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Subject: Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water

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Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water

Ministry Reference Number:
8402-9HXJUZ

Applicant:

Holcim (Canada) Inc.
Suite 400 - 2300 Steeles Ave W
Concord, Ontario
L4K 5X6

Location of Water Taking(s):
Mill Creek Aggregates Pit
7108 Concession 2
Lot 24, Concession 2
Geographic Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington

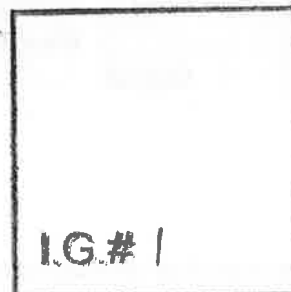
Ministry of the Environment Region:
West Central

Description:

This proposal is for a renewal of Permit to Take Water No. 3132-82GQKV for industrial purposes. Water will be taken from one (1) pond related to aggregate washing activities, in the City of Cambridge, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario. Details of Water Taking are as follows:

Permit Type - Renewal (Category 1)

Purpose of Water Taking: Industrial - Aggregate Washing
Source of Water: Pond - Dugout
Maximum Rate (Litres Per Minute): 11,366.00
Maximum Number of Hours of Taking per Day: 12
Maximum Volume (Litres) Per Day: 8,183,000.00



Maximum Number of Days of Taking in a Year: 275

Earliest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 03/15

Latest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 12/15

Period of Water Taking: 10 years

Permit type:

Renewal of Permit Number 3132-82GQKV

Length of Taking:

10 years

Table A

Source Information and Water Taking Amount Applied For

Source Name / Description:	Source: Type:	Taking Specific Purpose:	Taking Major Category:	Max. Taken per Minute (litres):	Max. Num. of Hrs Taken per Day:	Max. Taken per Day (litres):	Max. Num. of Days Taken per Year:	Zone/ Easting/ Northing:
1 Phase 1 Pond	Pond	Aggregate Washing	Industrial	11,366	12	8,183,000	275	17
	Dugout							567290
								4810630
Total Taking:						8,183,000		

Comments should be directed to the following Contact Person:

Joan Del Villar Cuicas
Ministry of the Environment
12th Floor
119 King St W
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y7

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Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water

Ministry Reference Number:
8281-9HEL2T

Applicant:

CBM Aggregates, a division of St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada)
55 Industrial St
Toronto, Ontario
M4G 3W9



Location of Water Taking(s):
McNally Pit Pond (CBM Aggregates)
Lot 26, Concession 2
Puslinch Township, County of Wellington

Ministry of the Environment Region:
West Central

Description:

This proposal is for a renewal of Permit to Take Water No. 3234-74ER7S for industrial purposes. Water will be taken from one (1) pond related to aggregate washing activities,

in the Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington, Ontario. Details of Water Taking are as follows:

Permit Type - Renewal (Category 1)

Purpose of Water Taking: Industrial - Aggregate Washing

Source of Water: Pond - Dugout

Maximum Rate (Litres Per Minute): 16,366.00

Maximum Number of Hours of Taking per Day: 24

Maximum Volume (Litres) Per Day: 23,568,000.00

Maximum Number of Days of Taking in a Year: 365

Earliest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 01/01

Latest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 12/31

Period of Water Taking: 10 years

Permit type:

Renewal of Permit Number 3234-74ER7S

Length of Taking:

10 years

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1 McNally Supply Pond	Pond Dugout	Aggregate Washing	Industrial	16,366	24	23,568,000	365	17 568280 4810400
Total Taking :						23,568,000		

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Haldimand and Norfolk Counties
Lorne Boyko, Fred Morison

Flood watch underway

March ended with a flood watch message for what could be a challenging spring melt.

At the end of the month, the Grand River watershed had above-average snowpack. Snow melt began to expose some bare fields in the southern part of the watershed, however woodlots and fence rows still had snow. The north still has full winter conditions and the snow melt is expected to continue through most of April.

Ice along the Grand River was beginning to deteriorate with the increased flows and sunshine. Ice between Lake Erie and Cayuga was generally intact at the end of March. Risks included potential for ice jams in the river system and initiate ice movement was underway. Common ice jam locations include Cayuga, New Hamburg, and West Montrose and the associated river systems.

The County of Haldimand, in conjunction with the GRCA, asked the Coast Guard to send an ice-breaker to clear ice from the mouth of the river and offshore in Lake Erie.

The Samuel Risley arrived March 30 and broke up the ice to reduce the risk of flooding along the Grand from Dunnville to the mouth during the spring melt.

Both the lower Grand River and Lake Erie have had heavy ice cover this winter. Typically, during the spring melt, ice on the river breaks up before the lake thaws. As river ice reaches the mouth, it has no place to go. The resulting ice jam blocks the flow of water from the river into the lake, leading to flooding.

