## 599 Arkell Road

Application D13/SLO

### **REQUEST**

To allow 5 parking spaces for a mixed use building of a professional office, retail/variety store and restaurant, whereas Section 3.16(c) requires 11 spaces for the mixed use building

#### ZONING: HAMLET COMMERCIAL ZONE (C1) REQUIRED

- MINIMUM LOT AREA = 1000 sq. m
- MINIMUM LOT FRONTAGE = 20m
- MINIMUM INTERIOR SIDE YARD ABUTTING A RESIDENTIAL ZONE = 3m
- MINIMUM REAR YARD = 7m
- MAXIMUM COVERAGE = 35%
- PLANTING AREA ADJACENT TO A RESIDENTIAL ZONE = 1.5m (2.5m)

- FRONT YARD SETBACK (WATSON) = 1m
   FRONT YARD SETBACK (ARKELL) = 2m
   SIGHT TRIANGLE SECTION 3(19)(6)(i) = 28m
   (0.96m ENCHROACHMENT)\*
   (0.26m ENCHROACHMENT)\*
   (0m)\*

EXISTING NON-CONFORMING\*

#### EXISTING

- (725 sq. m)\*
- (23.16m)
- (8.79m)
- (20.18m)
  - 21%

#### REQUIRED

#### PARKING:

- PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (3mX6m) = 4 SPACES

- RETAIL/VARIETY STORE (3mX6m) = 1 SPACE RESTAURANT (3mX6m) = 5 SPACES HANDICAP (4mX6m) = 1 SPACE LOADING = 0 SPACES TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 11 SPACES
- OFF SITE PARKING (WITHIN 100m)

#### PROPOSED

- (0 SPACES)
  - (0 SPACES)
- (4 SPACES) (1 SPACE) (0 SPACES)
  - (5 SPACES)
  - (20 SPACES)

#### – MINOR VARIANCE REQUEST: —

TO ALLOW 5 PARKING SPACES INSTEAD OF 11 SPACES WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY SECTION 3 OF THE ZONING BY-LAW.







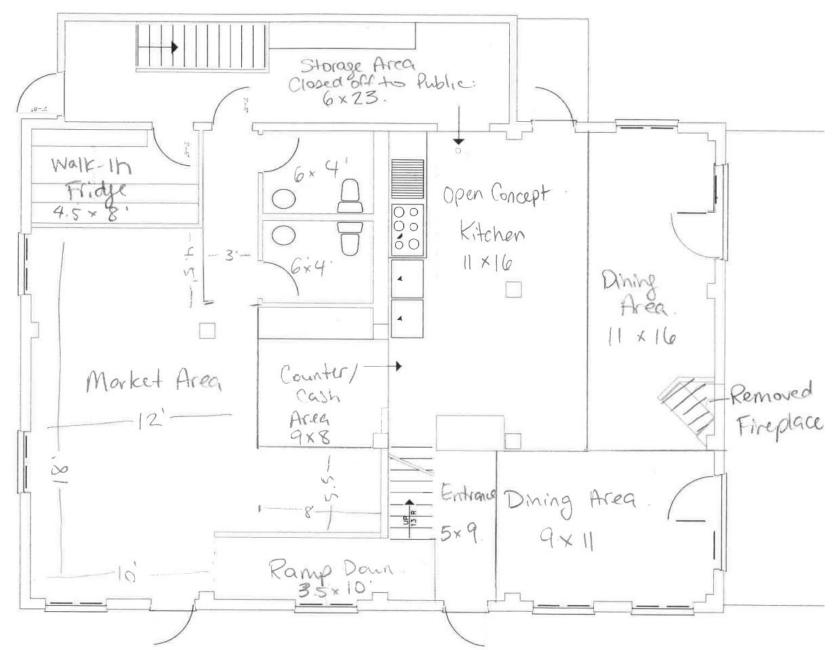


# The Dirty Apron



- Variety store
  - Grab and go market with prepared foods, ready made meals, soups, stocks, sauces, pizza, and fresh meats
  - Convenience items so people in the community don't have to drive to Guelph
- Kitchen/bistro area
  - Cooking classes
  - Limited dining (three nights a week)
  - 18-20 seats
  - Kitchen also used to prepare market items

