc.)	Local cleaning services	Between witnesses
Prisoner box	Local cleaning services	Between prisoners
Jury areas (note: only when a jury is present)	Local cleaning services	Before opening court At closing of court

Note: the provision and cleaning of accessibility peripherals (e.g., assistive listening devices) will be coordinated through the Accessibility Coordinator in keeping with general protocols.

Jury Events

Note: *MAG continues to work on a protocol for jury events in preparation for anticipated scheduling in fall 2020.*

- Physical distancing will be supported
- Appropriate precautionary measures will be in place in situations where physical distancing cannot be supported in accordance with the completed risk assessment.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

MAG will follow the direction regarding precautionary measures for all OPS office spaces provided by Treasury Board Secretariat

Managers will be responsible for working with JHSCs to implement administrative controls in these areas.

This will include:

- Continuing remote work to the degree operationally feasible
- Reducing seating capacity
- Reducing office/workspace capacity to support physical distancing
- Implementing clean workplace guidelines
- Posting of signage to promote physical distancing and hand hygiene
- Supplying disinfectant and hand sanitizer
- Cleaning shared use items (e.g., staplers, pens, whiteboard markers, etc.) before and after use.

VI. PROBABLE OR CONFIRMED CASE

Justice Sector Partners and Members of the Public

If a justice sector partner or member of the public becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, they will be asked to:

- Leave the facility immediately
- Contact Public Health to seek guidance

Court Personnel or Judiciary

If court personnel or a member of the Judiciary becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, they will be asked to:

- Leave the workplace as soon as possible.
- Self-isolate if unable to leave immediately (a room will be identified to support self-isolation).
- Notify their manager immediately.
- Contact Public Health to seek guidance and testing if recommended by Public Health.

Communication of a probable or confirmed case

MAG will continue to ensure transparency by communicating probable or confirmed cases through an all-staff memo issued by local management that aligns with Public Health recommendations and health and safety regulations. Privacy rights of the person must be respected and therefore no direct or circumstantial identifying information will be included.

Public Health will conduct any required contact tracing and will communicate directly with any individual identified through their processes who may have come into contact with a confirmed case.

APPENDIX A – MOVEMENT OF IN-CUSTODY ACCUSED

These materials provide an overview of the current processes and best practices recommended around the transportation and movement of those accused persons charged with criminal offences who are currently held in correctional facilities and who are required to appear in court, in person, effective from July 6, 2020.

As the restoration of operations continues in the province's courthouses for all levels of court these materials will continue to be reviewed and revised as required.

Correctional Services – Ministry of the Solicitor General

The materials that relate to Correctional services are prepared by the Assistant Deputy Minister's Office in the Institutional Services in consultation with all relevant program areas including (but not limited to) those that oversee inmate and employee healthcare, supply chain management, cleaning services, and daily operations.

Unless otherwise noted, the healthcare policies and procedures and the actions taken to stop transmission of the COVID-19 virus have been implemented at all provincial adult correctional institutions.

Compliance with policy is monitored locally by senior managers and daily meetings are held with superintendents to discuss implementation status and identify any challenges and develop solutions.

Stocks of critical supplies including PPE and cleaning products at all institutions are monitored daily. Any shortages are reported and addressed immediately.

Inmates have access to both formal and informal complaint procedures to both internal and external oversight bodies for the fair and timely resolution of complaints, concerns and disputes. The formal complaint processes require a timely response and, in some cases, include appeals processes.

All processes relating to screening, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or health care were created in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Public Health Ontario.

Actions taken within Correctional facilities to stop transmission of COVID-19 virus

Screening:

- Every individual entering the institution is subject to an active screening process that was developed based on Ministry of Health Screening Guidelines.
- All staff attending the institution are required to sign an affirmation in respect of satisfying a COVID-19 health checklist
- All professional visitors who attend the institution are required to perform a self-assessment
- Personal visitation for inmates has been suspended until further notice. Various additional support measures are being put in place for inmates.
- The ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (NALSC) and the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) to support discharge planning and the safe return home of individuals to NAN territories during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As of May 24, 2020, the ministry began offering voluntary COVID-19 testing to all inmates and all staff members. Testing will be offered at all institutions in a phased approach

Healthcare policies and procedures

Communicable disease outbreak process:

- If a reportable communicable disease occurs or is suspected, institution officials notify the local Medical Officer of Health, and Ministry provincial health professionals.
- The Medical Officer of Health determines whether to declare an outbreak and provides direction for containment.
- Institution health care staff working collaboratively and under the direction of the local Medical Officer of Health take immediate precautionary containment measures in accordance with operating procedures, including containment

strategies which may include medical isolation and decontamination of affected areas.

- When an inmate tests positive they are immediately placed in medical isolation under droplet and contact precautions (or kept in medical isolation if they had been already be placed there pre-testing). The local Public Health Unit leads contact tracing in collaboration with the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Corporate Healthcare and Wellness Branch and the institution's healthcare team. While each case is managed individually, once resolved the individual could be integrated back into the general inmate population.
- Placement in medical isolation is temporary and non-punitive. Inmates placed in medical isolation are managed in accordance with ministry policy and still receive access to court and counsel, fresh air ("yard"), showers, use of telephone, and access to personal belongings as well as canteen.
- Contact tracing is the process used by Public Health Units to identify, educate, and monitor individuals who have had close contact with someone who is infected with the virus. The ministry works with Public Health units to support contact tracing for both staff and inmates.

Medical Care:

- Standard health care services available from the Ministry include:
    - Primary Care Physicians and Nurse Practitioners – each institution has one or more physicians and/or nurse practitioners who provide primary medical care to patients. There is a primary care practitioner on call during all hours of health care operations.
    - Upon admission to a provincial jail or detention centre, all inmates receive an admission health assessment

Police Services

Police Transportation of In Custody Accused persons to and from Courthouses

The following advice and guidelines that have been distributed to all police services who have the responsibility for prisoner transportation and are currently being reviewed and will be further updated.

- The ministry (SolGen) advises chiefs of police to take extra precautionary measures during the transportation of persons in custody to, and from, police facilities, correctional institutions and courts.
- Chiefs of police should ensure active screening is conducted by all policing personnel for any individual they take into custody and to follow any appropriate measures for those that screen positive.
- Chiefs of police should also endeavour to minimize the number of individuals in custody that are travelling together in any police vehicle taking into account, to the extent practical, best public health practices, which include:
    - Social distancing;
    - Avoiding contact with people who are sick; and
    - Washing hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Over the course of the next several weeks, police services may be requested to provide additional transportation of persons in custody to courts. Police services boards and chiefs of police should prepare for any increased requests and allocate the appropriate resources needed to facilitate the administration of justice in a timely manner, including staffing court facilities with additional policing personnel.

Ministry of the Attorney General

Covid-19 Courthouse Risk Assessment and Precautionary Measures

- MAG has undertaken a risk assessment process led by the Public Services Health and Safety Association (PSHSA).
- Risk assessments involved the review of public areas of the courthouse, including courtrooms and cell blocks, and provided recommendations for appropriate precautionary measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- In preparation for resuming attendance of in-custody accused to the courthouse MAG has introduced precautionary measures including:
    - Active and passive screening of all attendees to the courthouse, including employees, and Judiciary.

  - Mandated wearing of face coverings for justice sector partners and members of the public while in the courthouse (with some exceptions).
  - Use of hand sanitizer at entry.
  - Physical distancing throughout the facility.
  - Enhanced cleaning of the facility three times each day and in between witnesses and accused in the courtroom.
  - Enhanced cleaning of holding cells multiple times each day and between prisoners.
  - Engineered controls – plexiglass barriers.
  - Administrative controls – floor markers, queuing markers, fixed hand sanitizer at key points throughout the facility, best practices for document transmission.
  - Personal protection equipment (PPE) in the form of face masks and eye protection where deemed necessary based on the risk assessment.
- When the prisoner attends the courthouse, they will be held in the cellblock. Precautionary measures undertaken by MAG in the cell block will include enhanced cleaning multiple time per day. A day porter service where the holding cell will be cleaned every time there is a different prisoner occupying any given holding cell.
- When the prisoner moves to the courtroom, they will be held in the prisoner box.
- A face covering will be provided to the prisoner when in the courtroom unless otherwise directed by judiciary or police services (may pose a risk to the prisoner).
- Physical distancing markers are in place in the courtroom and will maintain two metres (six feet) around the prisoner.
- Plexiglass is in place in the courtroom where physical distancing may not be possible.
- Where physical distancing is not possible, and an engineered control is not in place, staff and judiciary will wear PPE.

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234-2020-2382

June 12, 2020

Dear Heads of Council / Clerks and CAOs:

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of this deadly virus, and we thank you for your support in our efforts.

We appreciate that the current situation for municipalities is not “business as usual”, and that all municipalities have had to make adjustments to adapt to new priorities and shifting ways of doing business.

When municipalities requested our help, we listened and acted quickly to legislate changes to the Planning Act and make the necessary regulation to suspend decision-making timelines. These changes balanced the need to suspend the timelines that would allow a municipality to refocus time and resources on the COVID-19 outbreak, while allowing councils to continue to make decisions on planning matters as municipal capacity evolved.

As we move forward with our gradual approach that will allow Ontario to emerge from the COVID-19 outbreak, we know that getting shovels in the ground is key to moving forward on the path to economic recovery together. Many municipalities may be well on their way to a more normalized planning review process, and we want to ensure that the land use planning system is in step with a municipality’s expanding capacity during this time. As a result, we intend to end the temporary suspension of the Planning Act timelines as of June 22nd, 2020.

We understand that the safety of your constituents must remain a priority, and that there are certain provincial restrictions in place regarding public gatherings. Therefore, we encourage you to continue to use electronic and virtual channels, as appropriate, to engage and provide the public with an opportunity to make representations on planning matters, while following the advice of Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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It is vital for our economic recovery from this outbreak that we work together to help move the planning approvals process forward. We need to continue the important job of creating housing and keeping infrastructure projects moving while also ensuring we maintain public health. Development has always played a key role in supporting growth in our communities, and it will play an especially important role on our road to economic recovery from COVID-19.

Let me assure you that our government is working to support you, our municipal partners, and will continue to work collaboratively to keep all Ontarians safe.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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June 29, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
Premier of Ontario
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-and to-

The Honourable Rod Phillips (rod.phillips@pc.ola.org)
Minister of Finance
Frost Building South; 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Crescent
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Phillips:

RE: Kingsville Council request that the Rent Assistance Program to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all "residential-above-commercial" properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio

At its Regular Meeting of June 22, 2020, Kingsville Council resolved the following:

391-2020
Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded By Councillor Larry Patterson

Whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has greatly impacted the business community in the Town of Kingsville;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario has provided financial assistance including a multi-level Rent Assistance program to the business community impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic;

And Whereas the Rent Assistance program offered by the Province of Ontario established an arbitrary cap on multi-use properties where it is common for "residential-above-commercial" developments, especially in downtown and Main Street corridors;

And Whereas Kingsville, particularly in our downtown business centres, has several properties with residential-above-commercial where the ratio of commercial storefront businesses represents less than 30 per cent of the entire building, thus leaving a gap where local business owners cannot qualify for rent relief with their willing landlords;

And Whereas the Town of Kingsville's newly adopted Business Retention and Expansion Project Report identified that Kingsville businesses would benefit from the Province expanding the Rent Assistance program to include all commercial lease properties regardless of overall footprint.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Kingsville requests that the Province of Ontario expand their Rent Assistance program to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all "residential-above-commercial" properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio;

And Finally, That this Resolution be circulated to the Premier, Doug Ford, the Minister of Finance, Rod Phillips, our local MPP Taras Natyshak, and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Corporate Services Department
jastrologo@kingsville.ca
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CC: Taras Natyshak, MPP (tnatyshak-qp@ndp.on.ca)
CC: All Ontario Municipalities

The Municipality of West Elgin

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June 26, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Dear the Honorable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2020-210
Moved: Councillor Rowe
Seconded: Councillor Tellier

Whereas West Elgin received a resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands with regard to the creation of a Universal Basic Income for citizens; and

Whereas the Council of West Elgin agrees that the creation of a Universal Basic Income would assist in reducing the financial strain on its citizens and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Where a basic income ensures everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live with dignity, regardless of work status and has the potential to improve individual physical and mental health, labour market participation, food security, housing stability, financial status and social relationships and generally raise the standard of living for vulnerable members of society; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin urges the Ontario Provincial government and the Federal government work together to investigate the feasibility of implementing a universal basic income program.