At the end of March, the major reservoirs at Belwood, Conestogo, Guelph, Luther, Woolwich, Laurel, and Shades were at low winter holding levels and had maximum storage available.

Post ice storm cleanup shifts to rail-trails

Cleanup work on GRCA properties moved to the Cambridge-Paris Rail-Trail on March 31. A team using an excavator worked its way from Cambridge to Paris, removing trees and branches

damaged in the December ice storm.

The work on this trail was expected to last about a week.

Most GRCA parks and trails remain closed while GRCA crews and contractors continue their efforts to make the properties safe again.

Three parks that were open for winter activities (Laurel Creek, Shade's Mills and Belwood Lake) have completed their winter season and are now closed.

Those three parks and most other GRCA paid-admission parks are scheduled to open for the summer season on May 1.

Ready for tree planting season

Some tree numbers are up and some are down as we get set for tree planting season in the Grand River watershed.

The GRCA has seven planting events in watershed communities that the public is invited to attend and help out. There are many other projects that involve specific groups of volunteers, such as students, companies and community organizations. These volunteers are helping to plant trees while also learning about ecology. This is more than the usual number of planting events.

The GRCA has hired contractors to plant 290,000 trees in many locations this spring, which is about on par with last year. The most northerly of these projects is a riparian buffer on a property close to Shelburne. The most southerly project is a living snow fence that will be planted in Haldimand County to help make Junction Road safer during winter weather. This is the first living snow fence for Haldimand through the Rural Water Quality Program.

About 38,000 trees were sold to landowners both online and over the phone, and these will be picked up at the GRCA. This number is a little lower than last year.



Trees and shrubs removed along dikes

In March, contractors worked along sections of the Brantford Dike and the Bridgeport Dike to remove trees and shrubs to maintain the structural integrity of the dike.

The work was done along Morrison Road in Brantford, which runs off Mohawk Road and leads to the Brantford Sanitary Landfill during the last two weeks of March. A crane used to remove the trees and shrubs from the top of the dike.

Trees pose a threat to the integrity of the dike. The root balls can weaken the structure of the dike. In addition, if a tree were to fall over it could leave a hole in the dike that could be eroded by heavy rain or high water, potentially leading to a failure.

Similar work was done on the section of the dike that runs through the Bridgeport Sportsfield in Kitchener. Trees and shrubs are being removed from the face of the dike. The trail on top of the dike was closed during the work.

Maintenance of this sort is carried out regularly on the dikes. They were built in the 1980s to provide protection to low-lying sections of the city.

Children's water festival coming to Haldimand

A new children's water festival is coming to the southern Grand River watershed.

About 350 children will visit the Haldimand Children's Water Festival in early October at Taquanyah Nature Centre. The festival will teach children about the importance of water conservation, protection, technology and ecology. It offers hands-on learning that is fun and interactive and will be the third children's water festival in the Grand River watershed.

The Waterloo-Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival was among the first children's water festivals in the province when it started in 1996, and there are now 26 children's water festivals in Ontario.

Over the past 19 years, the Waterloo Wellington festival has educated 75,000 students at Doon Heritage Crossroads in Kitchener. This year the festival takes place May 26 to 30, thanks to donors and hundreds of volunteers.