## Proposed First Floor



# Parking Calculation - Section 3(16)(c):

• (c)(iii) A business office:  $135m^2 / 40m^2 = 4 \text{ spaces}$ 

• (c)(xii) A retail/variety store: <u>1 space</u>

• (c)(xiii) A restaurant: Greater of

20 seats in dining room/4 = <u>5 spaces</u>

 $-26m^2$  per first floor plan/ 10 = 3 spaces

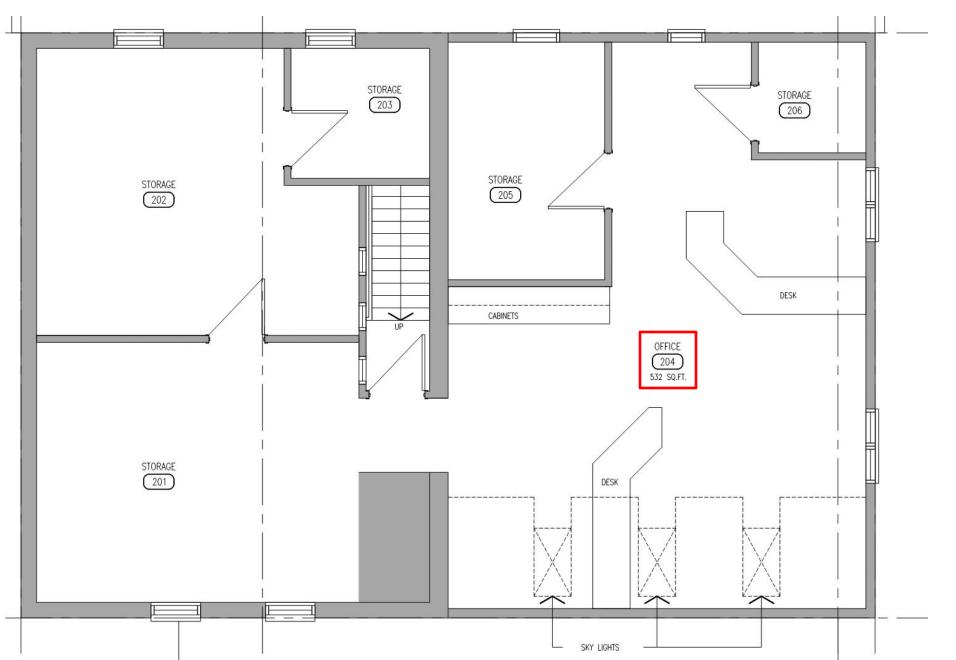
• (m) Barrier free parking = <u>1 space</u>

• Total = <u>11 spaces</u>

### Nature of the Office

- Currently 2 Sloot Construction employees in the office
- Sloot Construction recently rented a new office at Arkell Road and Gordon Street
- Much of the old office will be used for storage
- Negative comment about large vehicles, trailers, and equipment stopping in
   less now that Sloot has moved