For (3): Councillor Tellier, Councillor Cammaert, and Councillor Rowe
Abstain (1): Mayor McPhail

Carried (3 to 0)

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

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Yours Truly,

Jana Nethercott
Clerk
Municipality of West Elgin

cc. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
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June 26, 2020

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Dear the Honorable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2020-209
Moved: Councillor Cammaert
Seconded: Councillor Rowe

Whereas West Elgin Council wishes to support resolution number CW93-20 from Grey County; and

Whereas West Elgin recognizes that the need for reliable access to affordable broadband is required for education and business purposes to ensure continuity and success; and

Whereas reliable broadband will continue to play an essential role in economic and social recovery across Ontario post-pandemic; and

Whereas not all residents of West Elgin are within a connectivity coverage area and that rural areas often receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and

Where as while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and

Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of West Elgin representing our residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford, Minister of

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Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honorable Jeff Yurek to champion the implementation of broadband in the under-serviced areas of West Elgin;

For (3): Councillor Tellier, Councillor Cammaert, and Councillor Rowe
Abstain (1): Mayor McPhail

Carried (3 to 0)

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

Yours Truly,

Jana Nethercott
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July 7, 2020

RE: TAPMO Executive Meeting Minutes dated May 28, 2020.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 17, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-166: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence item 4 listed for JUNE 17, 2020 Council meeting be received; and

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

WHEREAS the Council of Puslinch supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Sand, Stone and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Puslinch has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Council of Puslinch does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

(b) The Council of Puslinch believes there is a need to review the current

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assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property
values;

(c) The Council of Puslinch hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

(d) The Council of Puslinch directs the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and {the local MPP(s)}

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Deputy Clerk

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234-2020-2680

July 8, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

The COVID-19 outbreak has touched everyone in the province, creating personal and financial hardship, and resulting in losses far greater than anyone could have imagined. We are making steady progress in the safe reopening of the province, and we acknowledge and celebrate those who went above and beyond through this crisis.

I am writing to inform you that on July 8, 2020, our government introduced the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to help get Ontario back on track. Our proposed bill will address three critical needs Ontario faces: restarting jobs and development; strengthening communities; and creating opportunity for people.

Our government recognizes the key role that municipalities play in restarting the economy, and that their efficient functioning and economic sustainability is critical to Ontario's future success. We are also continuing to negotiate with our federal partners to ensure communities across Ontario receive the urgent financial support they need. We know that municipalities require fair and flexible investment to protect front line services and help restart the economy.

This bill includes proposals that will enable municipal councils and local boards to meet electronically on a permanent basis and allow municipal councils to decide if they wish to have proxy voting for their members. Our government also proposes to finalize the community benefits charges framework; enhance the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing's existing zoning order authority to provide more certainty when fast tracking the development of transit oriented communities; make it faster to update and harmonize the Building Code so that we can break down interprovincial trade barriers, and permanently establish the office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator to help solve complex land use issues. We are also working on optimizing provincial lands and other key provincial strategic development projects that will help facilitate economic recovery efforts.

My ministry will be hosting a technical information briefing on the proposed community benefits charges framework, including proposed changes to development charges and parkland dedication, so that municipal staff can gain a better understanding of the proposal. The technical briefing will take place in the near future and invitations from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Local Government and Planning Policy Division to municipal Chief Administrative Officers, Treasurers and Chief Planners will be forthcoming.

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In addition to initiatives that I have outlined above from my ministry, there are several other proposals included in our proposed legislation that will support your communities. Changes proposed will modernize our outdated environmental assessment framework, provide more local say on future landfill sites, and ensure strong environmental oversight, while supporting faster build-out of vital transport and transit infrastructure projects to support our economy. Municipally-run courts will be able to use technology to deliver services remotely and we are also moving to fill justice of the peace vacancies faster and more transparently.

We will be extending the validity period of unused marriage licences and protecting the province's most vulnerable consumers who rely on payday loans, by proposing limits on related interest rates and fees.

Also proposed is the reduction of regulatory burdens on farming while preserving the environmental rules that will support this vital part of our economy. Businesses will be able to count on clear, focused and effective rules that do not compromise people's health, safety or the environment through our changes that continue to focus on cutting red tape. At the same time, our changes will allow health and safety standards to be updated more quickly to ensure worker safety in a changing economy.

As the province continues to reopen and the economy recovers, it's more critical than ever to position Ontario as a top-tier destination for investment, domestic growth, and job creation. A key measure to support this objective is the creation of a new investment attraction agency, Invest Ontario, that will promote the province as a key investment destination and work closely with regional partners to coordinate business development activities.

Our proposed changes will also help our communities respond in part to the challenges that this outbreak has brought to our education system. Changes proposed would allow school boards to select the best candidates for director of education for their respective communities. We will also reduce red tape that is preventing access to school for some First Nation students and by limiting unproductive suspensions for our very youngest students. Students with severe learning disabilities will have an opportunity to complete their studies in the upcoming school year and by broadening the mandates of TVO and TFO, our broadcasters will be able to support students' learning needs better during these challenging times.

Through this proposed legislation, we will take the first step towards a strong restart and recovery. More information on our proposals can be found on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's website.

Our greatest challenges lie ahead of us, and we know we cannot overcome them alone. It's time for everyone to play a role in rebuilding Ontario together. We will ensure no community or region is left behind. Every community must recover if all of Ontario is to grow and prosper again.

Municipalities are encouraged to continue to review our Government's Emergency Information webpage at: Ontario.ca/alert. I thank you for your continued support and collaboration in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Chief Administrative Officers
Municipal Clerks
Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Accounts Payable

GENERAL BILLS & ACCOUNTS APPROVED JULY 15, 2020

Vendor 000000 Through 999999

Invoice Entry Date 06/11/2020 to 07/07/2020 Paid Invoices Cheque Date 06/11/2020 to 07/07/2020

Account	Vendor Number	Name	Invoice Number / Item Description	Invoice Date	Entry Date	Chq Nb / Item Amount

Department Summary

01-1000	REVENUE FUND	80,830.42
01-1091	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	21,156.25
01-1092	ADMINISTRATION	38,323.27
01-1093	RECREATION COMPLEX	398.38
01-1101	FIRE	420.00
01-1108	POLICE	42,412.00
01-1300	CEMETERY	1,972.81
01-1321	LANDFILL SITE	1,095.54
01-1351	HEALTH	180.00
01-1401	RECREATION AND CULTURE	5,041.30
01-1420	LIBRARY	4,752.06
01-1501	PLANNING AND ZONING	6,480.31
02-8000	WALDEMAR WATER SYSTEM	1,188.17
	Report Total	204,250.51

TOTAL GENERAL BILLS & ACCOUNTS APPROVED JULY 15, 2020 $204,250.51

Accounts Payable

ROAD BILLS & ACCOUNTS APPROVED JULY 15, 2020

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Account	Vendor Number	Name	Invoice Number / Item Description	Invoice Date	Entry Date	Chq Nb / Item Amount

Department Summary

01-1252	ROADWAYS - EXPENSES	476,576.69
	Report Total	476,576.69

TOTAL ROADS BILLS & ACCOUNTS APPROVED JULY 15, 2020 $476,576.69

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Corporate Services

June 22, 2020

Township of Amaranth
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To Amaranth Council,

The Town of Orangeville is in the process of applying to obtain the ability to handle 311 calls for non-emergency government communications.

The intent is to provide cellular and traditional phoneline users within the geographical boundaries of Orangeville a simple way to reach the customer service staff in an approach being termed 'no wrong door' which is a part of a larger effort to modernize the Town's service delivery model through a digital first initiative.

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has some guidelines to ensure that the service for 311 goes through a transparent process.

One part of this process is to notify neighboring municipalities of the request to implement 311 and provide details of the service and potential impacts. For Orangeville to move forward, the Town needs to seek official support from our neighboring municipalities.

How 311 is setup

311 solution is simply a mask of a municipalities main phone number, this provides the convenient way for callers within the area of the service to contact customer service staff.

Cellular users of the N11 services, are triangulated through cell towers to ensure callers dialing 311 are routed to the municipality they are in.

Traditional phone lines are handled differently, they have been built on Wire Exchanges, they span beyond municipal borders and in this situation cover large areas of all neighboring municipalities.

This would not be an ideal situation as 43.6 percent of the Wire Exchange is outside of Orangeville. In this situation the Town has chosen to use Bell Canada's postal code service to ensure the high level of correct calls are delivered to the Orangeville's Call Centre.

Postal codes greatly increase the success of a 311 call being delivered to Orangeville's call center, but it is not 100% perfect. There are certain areas along the boundaries of Orangeville where postal codes overlap, and potentially a call could be erroneously routed to Orangeville.

As a result, a caller on the Township of Amaranth's boundary with Orangeville could potentially get Orangeville's Customer Service desk if they dialed 311. Included in the Appendix C of the Town of Orangeville 311 Implementation Notice is a map showing the areas where this could potentially happen.

In a situation where this arises Orangeville is obligated to route the call to the correct municipality to ensure residents are correctly connected. The Town's customer service staff will keep track of the erroneous call routing so that the Telcoms can modify the record to avoid future issues.

The Town is working on an aggressive timeline to help coincide with the launch of a new website and would appreciate your support no later than July 17th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Hall, Information Technology Manager

Attachments:

Town Orangeville Staff Report CS-IT-2020-01
Council Resolution approving the 311
Town of Orangeville 311 Implementation Notice
Example Resolution

Report

Subject: 311 Call Service

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Information Technology

Report #: CS-IT-2020-01

Meeting Date: May 25th, 2020

	Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan
Priority Area:	**Strong Governance**
Objective:	**Enhanced Communications**
Theme:	**Social Well-being -Strategy 2**
Strategy:	**Improve access to information and education through Town systems; make it user friendly and effective for residents.**

Recommendations

That, Council endorse the use of 311 call services to provide streamlined access to the Town's customer support teams.

And, authorize staff to seek approvals from the neighboring municipalities in order to complete the requirements of the application.

Background and Analysis

Leveraging the strong governance and sustainable infrastructure, 311 has been identified as a tool that helps provide a more streamlined communication platform that complements the Town's recent efforts to provide more robust online services for Orangeville residents.

311 is part of the class of shortened phone numbers that are easy to remember, and are designed to provide easier access to services, information within the geographical area of the user.

The purpose of 311 is to provide access to local non-emergency municipal services that the Town offers. The 311 number does not replace existing Town phone numbers that are currently in use; this is a complimentary service that is well established in the province.

311 calls are answered by the Town's Customer Service Representatives, in the same process currently in place.

Implementation of a 311 call service, requires the Town to adhere to CRTC 2004-71, for Non-emergency municipal government services. This includes an Implementation Notice, evidence of authorization by impacted neighboring municipalities, Implementation Plan, and mapping.

The Town plans to utilize postal code routing exchange boundaries, and other telecommunications methods to provide a service area around Orangeville's boundaries.

In alignment with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Telecom Decision 2004-71, the Town of Orangeville plans to introduce 311 service for Orangeville in consultation with surrounding jurisdictions as the non-emergency number for municipal government services. These jurisdictions include the Town of Caledon, Town of Mono, Township of East Garafraxa, and Township of Amaranth.

It is recognized that the Orangeville municipal boundary does not align with the wire telecommunications service exchange boundaries. The Town of Orangeville is committed to working with affected jurisdictions to ensure that callers who erroneously arrive at the Town of Orangeville's service number will be transferred back to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Financial Impact

Once implemented there will be a monthly charge of 400 dollars per month and an 8 cent per call from wired Bell Customers only.
This can be absorbed into the telecommunications budget and adjusted as needed in 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Prepared by,

Andrea McKinney
General Manager, Corporate Services

Jason Hall
Manager, IT

Attachment 1. Town of Orangeville 311 Implementation Notice

Resolution 2020-177

11.5 311 Call Service (CS-IT-2020-001)

That report CPS-IT-2020-001 regarding 311 Call Service be received;

And that Council endorse the use of 311 call services to provide streamlined access to the Town's customer support teams;

And Council authorize staff to seek approvals from the neighboring municipalities in order to complete the requirements of the application.

Carried Unanimously.

Town of Orangeville

311 Implementation Notice

May 31, 2020

Issued by:

Town of Orangeville 87 Broadway Orangeville, ON L9W1K1

Contact:

Jason Hall IT Manager,

Corporate Services

jhall@orangeville.ca

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Orangeville offers the best of all worlds. The Town has retained many of the characteristics of a small town while offering the amenities of a larger centre. The Town is less than an hour from Toronto with all that it has to offer and is only moments away from the unspoiled beauty of the Niagara Escarpment. An attractive lifestyle is a major reason people give for locating in Orangeville; there's something for everyone. The Town boasts a vibrant cultural life with its own live theatre and an impressive community of artisans, as well as having a very active sports community.

Orangeville is committed to providing solutions that align to the Strategic Plan that identifies priorities for the Town and outlines the objectives and actions needed to address those priorities moving forward. The plan will be utilized to align municipal planning and guide the development and implementation of action plans and initiatives based on the five pillars of the Town's Strategic Plan.

Leveraging the Community stewardship with strong governance and sustainable infrastructure, 311 has been identified and a tool that helps provide a more streamlined communication platform for Orangeville residents.

On May 25, 2020 Town of Orangeville Council directed Corporate Services to proceed with implementation of a 311 call service, using routing exchange boundaries, and other telecommunications methods to provide a service area around Orangeville's boundaries.