The annual Brantford/Brant Children's

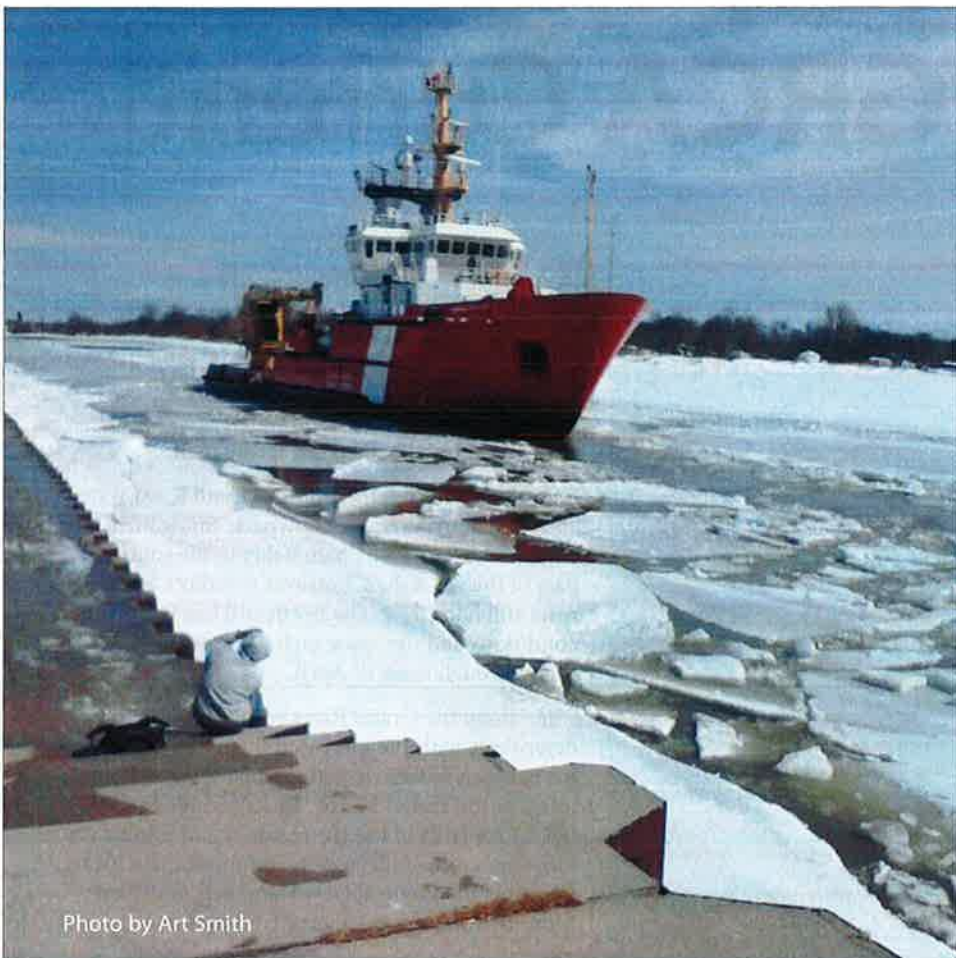


Photo by Art Smith

The Canadian Coast Guard ship Samuel Risley came to the mouth of the Grand River at Port Maitland on March 30 to clear a path for the ice to come down the Grand River during the spring melt.

Water Festival debuted in 2006 and will be held May 13 to 15 at Mohawk Park in Brantford for students from Brant, Brantford and Six Nations.

First winners of GRCA photo contest

Three random draws for a Grand River Parks membership have been drawn for the GRCA photo contest, which is continuing until Oct. 31.

The winners of these random draws are Heather Mead (Fergus) in January, Heather Greg (Rockwood) in February and Nick Wagner of Kitchener in March.

At the end of the contest there will be winners in three categories of prizes — recreation, riverscapes and historic photos taken before 1975. The prizes are gift certificates valued at \$500, \$250 and \$100.

For full details and to submit photos, see www.grandriver.ca/photocontest.

This issue of *GRCA Current* was published in April 2014.

It is a summary of the March business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

The Grand River Conservation Authority welcomes the copying, forwarding and distribution of *GRCA Current*.

Next board meeting: Friday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m., GRCA Administration Centre.

Reports mentioned in *GRCA Current*: www.grandriver.ca/MeetingReports.

For coming events, please see www.grandriver.ca/Calendar.

The March-April issue of *Grand Actions* newsletter is available at: www.grandriver.ca/GrandActions



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Grand River Conservation Authority General Membership Meeting

Friday, March 28, 2014

The following are the minutes of the General Membership Meeting held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014 at the Administration Center, Cambridge, Ontario.

Members Present:

J. Mitchell, Chair, L. Armstrong, B. Banbury, B. Bell, L. Boyko, J. Brennan, T. Cowan, J. d'Ailly, J. Haalboom, R. Hillier*, J. Jamieson, R. Kelterborn, B. Lee*, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, F. Morison*, T. Nevills, V. Prendergast, J. Ross-Zuj, P. Salter, S. Schmitt, W. Stauch, G. Wicke

Members Regrets:

B. Coleman, R. Deutschmann, M. Laidlaw

Staff:

J. Farwell, K. Murch, D. Bennett, D. Boyd, N. Davy, S. Lawson, S. Radoja, D. Schultz, B. Brown, B. Parrott, S. Wilbur

Also Present:

L. Jerchick, Friends of Dumfries

1. Call to Order:

J. Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 13 members constitute a quorum (1/2 of members appointed by participating municipalities)

The Secretary-Treasurer called the roll and certified a quorum with 20 members present. A total of 23 members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks:

J. Mitchell welcomed members, staff and guests and made the following comments:

- The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee met on March 13, 2014. Committee members were updated on the status of the four Source Protection Plans and advised that the public consultation period for the Catfish Creek and

Kettle Creek Assessment Reports and Amended Source Protection Plans has been completed.