# Second Floor Use

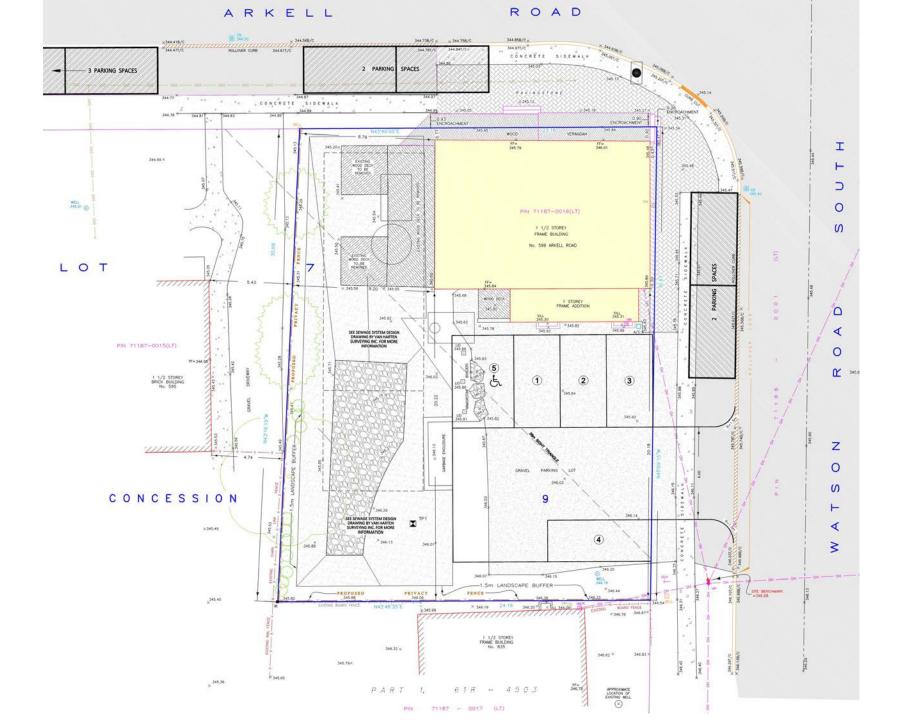


- Adverse impacts associated with a parking reduction would be kept to a minimum
  - 18-20 public parking spaces nearby
  - Landscape buffer and privacy fence
  - Sloot Construction office use decreased
- A great opportunity to add/continue the character and small-town feel of Arkell

## Off Site Parking Spaces within 100m



No parking on Boreham Drive



### Buffer

- Hamlet Commercial Zone (C1 Zone)
  - Section 11(3)(f): "A privacy fence or a planting area 1.5 metres wide shall be provided and maintained adjacent to every portion of any lot line that abuts any Residential Zone not separated by a public road."
- General Regulations:
  - Section 3(10)(b)(i): Requires planting area of 3.0m for a Commercial Zone abutting a Residential Zone
- Section 11(3)(f) applies (1.5m requirement)
  - Confirmed with Township Staff
- Site Plan proposes 1.5m wide planting area and privacy fence along shared property lines

- The intent of this minor variance is to allow a property to have less than the required spaces because it is located in the central part of an old Hamlet where there is public parking available within 100m.
- Other properties set up in a similar fashion
- Church and subject property use parking at different times – agreement to share parking

Often less parking in "core" areas

Centre Wellington: Central Business District
 Commercial Zone (C1)

 City of Guelph: Buildings built before 1971 north of tracks do not require parking

# Four tests:

FOUR TESTS:	DISCUSSION:
That the requested variance is minor in nature	<ul> <li>Limited impact</li> <li>History of sharing public parking spaces</li> <li>Mixed uses building uses parking at different times</li> <li>Office use and related traffic will be decreased</li> <li>Subject property has 5 spaces</li> </ul>
The intent and purpose of the <b>Zoning By-law</b> is maintained	<ul> <li>Zoned Hamlet Commercial (C1)</li> <li>Proposed uses are permitted</li> </ul>
That the general intent and purpose of the <b>Official Plan</b> is maintained	<ul> <li>Designated Hamlet (Arkell)</li> <li>Local commercial uses permitted in Hamlet areas</li> </ul>
That the variance is <b>desirable</b> for the appropriate development and use of the land, building or structure	<ul> <li>Desirable for culture of Arkell</li> <li>The building has been a meeting place in the Arkell "Core" for many years</li> </ul>

#### **Comments Received:**

- Letter of support from the Arkell United Church
- 30 members of the community emailed or wrote letters of support
  - "Missed the old store when it closed"
  - "There was an Arkell store there before, and I never had any problems or issues with cars parked or extra traffic"
  - "it will enhance the local area"
  - "valuable addition to the Hamlet"
  - "is a fabulous addition to our neighborhood"
  - "long overdue establishment"
- 4 letters of objection

### Conclusion

- The proposed minor variance meets the 4 tests
- Adverse impacts associated with a parking reduction would be kept to a minimum
- A great opportunity to add/continue the character and small-town feel of Arkell
- "...Look forward to collaborating with you to increase people's connection with neighbours and sense of Arkell community spirit." – Rev. Marcie Gibson of Arkell United Church