In alignment with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Telecom Decision 2004-71, the Town of Orangeville plans to introduce 311 service for Orangeville in consultation with surrounding jurisdictions as the non-emergency number for municipal government services. These jurisdictions include the Town of Caledon, Town of Mono, Township of East Garafraxa, and Township of Amaranth.

Please refer to the relevant dates / meeting minutes from the Council meetings of these jurisdictions listed below, noting that in cases where they are not yet posted they are forthcoming.

Town of Caledon:	Month, Day, 2020
Town of Mono:	Month, Day, 2020
Township East Garafraxa:	Month, Day, 2020
Township of Amaranth:	Month, Day, 2020
County of Dufferin:	Month, Day, 2020

Please see Appendix E, which includes letters or authorizations from relevant jurisdictions. **Some documents are forthcoming.**

It is the intent of the Town of Orangeville to test and pilot the service as early as July, 2020 in preparation for public launch in September, 2020. This 311 Implementation Notice document has been prepared for distribution via email to the list of contacts shown in Appendix A.

2.0 SERVICE DESCRIPTION

The 311 call service is being implemented in line with our Digital First Initiative. With well-established service levels, call management and transfer protocols, a proven framework is in place to facilitate seamless introduction of the 311 phone number. The 311 number will provide residents with a user-friendly, simplified entry point into the municipality for non-emergency services. It will improve customer service and increase accessibility to Town services.

During business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, callers to 311 in Orangeville will be greeted by a brief recording of service offerings that, if selected, will transfer the caller to the appropriate area of service. If callers opt to bypass the recording or are unsure of which service to select, they may "0 (zero) out."

Existing business processes, systems, solutions and toolsets will effectively support the 311 phone service.

3.0 PROPOSED 311 SERVICE AREA

The proposed 311 service area is the Town of Orangeville boundary as shown in Appendix B.

The Bell Canada wire telecommunications service exchange boundaries for the Town of Orangeville's 311 implementation consist of the One Exchange, as outlined in the 311 Coverage for the Town of Orangeville and Surrounding Area map shown in Appendix C.

It is recognized that the Orangeville municipal boundary does not align with the wire telecommunications service exchange boundaries. The Town of Orangeville is committed to working with affected jurisdictions to ensure that callers who erroneously arrive at the Town of Orangeville's service number will be transferred back to the appropriate jurisdiction.

4.0 CALL ROUTING ARRANGEMENTS

Calls to 311 in Orangeville will terminate at:

Town of Orangeville

87 Broadway, Orangeville, ON, L9W1K1

275 Alder Street, Orangeville, ON, L9W5H6

40 Feed Street, ON, L9W1K2

5.0 CALL VOLUME ESTIMATES

A total of 29,600 people lived in the Town of Orangeville in 2019, making Orangeville the largest town in the County of Dufferin. Between 140,000 and 200,000 phone calls are made per year by residents seeking information and/or services.

The Town of Orangeville will implement an effective communication plan to educate stakeholders about the 311 number.

6.0 EXPECTATIONS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS

It is expected that all TSPs route 311 calls in the Orangeville Exchanges to a 10-digit number, which will terminate at the Town of Orangeville's system. The 10-digit number is 519-941-0440.

7.0 PROPOSED TIMELINE

Task	Proposed Date
Distribution of the Town of Orangeville Implementation Notice	May 31, 2020
311 Implementation Notice related Conference Call(s) with TSPs	July 3, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Other 311 Implementation Conference Calls/Planning Sessions	TBD
Testing Period/Soft Launch of 311	August 5, 2020
Public Launch of 311	August 26, 2020

Attachments:

Appendix A – 311 Implementation Notice Email Distribution List Appendix B – Town of Orangeville Map

Appendix C – Bell Canada Exchange Map for the Town of Orangeville Appendix D – Matrix Identifying

Appendix A: 311 Implementation Notice Email Distribution List

Town of Orangeville 311 Implementation Notice – May 2020 Distribution List	
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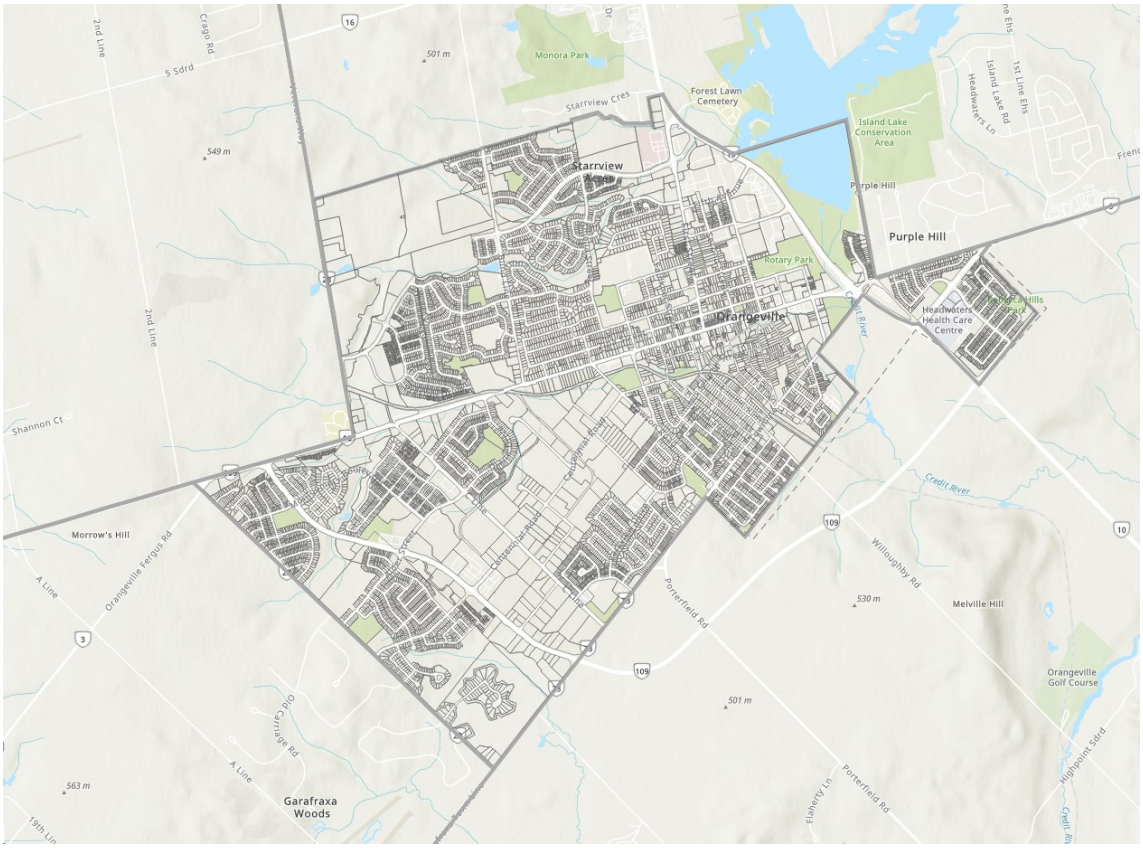
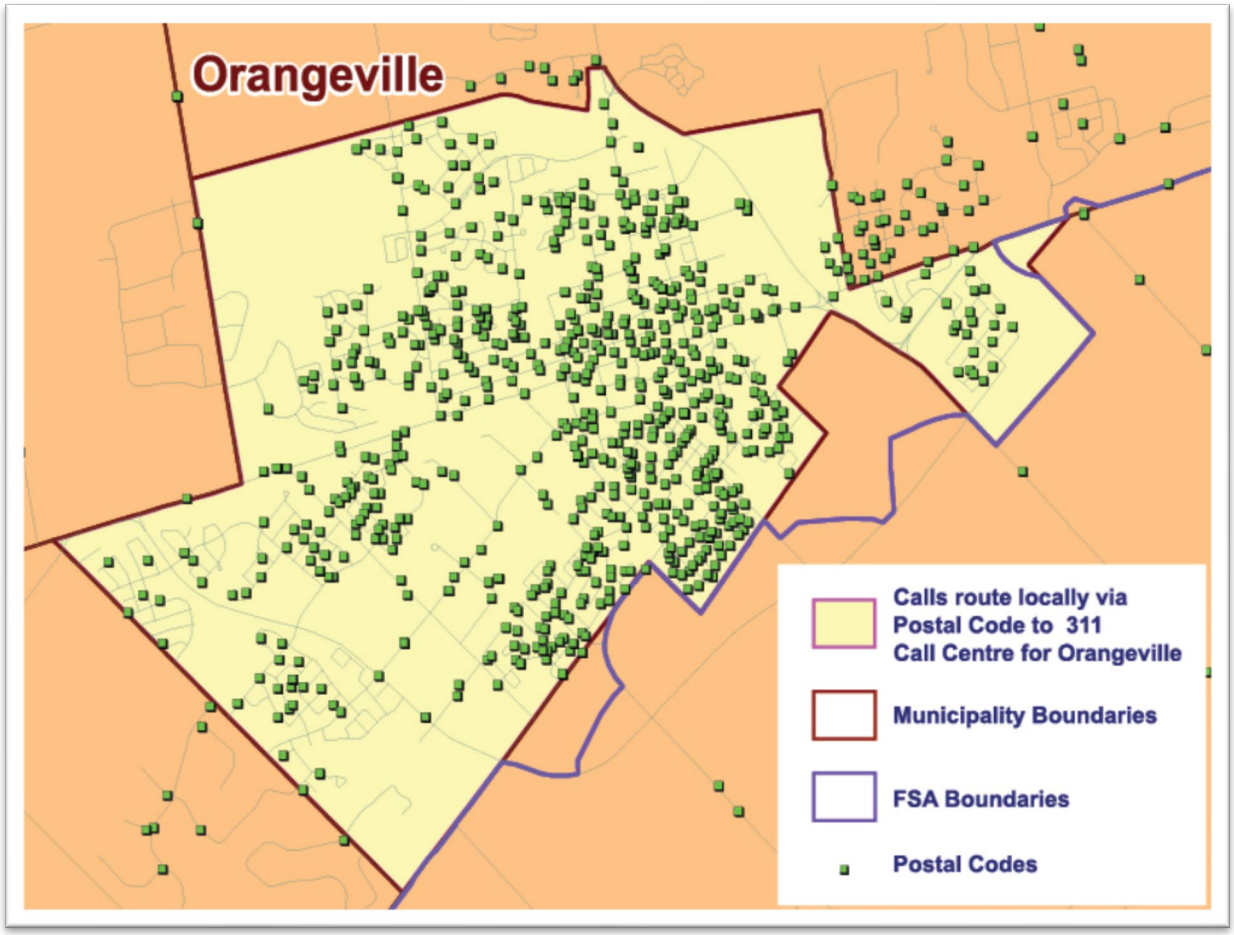
Appendix B: Town of Orangeville Map



Appendix C: Bell Canada Postal Code Exchange Map for the Town of Orangeville



Appendix D: Matrix Identifying Impacted Exchange Areas

Exchanges	
Town of Caledon:	X
Town of Mono:	X
Township East Garafraxa:	X
Township of Amaranth:	X
County of Dufferin:	N/A

X indicates areas that are partially or wholly within the exchange

Whereas the Town of Orangeville wishes to proceed with the implementation of a 311 Call Service as the non-emergency number for municipal government services; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville plans to introduce the 311 service in consultation with surrounding jurisdictions, including the Town of Caledon, Town of Mono, Township of East Garafraxa, and Township of Amaranth; and

Whereas a 311 telephone call may originate in the overlap between the Orangeville Exchange and the geographic area of the **[insert name of municipality];**

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of **[insert name of municipality]** has no objection to the routing of 311 telephone calls to the Orangeville's main service line, on the understanding that residents of **[insert name of municipality]** who erroneously dial 311 from within this Exchange will be given the option of being transferred to **[insert name of municipality]** main phone number.

From: Jon Bell
To: Nicole Martin
Subject: Fwd: Return to Fitness Classes
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:56:56 PM

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Jon Bell** [redacted]>
Date: Fri, Jul 3, 2020 at 1:23 PM
Subject: Re: Return to Fitness Classes
To: Chris Gerrits <cgerrits@amaranth.ca>, Heather Foster <hfoster@amaranth.ca>

HI Chris and Heather,

As a follow-up from my e-mail last week. I would propose that we begin running a reduced schedule of classes outdoors (Behind the township building). Do we have your approval to organize this for the week of July 6 or July 13?

As mentioned, we would maintain good distancing and disinfecting of all equipment.