- Each of the members was provided with a copy of the publication entitled "Your Guide to Grand River Parks". A copy of the publication is being given to every person who purchases a Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) Membership and will be provided to everyone who visits a GRCA park. Copies have also been provided to Grand River watershed municipalities, Chambers of Commerce and Tourism Centres.
- The members have also been provided with copies of brochures entitled "Preparing for Flooding" relating to New Hamburg and Ayr.
- The Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Samuel Risley is expected to be at the mouth of the Grand River at Port Maitland sometime this weekend.
- The members' attention was drawn to the new format of the agenda which has been undertaken in order to comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA).
- S. Wilbur displayed two original paintings by Peter Etril Snyder which were given to GRCA by Doug Letson a former director of the Grand River Conservation Foundation (GRCF). Mr. Letson was instrumental in arranging for the donation of the paintings which complete a set of four that will be displayed in the GRCA Conference Room. The paintings depict four scenes along the Grand River in the Region of Waterloo. Mr. Snyder is also a former director of the GRCF and was very involved in the development of the Walter Bean Trail.

4. Review of Agenda:

The following items were added to the agenda:

Email communication from Paul Emerson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Brant to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 25, 2014 Re: Thank You to GRCA Staff for Assistance in Preparation for Potential Flooding was added to the agenda under Item 10 a).

Correspondence from Patricia Berfelz, Clerk, Municipality of North Perth to Keith Murch, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 20, 2014 Re: 2014 Budget was added to the agenda under Item 10 b).

Moved by: J. Jamieson
Seconded by: J. Brennan
(Carried)

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of March 28, 2014 be approved as amended.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Annual General Meeting – February 28, 2014

There were no questions or comments with respect to the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 28, 2014.

Moved by: P. Salter
Seconded by: S. Schmitt
(Carried)

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 28, 2014 be approved as circulated.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

8. Hearing of Delegations:

None

9. Presentations:

None

10. Correspondence:

a) Copies for members

- i) Correspondence from Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated February 20, 2014 Re: Resolution in Support of Proposed *Great Lakes Protection Act*
- ii) Correspondence from Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 10, 2014 Re: Resolution in Support of the Passage of Bill 6, the *Great Lakes Protection Act*
- iii) Email from Paul Emerson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Brant to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 25, 2014 Re: Thank You to GRCA Staff for Assistance in Preparation for Potential Flooding

b) Not copied

- i) Correspondence from Patricia Berfelz, Clerk, Municipality of North Perth to Keith Murch, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 20, 2014 Re: 2014 Budget.

J. Mitchell read the correspondence as follows: "Please be advised at the 2014 Budget meeting of the Municipality of North Perth Council on Monday, March 12 the Council accepted the following resolution: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports the Grand River Conservation Authority 2014 Levy in the amount of \$2,354.00. I trust you find this satisfactory".

Moved by: L. Boyko
Seconded by: J. d'Ailly
(Carried)

THAT correspondence from Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated February 20, 2014 Re: Resolution in Support of Proposed *Great Lakes Protection Act*; correspondence from Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 10, 2014 Re: Resolution in Support of the Passage of Bill 6, the *Great Lakes Protection Act*; the email from Paul Emerson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Brant to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 25, 2014 Re: Thank You to GRCA Staff for Assistance in Preparation for Potential Flooding and correspondence from Patricia Berfelz, Clerk, Municipality of North Perth to Keith Murch, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Grand River Conservation Authority dated March 20, 2014 Re: 2014 Budget be received as information.

11. 1st and 2nd Reading of By-Laws:

None

12. Presentation of Reports:

a) **GM-03-14-25** Financial Summary for the Period Ending February 28, 2014

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Resolution 38-14

Moved by: J. d'Ailly
Seconded by: T. Cowan
(Carried)

THAT the Financial Summary for the Period Ending February 28, 2014 be approved.

*R. Hillier and F. Morison joined the meeting at 9:35 am

b) **GM-03-14-26** East Side Lands (Stage 1) Master Environmental Servicing Plan – Freeport Creek and Tributary to the Grand Subwatershed Study and Master Drainage Plan

B. Brown conducted a PowerPoint presentation indicating as follows:

- The Master Environment Servicing Plan (MESP) guides the development of approximately 300 hectares of designated greenfield lands within the urban boundary in the northern portion of the City of Cambridge
- The Regional Municipality of Waterloo has identified the East Side Lands east of the Grand River and generally between Highways 7 and 8 as an area for future growth within the Township of Woolwich, City of Cambridge and City of Kitchener

- Lands in the northern portion of the City of Cambridge have been identified as Stage 1 or the first area of priority for the development of the broader East Side Lands
- In the Regional Official Plan approximately 300 hectares of the Stage 1 lands were designated as Prime Industrial Strategic Reserve for large lot employment uses
- The MESP includes the following study components: Freeport Creek and Tributary to the Grand Subwatershed Study; Master Drainage Plan; municipal water and wastewater assessment; transportation assessment; utilities assessment; fiscal impact analysis; staging and implementation strategy; and a Community Plan
- GRCA's interests in the MESP are natural heritage; natural hazards and stormwater management

*B. Lee joined the meeting at 9:40 am

- Next steps include: amendment to the Regulation limit; minor edits to the reports; Notice of Completion for the MESP will be filed as required in the Environmental Assessment process
- Subwatershed Study and Master Drainage Plan recommendations will involve: Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments to designate the lands; future Environmental Assessments in this area; site specific technical studies to support future *Planning Act* applications; and GRCA permit applications

W. Stauch referred to the industrial designation of the lands and a collector road towards the existing Highway 8. He asked whether there would be another road that connects with Maple Grove Road. B. Brown said that it was determined that such a road is not required for the broader transportation needs. W. Stauch asked how someone would access the collector road. B. Brown said that the road will join King Street.