Thanks,

Jon

On Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 9:10 PM Jon Bell <p[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi Chris and Heather,
>
> Hope all is well. I'm looking at organizing the restart of fitness classes. If I can get the instructors and yourselves on board, I was considering the week of July 6th as a start date for either the full or reduced schedule.
>
> We could arrange for safety measures such as distancing, hand sanitizers, and disinfectants. I'd assume face coverings would be required indoors so we could try to run classes outdoors as much as possible.
>
> What are your thoughts and policies for getting back to our fitness schedule in July?
>
> Thanks,
>
> Jon

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Jon Bell
Hons.BA.Kin., CSEP-CPT
[redacted]

NOTICE OF MOTION

WHEREAS the Township of Amaranth is a diverse community

AND WHEREAS the Township of Amaranth is a community the celebrates diversity and achievement

AND WHEREAS the public display of flags is a visible and significant means by which diversity and achievement can be celebrated

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Township of Amaranth hereby dedicate one flagpole to the promotion of celebrations, causes and concerns of importance to our residents.

AND FURTHERMORE

That the CAO of the Township of Amaranth shall develop and implement a protocol to establish the order, precedence, and duration of flags to be flown in keeping with international, national, provincial, and municipal guidelines, recognitions, and priorities.

OF NOTE

All flags to be flown shall be provided at no charge to the Township of Amaranth along with any special considerations for display or safekeeping.

Where practical or possible, a written description of the flag and its significance shall be provided to the CAO for publication on the Township of Amaranth website for the period that the flag is on display.

SCHEDULE 'A'

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

From: James Craig <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:44 AM
To:
Subject: Economic question

Hello (

I'm super disappointed in the comments of the mayor about the pride flag.
Rather than belittle him or council or employees, all I am asking is for you to share the economic impact of his words to him. What is the cost (financial or in time) of receiving and responding to all the inquiries about the pride flag? I won't be able to change a homophobe's mind set but if he considers himself a business person, he should understand the economic consequences of his actions.

Best
James

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James Craig

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Rebecca <

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Information
Subject: Job application

I DEMAND BOB CURRY BE TAKEN OUR OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIDE FLAG BE HUNG. Anyone who works in this township and ISNT speaking out - you are problematic and we are keeping names.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx
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This email was sent to you by Rebecca< rough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: Kate Bryan ·
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 10:15 AM
To:
Subject: Immediate Dismal of Mayor Currie

Good morning,

I'm writing this morning from my home in Amaranth Township, where our family has lived for many generations. Mayor Currie showed his true colours of his personal homapobic beliefs when he stated at the April 16 Dufferin County Council meeting he does not support "Celebrate your Awesome" a pride festival in Orangeville. Then the statements from Mayor Currie at the June 17 council meeting regarding a request to fly the pride flag are absolutely disgusting and have no place in public office. Then again to repeat his homapobic remarks on News Talk 1010 and Barrie CTV News June 23 and 24. He is a disgrace and embarrassment to our community. This was not a slip of the tongue on his part, Currie on multiple occasions has shared offensive views. He is not remorseful and he does not deserve to represent this Township with such dated and appalling views. He does not represent my views as a long time resident of this community. I did not vote for him.

Mayor Currie has displayed disgusting self serving behaviour since his term began, thank you to Councillor Little and Deputy Mayor Gerrits for your continued efforts to work for the greater good of Amaranth Township and stand up for what's right. As for Councillors Foster and Tjissen your behaviour in my opinion is just as appalling as Mayor Currie. You two aren't fit to hold office either. Your silence and lack of support of Councilor Little and Deputy Mayor Gerrits speaks volumes!!

Concern Resident of Amaranth Township
Kate Bryan

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Tammy Axt
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie harmful comments

I reside about 10 minutes from the Council Chambers of Amaranth where the Township Public meeting had a request put forth to them to wave the pride flag. I was shocked and rather bothered by the comments that Bob Currie stated in response to the simple request that people who are marginalized see a symbol that shows them they are safe in their own community.
Bob Currie, you are making a mistake by not allowing the pride flag to fly in your community. There are so many young people who are struggling with their own identity that need to feel safe in their community. Over 47% of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans young people have contemplated suicide because they don't have a safe place to be who they are born to be. Fly the flag!!

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This email was sent to you by Tammy Axt< [illegible] through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Victoria
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:25 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie

As a member of the Amaranth community, as well as a a member of the lgbtq community, Bob's comments were devastating. If he is re-elected, I will be leaving. I simply can't believe that this is a conversation I'm still having. I exist. The continued hatred I endure just for existing is exhausting and I can't believe its still happening here at home.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Stacy Wight >
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie

Good morning, Mayor Bob Currie's recent comments in open council about members of the LGBTQ+ community have negatively impacted the reputation of the Township of Amaranth and as such he should step down as Mayor. His statements go against Human Rights and show deep rooted discrimination which has no place in public office. I would not want tourists, visitors and returning community members to believe this is the kind of behaviour that is tolerated. Bob Currie to save the reputation of your community you need to resign.

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This email was sent to you by Stacy Wight< ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: Randy Davis
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 4:21 PM
To:
Subject: Call for Bob Currie to resign as Mayor of Amaranth Township
Attachments: image001.jpg

I'm writing today to voice my support of the call for Bob Currie to resign his position as Mayor of Amaranth Township. While I absolutely support everyone's right to freedom of expression and speech, when that right is abused for the purpose of spreading homophobia, transphobia, bigotry and hate it must be silenced and reprimanded. Make no mistake, the words spoken by Mr. Currie during the June 17th council meeting and in subsequent television and radio interviews were indeed hateful and dangerous. To allow an elected official, who was sworn into office as a representative of ALL constituents, to speak these words is an egregious abuse of power.

I grew up on the third line of Amaranth Township and graduated from C.D.D.H.S in Shelburne in 1985. The type of rhetoric and lack of awareness displayed by Mr. Currie wes prevalent back then and it saddens me to see it perpetuated still some 35 years later. The 2SLGBTQ+ community existed then and it exists now and we will not stand for these agressions to go unchallenged.

I'm further troubled by the lack of any substantive response by other members of Amaranth council who remained silent to the mayor's comments. Your silence was deafening. I realize some have since spoken of their "regret" for not saying something at the time but I can't help but wonder if those regrets would have been voiced at all if not for the publicity this despicable act has garnered? Your silence makes you complicit. Hate such as this MUST be met with strong and passionate words and actions of anti-hate and nothing less. Silence is not an option.

While it's clear Mr. Currie has no intention of being "confused by the facts," I would urge him to do the right thing and resign as mayor of Amaranth Township.

Regards,

Randy Davis

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Sabrina Lang
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Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:41 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride flag

I listened to the mayor of your township speak about the pride flag and was so disgusted how a leader of the people can discriminate so strongly.
Time to resign.

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This email was sent to you by Sabrina Lang rough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jodi Greenwood
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Information
Subject: Pride

Hello, I am an Ontarian. I am not a member of your Township. I still feel the need to assert myself. Your Mayor's comments about gay and lesbian people is archaic. The LGBTQ community is not about to take over the world making this the last generation of humans. The statement was foolish and removed from reality. Raising a flag will not prevent the millions of children born everyday from being born. That comment is the essence of prejudice. It does hurt people and he should care. Is he only Mayor of SOME of the people in his riding? The justification that he is "a man that speaks his mind", is appalling. He is a servant and seems to have forgotten that. He isn't there to "speak his mind". He is there to better his community as a servant of the people. Shameful.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Nathan King
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Information
Subject: Call for the Resignation of Mayor Bob Currie

To whom it may concern,

Upon hearing Mayor Bob Currie's homophobic statement from the most recent publicly available meeting minutes - specifically, why he will not fly the Pride flag this year - I am not only in disbelief, I am ashamed to call him Mayor.

Mayor Bob Currie's backwards belief that flying a mere flag will transform everyone into a homosexual and result in the end of the human species is not only a ludicrous, unscientific and long-debunked myth from decades past. It is unconscionable for a leader in Canada - a tolerant society - to utter such nonsense that does nothing but promote intolerance and hatred.

The community he claims to serve includes homosexuals. Tax payers who pay his salary include homosexuals. Teachers who have taught his children and grandchildren include homosexuals. The people who serve him in stores and restaurants include homosexuals.

If Mayor Bob Currie believes that homosexuality is contagious, then it's a wonder he and his family have not been 'converted' after all these years.

If Mayor Bob Currie believes that homosexuals will lead us to extinction, then it's a wonder that didn't happen in 1969 when it became legal to be one, and again in 2005 when it became legal to marry as one.

Mayor Bob Currie is not fit to hand out awards to graduating students. After all, some may be homosexuals themselves, and he wouldn't want to promote them and their lifestyle now would he?

Mayor Bob Currie holds beliefs that are incompatible with the town of Amaranth. He has two choices: resign, or be voted out next election. I sure know who WON'T be getting my vote!

Cordially,
Nathan King

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Blair Williams
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Information
Subject: Dissappointed in your bigorty

Hello - I recently became aware of Mayor Bob Currie's bigoted comments, and refusal to fly a Pride Flag during Pride month. His cruel thoughtless words may do untold damage to a young queer kid in your town. His daughter says "He's not a politician..." He IS - he ran for public office, and is Mayor of your town.
Please ensure he realizes he small minded personal opinions have no place in the public sphere. On top of that, they are simply stupid, and make him look ridiculous. Your town should be ashamed.

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This email was sent to you by Blair Williams< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: Kim Flaherty
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Information
Subject: Remove Bob Currie from office

Based on the remarks Bob Currie made at a council meeting He NEEDS to be removed from office TODAY!

And GET That flag up!

Bob Currie holds a position that represents the people of Amaranth. I am SHOCKED by the comments he made at the council meeting.

There needs to be a public apology and he needs to be removed from office!

Kim Chidwick-Flaherty

R

From: Dan Wheeler
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie's homophobic remarks

Dear Sir\Madam,

I am writing to express my utter disappointment in regard to Mayor Currie's homophobic remarks during your June 17th public meeting.

Not only were his words hurtful but his tone reeked of utter disgust and contempt for not only the LGBTQ community, but any organization that seemed to ask for something a little out of the ordinary. He lives in his so-called straight world the entire year and doesn't think twice about it. I highly doubt he has any idea what it means to be marginalized. Asking to fly the Pride flag for the month of June is minimal.

However, not only do I think he should apologize to everyone as it was not only LGBTQ people he offended, but I think he should step down as Mayor. This is not the kind of leadership that is needed nor accepted these days.

Respectfully,

Dan Wheeler

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Steve Smith
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Flag

Mayor

Your refusal to fly the Pride Flag and your insensitive comments regarding gay people indicate that you are not a person that should be in a leadership position. You have no choice but to resign.

Steve Smith

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Tracy Emerson

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

To Whom it may concern.
It should concern everyone.
Bob Curries comments are disgraceful and he should not be representing any township. He should be removed from office immediately.
We as a community should be doing everything in our power to make people feel welcomed and safe.
Bob Currie's comments don't make anyone feel safe. Do better.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Giannina Descalzi
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie

It is with sadness that it has come to my attention that Chris Gerrits, Heather Foster, Mark Tijssen, and Gail Little are apparently anti-LGBT. I reach this conclusion as you have not publicly challenged Mayor Bob Currie's hateful, ignorant remarks regarding the LGBT community. To allow him to use procreation as justification for publicly displaying hatred for the LGBT community (choosing to not fly the Pride flag during Pride month is a hateful act), you are all displaying your ignorance of the needs of your constituents.

I request you demand Mayor Bob Currie resign. If he does not resign, and the rest of council does not publicly challenge him, I assume you are all in agreement with his hateful comments.

Sincerely,
Dr. Giannina Descalzi

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This email was sent to you by Giannina Descalzi< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: David Tilley < >
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Bob Currie; Information

I am a retired family doctor now living in East Garafraxa.

Mr Currie is misinformed in his thinking that gay people cannot have children.

Many of my gay patients have families either through surrogacy or through egg and sperm donation as many heterosexual couples do. Also many gay men and woman have children through artificial insemination and sometimes opt to share the responsibility of raising their children together.

The mayor's comments are simply wrong.

David Tilley MD

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Kelly Weaver
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Information
Subject: ignorance of mayor!!!

How ignorant and uneducated is the mayor of Amaranth? This is 2020! This is an elected official. First of all, even if the world was full of LGBTQ people, the world would not end. Many, many LGBTQ people have children!!!! Most of these families practice the same values as heterosexual families and contribute to their communities. Guess what, LGBTQ people even go to church. So sad that this ignorance and persecution of people still goes on. Can't believe it!!! I hope the people in this community and surrounding communities, where I'm sure LGBTQ people live, will speak up and elect someone that represents all humans that have a right to live their life on earth! Look around and educate yourself on the contributions that LGBTQ people have made to Ontario, Canada and the world. The world would be a kinder and better place without your kind!

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This email was sent to you by Kelly Weaver [illegible] ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: Eric Wolinsky
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Information
Cc: Bob Currie; Chris Gerrits; Heather Foster; Mark Tijssen; Gail Little
Subject: On Mayor Currie's Comments

To Council,

I am writing to you to call for the immediate resignation of Mayor Bob Currie. His homophobic comments at a council meeting are unwelcome, unkind, and bigoted.

Mayor Currie is no longer fit for duty if he cannot show respect and tolerance for all citizens. If the Mayor will not resign, council should remove him from office.

Respectfully,

Eric Wolinsky

Eric Wolinsky (MASc, PEng)

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Brad Fraser < >
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

Your mayor's refusal to fly the Gay Pride flag is an embarrassment to your town and all of Canada. Please prevail on this man to stop being a homophobic dinosaur and eject him from council for his dangerous and bigoted views. Thank you.
Brad Fraser

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Greg Currie
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Information
Subject: Please Forward To Bob Currie

Good afternoon,

I read about your recent comments regarding LGBTQ+ people and wanted to write to you as a Minister of about 15 years.

Please do not present your position as a Christian stance of morality. That is not biblically founded. Jesus loved all people, regardless of their adherence to biblical teaching. To claim otherwise as a foundation for your position, is anti-Christian.

You are certainly welcome to personally hold your own opinions about LGBTQ+ people, but you are a mayor. You need to represent and support all members of your community. That is your responsibility and you need to separate your personal beliefs from your professional conduct.

I would hope that you would reconsider your metric of whether or not individuals can procreate as the basis for their personal worth. If you treat individuals with an inability to conceive children or those who chose not to have children respectfully, then you must be truthful with yourself that your position towards LGBTQ+ indivduals has little to do with procreation and is simply based on a personal bias towards their sexuality. Which as a Christian, you need to set aside and love them as Christ did.

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This email was sent to you by Greg Currie [illegible] ı> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Zoe Garyfalakis
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Information
Subject: Remove Bob Currie from Office.

I am writing to you today, in regards to a series of disgusting comments that Mayor of Amaranth, Bob Currie, made about LGBTQ+ persons while on record.This hate speech is unacceptable, especially from a position of leadership in the year 2020. What a sad example to the next generation, to have yet another hateful white man spewing evil from a position of power. I, as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, feel disgusted that this person represents our township. It is no longer a matter of Bob Currie's OPINION if we should fly the Pride Flag. The choice to not fly it is bold, and pathetic. Time to adapt, Amaranth, because this is a sad look, and does not represent the beauty and vitality of our diverse community. It's truly sad when the statements of our Mayor could be easily confused for the viral hate speech of Donald Trump.
I urge you to remove Bob Currie from his position of mayor, as a response to disgusting, alienating, inaccurate, and hateful comments about the LGBTQ+ community. MY COMMUNITY.
Very disappointed,
Zoe Garyfalakis

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Anthony Bonato
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie must resign

I'm extremely disappointed to hear the remarks of Mayor Bob Currie regarding the Pride flag, and his ignorant remarks regarding LGBTQ+ people. He doesn't represent the people of your city, Ontario, or the values of goodwill and tolerance we cherish in Canada.

Mayor Currie should immediately step-down from office and issue an apology to all the LGBTQ+ people he has deeply offended.

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This email was sent to you by Anthony Bonato< gh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of JoAnn Daniels
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Information
Subject: Shame on you

I have just read the CTV News article regarding Mayor Bob Currie's comments when asked why Amaranth would not fly the Pride flag. I'm horrified by his response. It's up to you Chris Gerrits, Heather Foster, Mark Tijssen and Gail Little. Do the right thing. Stand for inclusion. Stand for equality. STAND!

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Robert <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor

Mayor Bob Currie needs to be fired.
Shame on him.
This is 2020

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Sandie Fischer <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie's LGBTQ comments are unacceptable

Mayor Bob Currie should be removed immediately for his outdated and discriminatory comments. There is no place in Canada for this backwards mentality!

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This email was sent to you by Sandie Fischer< ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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Heather Katz

MON 10:59 PM

I recently listened to the town council meeting where Mayor Currie made his homophobic remarks public, after a suggestion was submitted that the pride flag be flown at Town Hall. I am totally disgusted by this man's lack of decency and embarrassed as a longtime business owner in Dufferin County, to have this man representing any kind of leadership. I want him to resign immediately. Effective leadership requires respect for all the people in your riding.

9:16 AM

thank you for the note. I encourage you to contact each Council members via email with your concern. I am happy to read this comment at the next available Council meeting and have it form part of the minutes. Please note that all comments will include your name but not contact information, should you wish to not have this read please contact the office. Thank you,

Ryan Latkolik

5:02 PM

highly recommend the mayor step down before he is taken out of office. I feel sorry this town has a homophobic ignorant bigot as their mayor. its pretty sad and you all should be embarrassed by this man

thank you for the note. I encourage you to contact each Council members via email with your concern. I am happy to read this comment at the next available Council meeting and have it form part of the minutes Please note that all comments will include your name but not contact information, should you wish to not have this read please contact the office. Thank you,

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Robert R Pardy <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Information
Subject: Your Mayor Needs To Resign

With the past comments made about the Pride Parade, did Mayor Bob forget the LGBQT community pays taxes? Are law abiding citizens? Adopts children or actually have children of their own? Supports all economies? This bigot needs to removed from office. As I travel around Ontario a lot, I will never set foot in your community! I am disgusted and it really doesn't matter if I am straight or gay!

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This email was sent to you by Robert R Pardy< ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: kdp
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Information
Subject: Your Mayor needs education

Greetings,

I do hope you are all well during the COVID pandemic. I have just sent this message to your Facebook account:

That said, I am sure you are horrified by the far reaching attention brought, unfairly, to your community by the comments of your Mayor. Not only his shocking bigotry, but his, "if I hurt someone that is their problem not mine" attitude - that cannot be how you wish to be represented?? The Integrity Commissioner has been much more responsive than your Mayor, and I would suggest that you, and the Mayor, examine articles 3.1 and 12.1 of your code of conduct, at a bare minimum. Allowing dated, bigoted ideas to represent you is only a small step from promoting those ideas yourself.

Thank you for your time,

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Kerrie De Poli

Virus-free. www.avg.com

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Allan Ferguson
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Information
Subject: The dinosaur that is your mayor

I am appalled by the statements made by your mayor. What a terribly stupid and ignorant thing to say. It's time for this dolt to be put out to pasture.

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This email was sent to you by Allan Ferguson ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Tom Wharton
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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:37 PM
To: Information
Subject: Get rid of your bigot Mayor

Hey Bob and supporters! As a straight guy and born Ontarian I have to admit the thoughts shared by mayor Bob are nothing short of disgusting. It's an embarrassment to Canada. Grow up Bob! Who cares if two gay people live each other?

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This email was sent to you by Tom Wharton through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of James Csoko <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie's comments

Your mayor is an embarrassment to our country. His orthodox Christian views have no place in a modern nation that prides itself on acceptance and diversity. It is free speech yes, but the utterances of a public official carry too much weight for this type of misinformed, homophobic garbage.

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This email was sent to you by James Csoko< ıgh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Joan DaCosta <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Information
Subject: Your mayor

Obviously your mayor, Bob Currie, is lacking in intelligence. His ignorance is so profound that it is evident he lacks the ability to think logically. For the safety of Amaranth township, he needs to step down immediately. Shame on you all if you allow him to stay.

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This email was sent to you by Joan DaCosta< ›ugh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Barry Fisher <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Curries hateful and homophopic remarks

So very disturbing to read about the tolerated homophobic mayor. What does it take to make folks realize that the days of tolerating this sort of hate are over?? As someone who is not only gay but also married with one child I am appalled that this is the sort of man that the people of this township wish to have representing them.We have a home in both PEI and Toronto and do many day trips to your area.Never ever again with we spend one cent in this township!!! The people of this township need to speak up loudly NOW.Mayor Currie needs to not only apologize but then promptly resign. I am also going to make sure all of our families and friends both read about this and commit to no longer spending time nor our cash in t township!! Disgraceful!!

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This email was sent to you by Barry Fisher< ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Josh Lombard
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Flag

My family and I will not be stopping in your town and spending any of our money being tourist until you closed minded mayor issues an apology to the gay community and you have the pride flag flying at your town hall.

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This email was sent to you by Josh Lombard< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jim Rahmon <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

Bob Currie is not fit for office and the petitions, emails, and uproar will not stop and infact will only put increasing pressure on the council. I hope you see his "fossil" mentality has just run his entire integrity into the ground

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This email was sent to you by Jim Rahmon< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Max Butler <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:24 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

I just wanted to say how disgusted I am with the mayor of your town disregarding the identity of LGBTQ+ people living in Amaranth. Bon Currie is a disgrace to the town, and should not be representing the community. The world would be a lot better place without him and his disgusting, unfiltered views. Shame on those representing the community who are not standing up to these prejudice man. This pig should resign.

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This email was sent to you by Max Butler< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Michael Hall <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's depiction of LGBT Canadians

I would like to voice my concern with the attitude that the Mayor of Amaranth has taken towards LGBT Canadians. In particular, he publicly stated that homosexuals "can't reproduce" and "So, why would I want to support something when this would be the last generation on Earth? I'm not going to go there".

First, let's state the obvious: Not all LGBT people are incapable of reproduction. Furthermore, many LGBT couples adopt the children that heterosexual couples are unable or unequipped to take care of. Your Mayor may be surprised to know that studies have shown that LGBT parents provide a higher level of care and attention to their children than traditional couples.

More importantly, we need to address the characterization of LGBT Canadians as a threat to the human race. This is a hurtful, untrue, and frankly unCanadian way for the Mayor to think of his LGBT constituents (yes, they exist), and LGBT Canadians at large.

The Township must take a stance against the Mayor's publicly stated viewpoint. As COVID-19 impacts our workplace strategies and many Canadians are working from home, lots of young Ontarians like myself are realizing they could afford to work and live in rural Ontario towns, such as Amaranth. You have an opportunity to welcome young professionals, but your Mayor may as well have raised a Confederate flag instead of refusing to raise the Pride flag (a token gesture, to be sure).

As a PhD candidate desperately looking for an affordable, quiet, rural home once I am finished my education in Nova Scotia, you can be certain that I will not be looking at Amaranth. There are too many rural areas that will accept LGBT Canadians with open arms, and the only way Amaranth is currently standing out is in its demeaning attitude towards a large demographic of Canadians.

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This email was sent to you by Michael Hall· :hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Bob Cunningham
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Information
Subject: Note to mayor

Mr Currie
Your statement on not raising the pride flag is ignorant. Thankfully you are old and your ignorant ideas will soon be a thing of the past.
Clearly you lack knowledge, courage and empathy and are not representative of most Canadians.

Bob Cunningham

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/resident-services/About-Amaranth.aspx?_mid_=101214

This email was sent to you by Bob Cunningham http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: Sober Julie >
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

Hello there,

As a resident of your neighbouring town Orangeville and someone who supports Amaranth businesses, I'm writing to inquire about Bob Currie's statements made at your recent council meeting in response to flying a Pride Flag.

Can you please inform me if the following homophobic statements are indicative of the Township's representation of residents?

"There's all kinds of proclamations through the year...the Black community in our county...they had something this last month, there was no flag for that...

So anyways I don't think we should be flying the flag for this year and I will PLAINLY speak why.

If everybody was either lesbian or homosexual, this would be the last generation on Earth. Because two homosexuals cannot produce offspring, two lesbians cannot produce offspring. So why would I want to support something when this could be the last generation on Earth,"

I for one hope they do not. I would like Mayor Currie removed immediately in order to protect the LGBTQ residents of Amaranth and surrounding areas.

Mayor Currie has made veiled statements in the past, including one at Dufferin Council in response to the Celebrate Your Awesome Celebration. Further to that he has shown erratic behaviours such as Mayor Currie has called 911 to have police remove a councillor from a meeting in November 2019, he independently padlocked Amaranth Town Hall in December 2019 without council authorization.

Can Amaranth Township please respond and tell me if these homophobic statements are in line with Township values and representation.

Regards,

Julie

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Julie Elsdon-Height

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From: Denise <
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Information
Subject: Re bob currie

It is the year 2020 and statements like what is shown below can not stand unchallenged.
This man needs to be reprimanded if not replaced.

Dufferin County is changing for the better...please keep up to the standards of today.

Denise Fashina
(63 years old)

On June 17, 2020 a member of Amaranth submitted a letter to the To Amaranth, Ontario because they did n Pride Flag this year. In a clip from the Township's Public Meeting Minutes, M Currie provides an extremely homoph response. He states, "Why would I war support something when this could be generation on earth," referencing that "homosexuals cannot produce offsprir

From: Khaman Mitchell
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Information
Subject: Disgraceful!!!!

After hearing what the Mayor of Amaranth said about his reasons not to support the LGBT+
He is is not able to support EVERYONE in his community.
THEN HE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE!!!

THIS IS A DISCRACE TO ALL IN AMARANTH!