Resolution 39-14

Moved by: L. Armstrong

Seconded by: J. Brennam

(Carried)

THAT the East Side Lands (Stage 1) Master Environmental Servicing Plan and appendices, the Freeport Creek and Tributary to the Grand Subwatershed Study and the Master Drainage Plan, prepared by Dillon Consulting Limited and Aquafor Beech Ltd. be endorsed for use as the guiding document when dealing with planning matters and permit applications in the study area.

AND THAT amendments to Grand River Conservation Authority's Ontario Regulation 150/06 mapping be approved to incorporate the revisions to the natural feature boundaries (wetlands, watercourses and floodplains) and their associated regulated allowances resulting from detailed study completed as part of the Master Environmental Servicing Plan.

- c) **GM-03-14-27** Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Resolution 40-14

Moved by: V. Prendergast
Seconded by: J. Ross-Zuj
(Carried)

THAT Report GM-03-14-27 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation be received as information.

- d) **GM-03-14-28** Environmental Assessments

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Resolution 41-14

Moved by: T. Nevills
Seconded by: S. Schmitt
(Carried)

THAT Report GM-03-14-28 – Environmental Assessments be received as information.

- e) **GM-03-14-29** Cash and Investments Status Report as at February 28, 2014

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Resolution 42-14

Moved by: C. Millar
Seconded by: G. Wicke
(Carried)

THAT Report GM-03-14-29 – Cash and Investments Status report as at February 28 2014 be received as information.

- f) **GM-03-14-30** General Insurance Renewal – 2014-2015

K. Murch conducted a PowerPoint presentation indicating as follows:

- GRCA obtains general insurance as part of a group consisting of 32 conservation authorities and Conservation Ontario
- The policies run from April 1 to March 31 each year
- The policy terms, renewals, loss reviews and other administrative matters are overseen by the Conservation Ontario General Insurance and Benefits Committee (insurance committee)

- Marsh Canada Ltd. has been appointed as the new broker for a five year term
- Brokerage fees have been reduced by approximately 30%
- There is one carrier for all policies except Directors and Officers Liability
- Premium changes include: no increase for Commercial General Liability; reduction in Property rate by approximately 9%; an increase in Errors and Omissions rate by 81% due to extremely high defense costs over the last five years; and Umbrella, Auto, Crime and Boiler coverage all decreased slightly
- Enhanced coverage includes: increased limit for First Party Pollution; added coverage for Debris Removal; increased limit for Damage to Hired Automobiles; and increased limit for Crime coverage
- Brokerage fees are capped at a fixed fee for five years
- One additional conservation authority has joined the Conservation Ontario insurance program and two others have requested quotes

G. Lorentz asked why all conservation authorities are not involved in the Conservation Ontario insurance program. K. Murch answered that joining the program is optional and there have always been a few conservation authorities who are not in the group. G. Lorentz asked whether the group would like to have all conservation authorities included. K. Murch said that the GRCA was one of the founding members of the group, based on the belief that the buying power of a larger group allows individual members to access better coverage at a lower cost than if they went to market on their own. He also said that the other conservation authorities would benefit from the expertise of the insurance committee members. G. Lorentz noted that brokerage fees were locked in for five years. He asked if a rebate would be received if every conservation authority joined the program. K. Murch said this would be unlikely because the broker's fee is a fixed amount rather than a commission and their workload would actually increase if other conservation authorities joined the program.

Resolution 43-14

Moved by: L. Boyko

Seconded by: L. Armstrong

(Carried)

THAT Report GM-03-14-30 – General Insurance Renewal – 2014-2015 be received as information.

g) GM-03-14-31 Current Watershed Conditions as of March 25, 2014

D. Boyd conducted a PowerPoint presentation indicating that:

- Precipitation in March has been well below the long term average throughout the watershed
- The average air temperature in March has been below the long term average at the Shand Dam climate station
- The level of Lake Erie is below the long term average

- Lake Erie is still mostly ice covered but the ice is starting to break up as seen in recent satellite imagery and aerial photography
- Aerial photography from March 17 showed some small areas of open water near the mouth of the Grand River
- Ice at the mouth of the river can prevent river ice from entering the lake and result in ice jams during spring break up
- Reservoir levels at Shand, Conestogo, Luther and Guelph dams are within the normal operating range for this time of year
- Environment Canada's forecast for the March to May period for southern Ontario is below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation
- GRCA issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook message on March 7 focused on spring flooding risks including snow and reservoir conditions and the potential for ice and debris jams during the spring break up
- Remote access cameras have been installed along the Grand River at the West Montrose and Brantford gauge stations

T. Cowan asked if the cameras are on-line. D. Boyd said the information will be posted to the GRCA website once per hour hopefully starting during the afternoon of March 28, 2014.

L. Boyko referred to meetings attended by GRCA staff related to flood preparedness and asked why those meetings ceased after Brant County. D. Boyd answered that staff have been coordinating efforts for the ice breaker and have been focused on higher risk areas. L. Boyko asked how the ice breaker could be tracked. D. Schultz answered that the links were contained in the GRCA's recent news release which was sent to the members.

Resolution 44-14

Moved by: V. Prendergast
 Seconded by: W. Stauch
 (Carried)

THAT Report GM-03-14-31 – Current Watershed Conditions as of March 25, 2014 be received as information.

13. Committee of the Whole:

None

14. General Business:

None

15. 3rd Reading of By-Laws:

None

16. Other Business:

- a) W. Stauch informed the members that a new staff person has been appointed to the Heritage Working Group. He thanked F. Natolochny for his previous participation with this group
- b) W. Stauch commended D. Schultz and J. Baine for the promotion of the 20th Anniversary of the Heritage River designation. He informed the members that D. Schultz will be making a presentation relating to the 1974 flood at a workshop at the Cambridge Library and Gallery on May 10, 2014. The film *One Day in May* will be shown at the workshop.
- c) T. Cowan encouraged the members to attend the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival on April 5, 2014.
- d) G. Lorentz commended D. Boyd on his presentation. He complimented staff on the amount of information being provided to members and indicated that the information assists the members when dealing with the public.
- e) L. Boyko informed the members that J. Farwell conducted a presentation at the Port Maitland Historical Association on March 5, 2014. L. Boyko received favourable comments from the attendees.

17. Closed Meeting: (motion required pursuant to Section 36 of By-Law 1-2014)

Resolution 45-13

Moved by: T. Cowan
Seconded by: L. Armstrong
(Carried)

THAT the General Membership Meeting of March 28, 2014 adjourn into closed session to discuss property dispositions and a legal matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

- a) **GM-03-14-32** Land Disposition – Ontario Ministry of Transportation – Highway 401, City of Cambridge

Resolution 46-14

Moved by: L. Armstrong
Seconded by: J. Brennan
(Carried)

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS OF the Grand River Conservation Authority by assisting in the improvement of transportation routes within the Region of Waterloo

THEREFORE IT BE REOLVED THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) dispose of 1.27 (3.15 acres) of land legally described as Part Lot 7, Concession 1 Beasley's Lower Block Concession, and Part Lot 9, Registrar's Complied Plan No. 1364, City of Cambridge, Region of Waterloo; more particularly described as Parts 3, 4 and 15 on Registered Plan 58R-17751 to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for the amount of \$22,100.00.

b) GM-03-14-33 Grant of Easement – Floradale Feed Mill – Stormwater Drainage

Resolution 47-14

Moved by: S. Schmitt
Seconded by: G. Wicke
(Carried)

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS of Grand River Conservation Authority by improving overland drainage on adjacent lands to mitigate potential erosion issues on Grand River Conservation Authority property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grand River Conservation Authority grant an easement in favour of Floradale Feed Mill Limited over those lands described as Part of Lot 101, German Company Tract, Township of Woolwich, Regional Municipality of Waterloo for the nominal consideration of \$2.00.

c) GM-03-14-34 Update on Court Orders Under Section 28 (16) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*

Resolution 48-14

Moved by:
Seconded by:
(Carried)

THAT Report GM-03-14-34 – Update on Court Orders Under Section 28 (16) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* be received as information.

18. Next Meetings:

- General Membership Meeting
Friday, April 25, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
Auditorium/Boardroom, Administration Centre, Cambridge

- General Membership Meeting
Friday, May 23, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
Auditorium/Boardroom, Administration Centre, Cambridge

To be followed by the Special Recognition Committee
Conference Room, Administration Centre, Cambridge

19. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

20. Grand River Source Protection Authority Meeting (if required)

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Hon. Michael Chong, M.P.
Wellington-Halton Hills

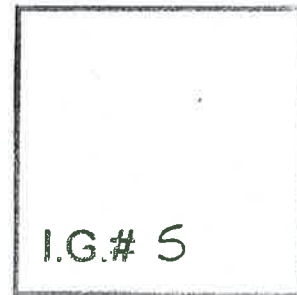


CANADA

L'hon. Michael Chong, député
Wellington-Halton Hills

April 3, 2014

Mayor Dennis Lever and Council
Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Guelph, ON N1H 6H9



Dear Mayor Lever and Council,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the *New Building Canada Fund*, announced on March 28th, 2014 by the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure.