UNACCEPTABLE !!!

concerned town member..
Khaman Sherwood

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of F Rattray <
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie

I live in rural Wellington County and understand Mayor Currie refuses to fly the Lesbian and Gay Pride Flag because gays "don't reproduce, and humans will die out". Leaving aside the fact that some gay people do have children, and the fact that one could argue there are too many people on this planet already making a mess of things, my question is: What the heck does reproduction have to do with whether or not Lesbians and Gays have human rights? And whether your city hall flies a Pride Flag? You know very well that Lesbians and Gays are protected under Canadian Law. Your Mayors' statement is discriminatory You know, Lesbians and Gays are everywhere, even your constituency.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx?_mid_=101216

This email was sent to you by F Rattray· through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: heidemarie schneider
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

To whom it may concern,

This email is being written in disgust for the recent ramblings of a person in the position of Mayor of Amaranth. This person should be forced out of this position, not asked to resign! The remarks he has made about displaying the Pride flag are absolutely disgusting and should not be coming from a person I. His position! Shame on Bob Currie!

A disgusted neighbour!
Heide Schneider

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Mitch Craig
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Flag

Wow I can't believe this still goes on.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx?_mid_=101216

This email was sent to you by Mitch Craig< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Wendy Davidson

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Information
Subject: Your Mayor

I am absolutely disgusted in his racist and homophobic comments. I am a 60 year old woman who is married to an RCMP/Military person. Yes a woman. We have an adopted child and are Billet parents. You need a new mayor!!!!

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/Modules/search/index.aspx?q=I am disgusted by your Mayor. He is living in by gone days and should realize his actions are racist and homophobic. How dare he.

This email was sent to you by Wendy Davidson· [illegible] ...gh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Matt Hudson
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie's refusal to fly the Pride flag

As a proud gay man who has lived in Amaranth for a number of years, I wish to express my absolute horror and disgust at the mayor's comments regarding Pride. His comments were absolutely homophobic, and honestly not surprising considering I see people in Amaranth feel the need to drive around with Confederate flags on their cars. I would appreciate a response regarding when we can expect to see the Pride flag up and which LGBTQ organizations the Township of Amaranth will be donating to this year.

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This email was sent to you by Matt Hudson< ıgh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Meaghan Potts
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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:09 AM
To: Information
Subject: Disturbed to hear comments from your mayor.

Hello,

I write to you from Victoria, BC after living in Toronto for a decade.

I do not live in your township or community but I fear for queer youth in your district.

Misguided and egotistical rhetoric expressed by mayor of the town is damaging. It creates an environment where folks and youth especially do not feel safe to express themselves without fear of homophobic backlash.

It's public comments from people in power that perpetuate closed minded ideologies. You can cry freedom of speech all you like, but it's truly disturbing to witness someone in a position of power express such disdain.

I hope that this can be a learning experience for the mayor. The whole country is watching.

Regards,
Meaghan Potts

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This email was sent to you by Meaghan Potts< ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Glen Hart <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's homophobic comments

This anti-LGBTQ bias is unacceptable in today's world. He is a fossil of another time and needs to resign.

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This email was sent to you by Glen Hart< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jerome Gagnon-Voyer

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Information
Subject: Homophobic mayor

Hello
I don't think a homophobic mayor that is getting into hate speech should be a mayor. It's time for you to change mayor and I'm requesting his resignation.

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This email was sent to you by Jerome Gagnon-Voyer gh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jay D Elle ‹ >
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor

He has to go. Your mayor is a disgrace and a fool. Unbelievable.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/Modules/search/index.aspx?q=Fire your mayor. He is a disgrace and a fool

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This email was sent to you by Jay D Elle‹ hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Fred Pierce <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Information
Subject: currie

Your township has my deepest sympathy. Your mayor deserves to be let go.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx

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This email was sent to you by Fred Pierce< ıttp://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: Michael Myers <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Information
Subject: Very Sad

Saddened by the Mayor's hurtful comments.

The tragic death of Egyptian activist - Sara Hegazy - is a poignant reminder of the profound importance of the Rainbow Flag.

I hope the Mayor will recognize the dignity and worth of LGBT citizens.

Michael Myers

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Timmy Hurtin n>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Information
Subject: Homophobes

Hateful Homophobes

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This email was sent to you by Timmy Hurtin through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Henry Monteforte
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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Information
Subject: Your homophobic Mayor

Hello, I just read the article in the news about your homophobic Mayor and how he is using his religion as a reason to justify his hate for certain types of people. I don't live in your town but this really bothered me so I had to let you know anyway. We don't live in a Theocracy. Please leave your religion out of politics.

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This email was sent to you by Henry Monteforte hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Dr. Peter Lemiski
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Information
Subject: End of life

I do believe that lesbians and gays can still procreate. The mayor sound like TRUMP. Creating falsehoods. Dump the mayor.

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This email was sent to you by Dr. Peter Lemiski ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Mark Smith ‹
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Lessons

Sad that the misguided commentary from your Mayor has prompted me to send this. PLEASE WATCH is the video is not big city commentary it is Northern Ontario people speaking. Please take the effort to listen to Elder Ma ne.

https://www.931theborder.ca/2020/06/24/two-spirit-panel-discussion-pride-month-and-indigenous-history-month-come-together/?fbclid=IwAR2Tosrk1myLMwLdTzdmVsfThbXnOX4iYFz_dKGy7TJSVm6UHp2JvOhs1xQ

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This email was sent to you by Mark Smith‹ ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jonathan Mucklow

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's resignation

At what time will the Mayor be apologizing and then resigning from his position? Friday afternoons are also a good time to fire someone and escort them off property.

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This email was sent to you by Jonathan Mucklow through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Chris Fassbender
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Information
Subject: Shame on Your Town

I live in a community like yours. We are often in the national news because of rhetoric from our 'leadership' like your own. You bring so much shame to Canada and your community. Your legacy is broken. Will you fix it? Your mayor is broken. Will you send him for the mental health council he needs or do you hate the seniors in your community as much as you do marginalized groups of humanity?

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This email was sent to you by Chris Fassbender< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: Feedback Form - feedback.services.esolutionsgroup.ca
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Information
Subject: Feedback Form [Feedback Form] – New Submission

Feedback Details

Date:
Thu Jun 25 15:48:19 EDT 2020
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- Township of Amaranth
Page URL:
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Category:
Compliment
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Comments:
Why is it 2020 and your town won't put up the Pride Flag to show support during Pride Month?
IP:

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Stephen Cornish

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Flag

The mayor's comments regarding the LGBTQ community and Pride Day are antiquated, bigoted and despite his claims, not valid.

If he is the chosen representative of your community, it reflects more than poorly on your whole community.

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This email was sent to you by Stephen Cornish< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Christie Knapp <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Information
Subject: Must step down

Dear Mr. Currie,

You must step down from your position as mayor. You have proven yourself to be homophobic and that is not acceptable. You need to take what time you have left on this earth to reflect and remove hate from your heart. I wish you and your family the time you need to heal together.

Christie Knapp

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This email was sent to you by Christie Knapp< ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Max Voth <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie Flag

Categories: Blue Category

Hey, this message is for Bob. As a fellow Manitoban neighbour, I wanted to say there was nothing wrong with the comments you made. They were facts and not derogatory in any way. Don't back down to the pressures of this cancel culture. Stick with what you believe and dont crumble. I fully support your choices here and felt I needed to show some support. I wish you the best of luck with this situation.

Max V.

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This email was sent to you by Max Voth< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Steve Weller
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie/Pride flag

Mayor Currie is obviously uncomfortable with this issue. Perhaps it's time to retire.

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This email was sent to you by Steve Weller< ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Gary Good <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Information
Subject: your mayor

I would like to bring this to your attention. An apohttps://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/01/12/london-ont-mayor-to-apologize-to-lgbtq-community-for-predecessors-1995-refusal-to-declare-pride-weekend.html?fbclid=IwAR2cSIGEOn9Na9zagNqu3m-cSJMYTJzQ0-2wF60SiN8yF5YDfxBxPolf9vUlogy is warranted before court actions begin.

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This email was sent to you by Gary Good‹ hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jacklyn <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Information
Subject: Appalling representation.

I am appalled and deeply offended at the latest remarks of the current mayor regarding the LGBTQ2S community. It is backwards and makes me feel ashamed to live in a place that does not celebrate individualism. Your mayor should step down, and I will be signing any petition that supports this motion.
Your council should be ashamed for supporting such a bigoted individual.

People have died for the right to live peacefully amongst their communities. People still die due to bullying and suicide. This lack of support in my province and country for the LGBTQ2S community is not helping the problem. The world is already suffering. Why do we need a backwards regressed representing this township?

Terrible. Just terrible. I will not be supporting this township and will be sharing this information on social media hoping for as much attention to be brought to this matter

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This email was sent to you by Jacklyn< >> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Nasir Khan <

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's remarks on LGTBQ flag raising

Categories: Blue Category

I fully support Mayor Currie's stance for not raising the LGTBQ flag. Everyone has the right to his opinion so long as it is not hate speech which is against the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Mr. Currie has done nothing illegal or even anything immoral that he should be chastised in the manner that he is by certain members of the community. This is a free society and no one should be pressured to conform their beliefs to anybody.

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This email was sent to you by Nasir Khan< 'M> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Alexander Kovalev < >
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Information
Subject: In suppport of Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

"If everybody was either lesbian or homosexual, this would be the last generation on Earth, because two homosexuals cannot produce offspring. So why would I want to support something when this could be the last generation on Earth? I'm not going to go there."

Second it!

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This email was sent to you by Alexander Kovalev< ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Douglas McGoldrick
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Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Information
Subject: Flag flap

Mr. Mayor,

I would like to congratulate you on the comments regarding the 'pride' flag and homosexuality. For some strange reason people who don't agree with these deviants are attacked when it is these deviants that are screwing up our society in many ways.

Mr. Mayor you were correct on your assessment of homosexuality and I hope you stick to your guns.

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This email was sent to you by Douglas McGoldrick< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of SUSAN MUTCH
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 7:20 PM
To: Information
Subject: Commendation of Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

I respect Mayor Currie for opposing flying the gay flag. People speak about mutual respect, yet if someone disagrees with a homosexual lifestyle, they are decried as homophobic and charged with hate speech. This has gone beyond ridiculous in our time. There is no mutual respect offered here. Because one disagrees, it is presumed they hate the people. To say a drunken lifestyle is not good, it doesn't mean one hates the drinker. Tolerance is demanded by the LGBTQ community, but numbers of them are intolerant of those who disagree with that lifestyle. I respect Mr. Currie for having the courage to simply state his disagreement, for many fear to do that these days, and I am disappointed in those who are quick to charge him with hate speech or intolerance. I support him and, more importantly...the Word of God supports him.

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This email was sent to you by SUSAN MUTCH< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: Feedback Form - feedback.services.esolutionsgroup.ca >
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:24 PM
To: Information
Subject: Feedback Form [Feedback Form] – New Submission

Feedback Details

Date:
Fri Jun 26 20:23:44 EDT 2020
Page Title:
Homepage
Page URL:
http://www.amaranth.ca/en/index.aspx
Category:
Problem
Rating:
1.0 - Needs Improvement
Browser:

Display:
1178x705
OS:
OS X
First Name:
David
Last Name:
Raetsen
E-mail:

Comments:
I had never heard of Amaranth before. Now I know it's the town with the hateful, homophobic mayor. Fantastic first impression. I won't be visiting.
IP:

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Arlene Pickel
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Flag

Categories: Blue Category

Please stand by your dear Mayor. All this ridiculous social engineering like forcing Pride flags on innocent communities has to stop. Your Mayor is a hero.

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This email was sent to you by Arlene Pickel< rough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Keith
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:47 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayors Comments

I am appauled at the lack of judgement of your mayor and his lack of remorse for his highly inappropriate and insensitive comments with respect to the gay community. It is unfortunite that this kind of mind set still exists in this modern age. If any of your employees made these remarks, they would be rightfully disciplined. He should undergo the same scrutiny. How unfortunate for your community.

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This email was sent to you by Keith through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Wes A Schartner
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 1:41 AM
To: Information
Subject: Message to Mayor Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

Hello sir, I wish to thank you for making a decision not to fly the Pride flag at your office.
We need people to act as they believe regardless of the consequences.
God is still in control and ultimately rules us all. God bless you.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx
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This email was sent to you by Wes A Schartner< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Miranda < >
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 6:18 AM
To: Information

Categories: Blue Category

I wish there were more mayors that would be like you sir!

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This email was sent to you by Miranda< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Charles Hume <
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Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Information
Subject: Shame on you!!!

You bunch of biggoted hillbilly farmers! Grow the Hell up and fly the Pride flag!

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This email was sent to you by Charles Hume<c hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Joel Taylor <
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

Good for you Bob. You have a right to your own opinion. Freedom of speech allows us to voice our opinions. If you don't go along with a certain group, you're hung. How is that a free country? Thanks Bob for being strong enough to stand for your own opinions.

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This email was sent to you by Joel Taylor< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Ron Kennedy <
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

Thank you for not backing down Bob! Social justice snowflakes have gotten WAY out of hand... What you said is fact!