Since 2007, the Government of Canada has provided \$33 billion in infrastructure funding across the country. The Government is building on this historic infrastructure investment with an additional \$70 billion for public infrastructure over the next decade, largest and longest federal infrastructure plan in our nation's history.

Of the \$70 billion, \$17 billion is allocated for investments in federal infrastructure and \$53 billion is allocated for provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure through the *New Building Canada Plan*. The *New Building Canada Plan* consists of several funds: the \$14 billion *New Building Canada Fund*, the \$32 billion *Community Improvement Fund*, the \$1.25 billion *P3 (Public-Private Partnerships) Canada Fund* and \$6 billion in funding that continues through existing infrastructure funds.

The \$14 billion *New Building Canada Fund* has two components. The first is the *National Infrastructure Component*, for which \$4 billion will be dedicated to support projects of national significance. The second is the *Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component*, a \$10 billion fund to support infrastructure projects of national, regional and local significance. Nine billion dollars are for projects that are nationally and regionally significant, and are predominantly medium to large scale in nature, under the *National and Regional Projects* sub-component. One billion dollars are for projects in communities with fewer than 100,000 residents, under the *Small Communities Fund* sub-component.

The *Community Improvement Fund*, which consists of the *Gas Tax Fund* and the incremental *Goods and Services Tax Rebate for Municipalities*, will provide over \$32 billion over 10 years to municipalities for projects such as roads, public transit and recreational facilities, and other community infrastructure.

The \$1.25 billion *P3 (Public-Private Partnerships) Canada Fund* is dedicated to projects which engage the expertise and innovation of the private sector, as well as the discipline and incentives of capital markets to deliver public infrastructure projects.

Finally, \$6 billion in funding will continue to flow this year and beyond under existing infrastructure programs.

Should you have any questions regarding the 10-year federal plan for infrastructure mentioned in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you in delivering infrastructure investments for the Canadians we are elected to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a final flourish, representing the name Michael Chong.

Michael Chong



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"Celebrating our Heritage. Investing in our Future"

April 8, 2014

Hon. Kathleen Wynne
Premier of the Province of Ontario
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Wynne,

During our regular session of Council on April 7, 2014, the below noted resolution was brought forward for the attention of your office;

MOVED: Mary-Pat Gleeson

SECONDED: Tim Brown

WHEREAS the province of Ontario's recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rate that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

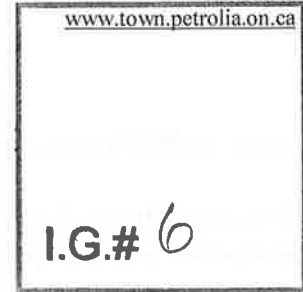
WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction or future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rates;

WHEREAS the recent Auditor-General's report advised of extreme amount of waste in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and a generous public sector pension plan;

WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of Gas Plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$ 1.1 billion;

WHEREAS recent increases announced by Union Gas and Enbridge, will cause great financial burden to the residents and businesses of the Town of Petrolia;

WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of the Town of Petrolia to have access to affordable Hydro & Natural Gas to thrive and prosper;





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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Town of Petrolia Call on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these and any other rate increases from being implemented;

AND THAT this motion be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Carried

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Thank you for receiving our correspondence, we look forward to hearing from your office regarding this item of concern effecting our residents and business owners.

Yours truly,

Mandi Pearson
Deputy Clerk/Operations Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities via email

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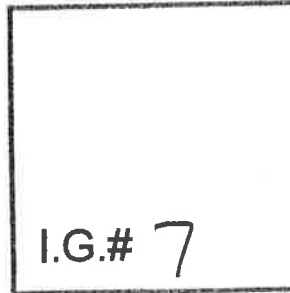
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MC-2014-876

His Worship Dennis Lever
Mayor
Township of Puslinch
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Dear Mayor Lever:

The collective success of Ontario's municipalities is critical to the success of the province of Ontario. However, such successes can only be realized when communities and governments are pulling in the same direction.

I thought it would be beneficial to provide you with an update on the initiatives Ontario's government is undertaking today to give municipalities more information and control so they can increase their effectiveness – and take advantage of new opportunities – around local energy planning.