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This email was sent to you by Ron Kennedy· ırough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Adam HOUBEN <
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob's Pride flag comments

Hi, Mayor Bob,
You're really old, i get it, it's hard to keep up with the times. Prolly even more frustrating that you've now solidified your legacy as being on the wrong side of history - a relic of selfish, religiously indoctrinated thinking.
If you actually took the time to use that big ol' beautiful brain of yours - of which I'm sure you think is the most wonderful gift from god - you would have done some reading on the subject of homosexuality. In short, it's actually very natural in many of god's creations (i.e. species if you're scientifically inclined), and often occurs in up to 5-10% of individuals within a species. Now I know you feel a bit insecure and worry about the extinction of the human species, but don't worry, 10% is far from 100% and we'll be just fine for another millenium or two without you.
I'm including a link on the subject as a primer; it's from a comedian so it's a nice light take on homosexuality. But don't worry, from my phd in biology, I can concur that it's got some scientific basis behind it all.
So have a laugh, enjoy some humble pie, and head out to pasture for a good retirement.
Thanks for reading
Adam
p.s. i'm not gay, but your news reached me all the way up in the high Arctic of Nunavut - yeah, that's right, your comments and even more tone-deaf follow-up made it all the way up here. So congrats on being so out of touch to now be an internet-wide joke.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeIna1LZHQ4

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This email was sent to you by Adam HOUBEN< ıugh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Matthew Yeoman

Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Information
Subject: Resign

That's it. Resign. You're not fit for any office--not even an Office Depot--in 2020. Resign.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx
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This email was sent to you by Matthew Yeoman< om> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Sandra (Sandi) McCartney <
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 6:50 PM
To: Information
Subject: Canada Day .

Categories: Blue Category

good for the Mayor for standing up .. you bet your last dollar you fly one FLAG other then the Canadian Flag for one group .. you will then have to do it for the next and the next and the next .. WE ARE CANADIAN PERIOD!

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Contact-Us.aspx
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This email was sent to you by Sandra (Sandi) McCartney through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Vivian <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:56 PM
To: Information
Subject:

I am absolutely disgusted at Bob Currie's ignorant and prejudiced remarks regarding LGBTQ individuals. In this day and age, his views are archaic, and actually a form of hate speech which is illegal in Canada. Criminal Code Section 319(1) makes it an offence to communicate statements in a public place which incite hatred against an identifiable group, where it is likely to lead to a breach of the peace. The Crown prosecutor can proceed either by indictment or by summary process.

He should not be a representative of your township or any place in Canada.

Sincerely,

Vivian Chong

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx

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This email was sent to you by Vivian [redacted]m> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of norberto castrejon
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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:21 PM
To: Information
Subject: mayor

The comments made by your mayor are so disgusting. He claims that he's going to hurt people and its not a problem for him. I can't believe this is happening in Canada, where's the humanity in this man? By his logic if somebody hurts him it's his problem not anybody else's? I hope this doesn't back fire on him, he might need a few bodyguards or police escort. There's no place for people like that in Canadian society. Do the right thing and toss him out!

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/resident-services/Visiting.aspx
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This email was sent to you by norberto castrejon· through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Stephen Rankin
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor, you're no longer relevant.

Reading about his response to the Pride Flag story that is now being read everywhere in Canada, maybe update your tourism collateral to note: Gays not important. Or, remove your Mayor for being stuck in 1955. He's irrelevant and his out of touch opinions are hurtful to millions of people. Millions of people who are googling your town right now to take action.

I hope your team is ready for what's coming.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/resident-services/Visiting.aspx
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This email was sent to you by Stephen Rankin ugh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: James Thordarson >
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:52 PM
To: Information
Subject: Inquiry

Fire the mayor! What a disgusting awful old man! He needs to be sent to a deserted island. His words will add to the misery and hell so many kids face because of people like your mayor.

Gross!

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Elizabeth >
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:38 PM
To: Information
Subject: Support of Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

Regarding flying the GBLTQ flag you must remember that many are silent for fear of being targeted. Public property should NOT be used to highlight groups that everyone does not support. Stick with the Canadian Flag as all are represented. What they fly on their own private property is their concern.

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This email was sent to you by Elizabeth through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: Emma Hutchison-Hounsell
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Information
Cc:
Subject: Call to Fire Mayor Bob Currie

Hello,

It has come to my attention that mayor Bob Currie has made homophobic comments and refuses to raise the Pride flag. This is absolutely despicable to see in Canada in 2020. I demand that he is fired and replaced with someone who values all human rights.

Emma Hutchison-Hounsell

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Derrick Lewis
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Information
Subject: Poufter Flag

Categories: Blue Category

Mayor Bob, I am proud of you! So very proud of you! Honourable Sir; stick to your guns, man! Millions of people are behind you; worldwide, billions of good folks are in agreement. Your bravery and virtue are an inspiration to me and others! God bless you! I do not have the pleasure of your acquaintance but I love you. Would that others had your integrity!
Fight the good fight!

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/Modules/search/index.aspx?q=Mayor's email
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This email was sent to you by Derrick Lewis‹ > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Timothy Piddington ·
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:27 AM
To: Information
Subject: Pride month

I just want to wish a happy pride month to anyone potential government officials who are forced to work under a leader who seems to not understand science, or his role as a leader in a country that is supposed to support LGBTQ+ rights. Print this email out and stick it on the staff room fridge. HAPPY PRIDE MONTH, Amaranth!!! To everyone except the mayor.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx?_mid_=101216

This email was sent to you by Timothy Piddington through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Karen <
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Information
Subject: CTV interview of your mayor

I am writing in response to the offensive position that your mayor has taken. He might be a good guy. He may have done a lot of things for your community but it all goes down the drain when he states that he will not condone a PRIDE flag. He states that if we were all LGBTQ folks then the generations would come to and end and further states it is not his problem if he hurts people's feeling. This is not an issue about a park in the north or the south end of town. This is an issue about human rights. This is about the mayor of a town saying some members of the community are less valuable than others. Being gay or queer is not a chioce. It is not a political issue. It is however a human rights issue. It is likely a legal position. It is certainly a moral issue. You as a mayor or a council do to get to choose which members of the community that you represent are more valuable. You don't get to say queer people are less valuable because they are not procreating children. So infertile women by this logic are less valuable. Or are you suggesting it's okay to be gay as long as you do it some where else? Being LGBTQ is not a chioce. It is who we are and you don't get to marginalize this community further. I speak for 1000s when I hope that you respond appropriately and ask your mayor to step aside. Human rights are serious issues and all people who live in this province count. Karen Stoltz

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This email was sent to you by Karen [illegible] rough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Robert >
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Information
Subject: Disgusted.

Hi. I am writing this email to express my feelings on the mayors decision with not flying a pride flag. I think it is DISGUSTING and so offensive to the LGBTQ community. Being a gay and proud male myself I want to address that yes, we actually can reproduce. We donate sperm to single women who need a donner and they actually reproduce for the men who cannot reproduce on their own either. Just to prove the straight forwarded living in a box mind wrong. There is actually straight people who use us to for that stuff and we have NO PROBLEMS with it. I hope you're getting a lot of heat from this because it is deserved. Maybe an old senior isn't the best idea because the image created for this town which is now known across the nation as an old fashioned place ran by a trump like leader. Good thing it shouldn't be many more years of this (age reference . Although I don't live there, there are youth that could be struggling with acceptance and need that kind of thing to feel supported. It's 2020, start acting like it. Whenever I drive through I'll make sure to have my pride flag flying proud out my car window. Have a great day!

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx?_mid_=101216

This email was sent to you by Robert· through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: Aaron Crowe
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 8:13 PM
To:
Subject: Hate speech/mayor's resignation

I am writing today to voice my support of the call for Bob Currie to resign as mayor of Amaranth Township.

Freedom of speech does not extend to protecting hate speech. There can be no doubt that the words spoken by the mayor on multiple occasions and widely rebroadcast in media and online are hate speech. The mayor has caused significant harm to 2SLGBTQI individuals within the broad reach of his tirades. For further reading I recommend the following: https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/525b9eb64.pdf

In addition, not only did the mayor's words regarding ability of 2SLGBTQI people to procreate perpetuate hateful language and stereotypes, they attributed a citizen's total value as being limited solely to one's fertility - an issue affecting people of all identities. His words were also factually incorrect. The mayor's statements reflect an outdated gender-binary mentality. In fact there are trans women with penises and there are trans men with vaginas who have procreated with their same sex partners.

This matter demands the strongest of possible responses including:

1. The immediate resignation of the mayor
2. Individual statements issued by all other town councillors rejecting the views expressed by the mayor and including apologies from those who were present at the town council meeting and remained silent when the mayor expressed the hateful views in question.
3. A pledge and an action plan for council to improve inclusivity of the 2SLGTBQI community in town policies, bylaws, proceedings, and events.
4. All township councillors and employees should undergo safer spaces training.

Regards,
Aaron Crowe

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Sonya Shorter <
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie

Mayor Currie should be removed from office immediately and charged with hate speech.
His comments and subsequent non-apology declaring his disgusting opinion as the truth need to be dealt with immediately.

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This email was sent to you by Sonya Shorter< com> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Ann-Marie Carruth

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie

I was very disheartened to hear Mayor Currie's position on raising the pride flag. However, I was even more disturbed to hear his reasoning. Whether or not his daughter or he recognize his views as homophobic, does not diminish the fact that his actions, words and lack of concern are indeed homophobic and hurtful. He has openly admitted that he does not care that he is not representing all of his constituents. Surely he is not a dictator and this also falls on council's shoulders. Please note this is disturbing. Sincerely, a concerned Ontarion. Ann-Marie Carruth

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This email was sent to you by Ann-Marie Carruth through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Katharine Moores
>m>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride Flag

I heard about the refusal to fly the Pride flag. Whatever one feels about the flag or the mayor's subsequent comments, I'd just to put out three thoughts for your considration:
1. flying the Pride flag should not be mandatory. Something is very wrong if it HAS to be flown to avoid anger, career-ending reprisals, or threats.
2. The Maple Leaf should be seen to represent ALL Canadians, straight, gay, whatever. No 'special' flag should be needed for anyone. All of us. Together. Under the Maple Leaf.
3. Whether the mayor should continue in his position should be decided in the next election, by mandate from the people of his community; he should not be forced out by pressure from the professionally angry.
Thanks for reading. Hope you can resovle this with mutual respect, we all seem to be in short supply of that, these days.
Best wishes.

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This email was sent to you by Katharine Moores< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Alina Novak
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bob Currie

You leave Bob Currie alone, you communist mob! I am so sick and tired of this virtue signaling, cancel cultures and the idiocy going on. Don't you have better/more important things to do? Like running your county?

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This email was sent to you by Alina Novak through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Brian Hicks
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Information
Subject: Your Mayor

Aren't you ashamed to have a Mayor who is so bigoted that he refuses to fly a Rainbow flag for Gay Pride? It makes your town look totally out of touch with reality, and it seems incongruous that someone is unwilling to represent the whole community- yet he IS the mayor of that community!

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This email was sent to you by Brian Hicks<[redacted]hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of julian lautenschlager

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Information
Subject: Flag Protocol

I see no the news that in this instance you were flying the Canada flag and the Rainbow flag on the same pole. Please correct as this is in accordance with the Directive on Flag Protocol. It and others that you wish to display 'must' be on a separate flag pole.In other words the Canada flag must flag 'alone'. Other Townships and cities do. Please action. Thanks.

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This email was sent to you by julian lautenschlager<
http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From:
Sent: Tuesdav. June 30, 2020 5:10 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Support of Bob Currie

Further to my previous email, I was discussing the raising of personal group flags in public places and a certain individual brought up the fact that the indigenous people have being having pow wows for many years in celebration of their culture. These events are huge and people come from all over for the festivities. Just wandering why their flags are not also flying proudly in public areas during these pow wow events. Every town can be holding their own pow wow event and invite .the public to celebrate the indigenous culture. What we are wandering is who supplies the flags?

Regards,

Elizabeth Thomas

From: Information
Sent: June 29, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Support of Bob Currie

Thank you for your email. Your comments will be passed on to the appropriate individual.
We encourage and appreciate all comments from citizens.

Township of Amaranth
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-----Original Message-----
From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca <noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca> On Behalf Of Elizabeth
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:38 PM
To: Information <info@amaranth.ca>
Subject: Support of Bob Currie

Regarding flying the GBLTQ flag you must remember that many are silent for fear of being targeted. Public property should NOT be used to highlight groups that everyone does not support. Stick with the Canadian Flag as all are represented. What they fly on their own private property is their concern.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of David Kruger <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie/Pride Flag

Hi there.

Just fly the Pride flag.

I'm sure you do other things that you don't approve of.

You're Christian.

Christ would fly the Pride flag.

Do the right thing.

Thanks!

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This email was sent to you by David Kruger< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Natacha <
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Information
Subject: For Mayor Bob Currie, our brother in Christ

Good morning brother! We are happy in our heart to see how strong you stand for the truth and sadden in the same time to see the hatred going around and the attack for standing for the truth and showing such wisdom! We are with you in prayers! The Lord spoke and I started a new petition to remove the petition that is trying to remove you from office. The whole world is grieving and needs more people like you, not less. I will give you the link of this petition to help out too in your community to keep you as Mayor and also to help others to know how the Lord is great and is there for his people when they are faithful. God bless you dearly Mayor Bob Currie!
http://chng.it/wjVShjQSkw

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This email was sent to you by Natacha· rough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Natacha <
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Information
Subject: For our dear brother Mayor Bob Currie

Good afternoon dear brother in Christ,
I am sending this email right now as an encouragement and to share with you a link on YouTube that I posted in honor of you and Our Lord. Here is the link: https://youtu.be/iUlwzt2CfKQ We love you in Christ and God keeps you safe and bless you. Natacha

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This email was sent to you by Natacha< ugh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

6/26/20

Mr. Currie - As reported on the news, your recent comments about LGBT people reveal you to be a repugnant dinosaur - God made LGBT people who they are - who are you to question God's work? When you are dead and gone people will wonder how you could have been so hateful -

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Dan MacLachlan <

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Information
Subject: gay pride flag

Categories: Blue Category

1 million kudos to your Mayor for refusing to raise gay pride flag. I live in Grey Highlands, however if I was a resident of Amaranth I would do whatever I could to support your Mayor. Keep up the good work!

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This email was sent to you by Dan MacLachlan· through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Ted Dobroski
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:27 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie

Categories: Blue Category

I my wife and I had watched the News regarding the Pride Flag. We both agree with Mr Currie. We live in Burlington ON. And were very upset about our City painting a Rainbow walkway cost $10,000.
People are allowed our opinions and not having thinks forced on us. Do not resign! I would live in your location!

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This email was sent to you by Ted Dobroski rough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of James Hutchinson
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Currie

Categories: Blue Category

Mayor, In a time of not being able to say Christian beliefs and Law and Order I commend you.

Origin: http://www.amaranth.ca/en/municipal-government/Council.aspx
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This email was sent to you by James Hutchinson through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Jim chatterton <

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:27 PM
To: Information
Subject: Flag

Categories: Blue Category

This message is to the Mayer. In today's world where there are to many people complaining.You have stood your ground and not given in to protests.I am proud of you for holding ground. Thank -you

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This email was sent to you by Jim chatterton· :hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of David Davies

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Information
Subject: The mayors position on not flying gay flag.

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Sir, I live in Campbellford, Ontario, and I support you 100 Percent in not flying this flag. Many of the 'straight' people also support you. Keep up your position. We're frankly getting fed up with all this gay stuff being jammed up our behinds. We congratulate you for taking a stand on this matter. Stand fast!!!
We have rights too. There's too much of this by politicians, especially John Tory in Toronto.

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This email was sent to you by David Davies< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Kaitlyn reyes >
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Information
Subject: Thank you!

Categories: Blue Category

To the Mayor, Mr. Currie:
Thank you so much for standing by your belief in the authority of scripture. You are awesome and the Lord will bless you immensely! Keep up the good work! I wish I could live in a town where the leadership was not afraid to stand up for truth! May you live a long time and continue to make a difference. <3

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This email was sent to you by Kaitlyn reyes ugh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Lee Hearn
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's comments regarding 'Pride' flag

Categories: Blue Category

Well said your worship. There are many in Canada who agree with you. May God bless you

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This email was sent to you by Lee Hearn· gh http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Marlene Sanderson

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Information
Subject: Pride flag

Categories: Blue Category

I stand with you I'm not flying the flag. You should not be bullied into going against your convictions. All the best to you!!

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This email was sent to you by Marlene Sanderson< n> through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Michael Thomas
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Information
Subject: Thank you

Categories: Blue Category

Good work Mr. Currie. As long as these flamboyant groups demand to be heard and accommodated, why are they then telling you what to do? Double standards perhaps. These people fail to accept the facts. You are not describing anything else but their lifestyle. It is not a "personal attack like they are doing to you. Are you telling them to resign, step down or apologize, NO. They act like they represent a "new world" when in fact they are laden with old issues. They fail to acknowledge what has been in place before their very inception and ideas. They in fact have narrow minded thinking. The world is not here just for their demands and disposal. Hypocracy has infiltrated so many levels of society and none of their entitlements have made this world better. Thank you for staying truthful and honourable. I wish you and your Counsel the best Sir. Thank you.
P-S, I hope this note is presented to you.

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This email was sent to you by Michael Thomas< > through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Grace Dean <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Information
Subject: Don't fly the pride flag

Categories: Blue Category

Thank you Mr. Mayor Curie for standing firm about not flying the pride flag. Although you're not my mayor (I live in Barrie), I wish you were my mayor. We need more leaders like you.

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This email was sent to you by Grace Dean< ·ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Kevin Adamson ›
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's comnents

Categories: Blue Category

Everyone has a right to free speech and opinions.
Glad he stood up and spoke freely.
Good for you sir!
Too much political correctness in this day and age

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Robert Kuhn >
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie's decision on "rainbow" flag

Categories: Blue Category

I want to express my wholehearted support to Mayor's decision not to fly "rainbow" flag. You fly a provincial flag and a national flag. LGBT, or whatever they call themselves this week, are not a province or a country. And even if they were, why should you fly a flag of this particular country? There's 200 countries in the world, do they expect you to fly 200 flags? Preposterous.
And, on a general note, gas and lesbians are who they are not because they are special but because they are burdened with a genetic disorder, some chromosome imbalance.
I'm not saying they do not deserve to live their lives as they see fit, but I don't want anyone to ask for some special rights for them.
Please keep it this way, your Honor.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Norm Larkin <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Information
Subject: Support for Mayor Currie's comment on Pride

Categories: Blue Category

Mayor Currie
I support your right to speak your opinion on Pride.
I'm not anti gay but I believe you're entitled to your opinion.
I hope you don't resign sir.

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This email was sent to you by Norm Larkin< hrough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Ian Ball <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Information
Subject: [illegible] "Pride' Flag

Categories: Blue Category

Written in my grandmother's Bible is the thought, "Let us stand for something, lest we fall for anything." I commend your opposition to flying this banner. The Town of St Marys has lost its moral compass and decided to raise it not only at the Town Hall, but also at the town barns and the rec centre. History will prove you right. Keep up the fight.
Ian Ball, St Marys

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From: Alex Nelyubin <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Information
Subject: Bravo to the Mayor

Categories: Blue Category

Bravo to the Mayor and Counselors for not raising the p.... flag.
Thank you from all my family.

Alex

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Debbi Morrison
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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Information
Subject: The Flag

Categories: Blue Category

I would just like to say thank you for standing up for what you believe and not being bullied. Im sure some would have something to say if you put a christian flag up. Thank you again

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Terrin Newton <
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:26 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor Bob Currie is in the right

Categories: Blue Category

Bob Currie is an elected official. If people don't like his way of running things, they can vote against him or run against him, or move away. I don't live in your township. I just don't want to see duly elected officials forced out of office for stating things some may find offensive. Personally, I think Bob is wrong about gays and lesbians being the "last generation," but who cares. Not the issue. I support Bob. When did the pride flag become more important than free speech and the Canadian way?

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Peter Wainwright

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:43 AM
To: Information
Subject: Support for Mayor over pride flag

Categories: Blue Category

Want to message SUPPORT for mayor Bob Currie. When society publicly celebrates adulterers, thieves and liars, by flying flags then will be the right time to fly flags for lgbtq2+++

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This email was sent to you by Peter Wainwright< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Eddy Ba
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Information
Subject: Support for the Mayor Bob Currier

Categories: Blue Category

I express my support to Mayor Bob Currier. The gay propaganda has gone so big that it is banning freedom of expression. It is promoting making the work gay. If you are gay it is fine, nothing against you, but don't start marketing and advertising to make the world gay.

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This email was sent to you by Eddy Ba through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of T.Mill · ı>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Information
Subject: ' flag

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr. Mayor: God bless you for standing up to the bullies who want to fly their offensive political flag. This flag is offensive because to many people, it represents intolerance-intolerance against people who don't agree with them. Keep up the good work!

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Patty Kempf < 1>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor

Categories: Blue Category

You should be proud to have a mayor who can think for himself. No one else today has the guts to say anything that isn't politically correct.

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This email was sent to you by Patty Kempf< through http://www.amaranth.ca/.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Glenn Gundermann

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Information
Subject: It's your choice

Categories: Blue Category

Everyone has their choice. I think you made the right one by not flying the Pride flag. It should be up to the people and I have no doubt your actions represent your constituents. I bet you're getting a lot of hate mail. This is why I'm writing. I bet I'm part of the silent majority. You probably won't get many positive letters but know you are right. I have many gay friends but I don't necessarily agree with everything they demand. Take care.

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of Mario Marcopoulos
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Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor ....Bob Currie raising gay pride flag.

Categories: Blue Category

To whom it may concern, re mayor Bob Currie.
The man said nothing hateful, nothing untrue, but gave a perspective of a culture full of compromise. He has shown true grit in the face of a political correctness for all the wrong reasons.
Let the man do the job he has been called to! Lead and speak truth!

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of John Williams <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Information
Subject: Free speech

Categories: Blue Category

Stand your ground, Mr. Mayor. Free speech is becoming non-existant and will soon be a thing of the past. You have the right to form your own standards and opinions. If people don't like what you have to say, let them vote you out. But don't back down. Stand by your words.
Thank you.
John Williams

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From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of S. Bruno <
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Information
Subject: Mayor's LGBTQ comments

Categories: Blue Category

Please convey to the mayor that we agree with his sentiments and stand behind him 100%!!

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This email was sent to you by S. Bruno< ·ough http://www.amaranth.ca/.

IS 9:6 Jesus - Prince of Peace

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Personnel support, merci

Thanks, healthcare workers

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Mayor Bob Currie,

Thank you for standing up for truth and wisdom. There are many who agree with your stand against Pride Promotion flags on public bldgs. May you be of good courage as you stand for what is right. I will continue to pray for you — may the Lord open eyes & ears before it is too late. Respectfully

Mrs J Dubé

Heavenly Father, thank you for Mayor Bob Currie whom I read about recently. He is standing up for Your truth and is being slandered for doing so. Please, Lord, I pray that You put on him a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit that he may speak with boldness and courage as the disciples did in Acts 4:31.

Your Name and Your Truth are being attacked and blasphemed continuously. Like the early church, the devil wants to destroy Your people..... especially Jews and Christians. Raise up, Lord, more Davids, Daniels and Cyruses to fight. Strengthen us, Lord. So many have allowed the devil to steal their faith.

We pray for forgiveness, individually and corporately, for failure to keep Your Word in our hearts, in our minds and to instill them in our children. We have allowed the spirit of deception to invade the government, educational institutes, art/entertainment arenas, churches, families, media and in relationships. Our apathy has led to an anti-Christ presence in Canada and other nations. We have bent over backwards to be "politically correct" but have not been "God correct". We have not stood up when we needed to do so and we are in a crisis. Our freedoms are slowly being eroded and few are noticing -- freedom of speech, religion and freedom of meeting.

The "plandemic" that has overtaken the world, has filled so many people with fear. Yet, more babies are still being murdered than have died from the virus. The anger that is oozing from so many is not from You. Where is the mercy and grace in people's hearts? Where is love? In 2 Timothy 1:7, we read, "For He has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind". Where is the "sound mind" today? People don't seem to have any common sense.

People are praying for a vaccine but the majority have no idea of the ingredients that are put in vaccines. I have often wondered if the reason there are so many homosexuals and lesbians is because of the fetal tissue that is found in vaccines. If female tissue is put in a male baby, does that cause the gender dysphoria? We do research for a house, university or car but people seem to hand over their precious baby to anyone in a white coat without doing research on vaccinations. Lord, how we need wisdom and discernment.

We need boldness to stand up and set our boundaries. We give facts but "they" don't want to hear the truth. Lord, what was good is now bad and vise versa. You gave rules, regulations and set boundaries all through the books in the Bible for a reason. When they were broken, You administered discipline with mercy.

Help us, Lord. Help, Mayor Currie. We pray for our nation of Canada. We want to be a sheep nation....a nation that follows the master Shepherd. Help all leaders in authority. We pray for wisdom, courage and discernment. We pray for peace. Most importantly, Lord, we pray for strength to face the battle in full armor as in Ephesians 6. We know that this is a spiritual battle. You are our leader. We pledge to follow You.

We will not back down. We will not give up. We will speak Your truth. Like Joshua saying, "Choose this day who you will serve", we choose You. We choose Christ over the crisis. We choose to fight with worship, Scripture and with bold audacious prayers.

Please keep Mayor Currie safe. Keep him strong in mind, body and spirit. I thank You, Lord, that there are still some good, honest, Christian men fighting the battle. I plead the precious sin-free, poverty-free, and disease-free blood over him, his home and family, and his work. In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray. Amen