Large Renewable Procurement Process

Clean energy is one such opportunity. Building clean, reliable and affordable energy in a way that respects communities is our top priority. Since launching the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program in 2009, Ontario has firmly established itself as a North American leader in renewable energy. This is remarkable progress and Ontario is proud of the role renewable energy is playing in the supply mix. As a result, on June 12, 2013, I directed the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to end the procurement of large renewable energy projects through the FIT program and to develop a new competitive procurement process to allow for the consideration of future contract awards for cost-efficient and well-supported projects. I asked the OPA to engage with municipalities to help inform the identification of appropriate locations and siting requirements for future renewable energy projects.

Building on what we've learned through the success of the FIT program, the new Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) process will provide municipalities with a stronger voice going forward and additional opportunities to participate in the development of renewable energy projects. It will include an initial Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to qualify applicants, followed by a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to evaluate projects, which can only be proposed by qualified applicants. The RFQ process will include robust qualification criteria that contain a requirement to demonstrate previous community engagement experience. After developers are qualified at the RFQ stage they will be required to work directly with municipalities and Aboriginal communities to satisfy a high bar of community engagement and local support before a contract is awarded.

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Two procurements are proposed, commencing in 2014, with the possibility of a third procurement in 2016, should any procurement capacity remain. The procurement targets include up to 300 megawatts (MW) of wind, 140 MW of solar, 50 MW of bioenergy and 50 MW of hydroelectric capacity in 2014. In 2015, the targets would include up to 300 MW of wind, 140 MW of solar, 50 MW of bioenergy and 45 MW of hydroelectricity. Each procurement is expected to take between 12 and 16 months to complete.

As part of the OPA's extensive outreach activities to inform the development of the LRP, the OPA developed preliminary sets of RFQ stage evaluation criteria and possible RFP stage components. These and other related materials were discussed with a wide variety of stakeholders and communities between December 2013 and February 2014. As part of these events, the OPA held four regional community meetings – in Chatham-Kent, Sudbury, Orillia and Napanee – for municipalities, local distribution companies (LDCs) and the general public. More than 850 groups and individuals participated in these activities and more than 65 made written submissions. The OPA and ministry staff also met with representatives from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) task forces (Planning, Energy and Economic Development). I and some of my senior officials also met directly with AMO's MOU table.

After considering the feedback received, and building on previous energy procurement experience, the OPA submitted the Final Recommendations Report for the Development of a New Large Renewable Procurement Process on February 28, 2014, which is available online at www.powerauthority.on.ca/sites/default/files/page/LRP-Final-Recommendations-Report-20140228.pdf.

The OPA posted the draft RFQ on April 8 for public comment until May 2. The RFQ is anticipated to run from June to September. The OPA will continue to develop draft RFP rated criteria in consultation with the Ministry of Energy, municipalities and stakeholders with the intention to post the draft RFP later this year. In preparation for the RFP, the OPA plans to post an LRP-specific transmission availability table to identify specific circuits and transmission stations in the province where capacity for potential LRP projects may be available.

I encourage you to provide feedback and/or questions on the LRP at any time to LRP@powerauthority.on.ca.

Regional Planning Process Update

Regional electricity planning and siting is another matter I wish to bring to your attention. On October 8, 2013, Premier Wynne accepted the 18 recommendations made by the OPA and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to enhance the current processes for planning and siting moving forward.

The cornerstone of regional electricity planning is an open exchange of information and engagement with municipalities, Aboriginal communities, stakeholders and members of the general public. In Ontario, this will include better community outreach, early and often, while providing local governments and communities a greater voice in the planning and siting of energy infrastructure.

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To make sure their voices are heard, municipalities will need to actively participate in electricity planning and siting activities. The OPA has started the regional planning process in eight of the province's 21 regions, and will begin work in the remaining regions in the near future.

This is your opportunity to work directly with the OPA, key electricity stakeholders and the public to contribute to planning and identify the right solutions for your communities.

I encourage you to visit the OPA website at www.powerauthority.on.ca/power-planning/regional-planning to learn more about current and upcoming regional planning processes.

Municipal Energy Plans

When it comes to planning, some municipalities may appreciate having more tools at their disposal. Community energy planning supports the sustainability and long-term economic prosperity of Ontario's municipalities.

The 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) includes enhanced policies for promoting energy conservation and efficiency and providing opportunities for the development of renewable energy and alternative energy systems, including district energy. It promotes land-use and development patterns, which maximizes energy efficiency and encourages the long-term consideration of electricity generation facilities and transmission systems. It also promotes healthy liveable communities, wise use of land, compact development, transit and active transportation, economic development and investment readiness, all of which are supported by comprehensive energy planning.

I would like to encourage all municipalities to apply to the province's Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) Program, which provides up to \$90,000 to help Ontario municipalities understand their energy use through a community energy planning process.

A MEP aligns energy, the built environment and land use planning. It identifies community-wide energy efficiency and green energy options and supports economic development opportunities. A MEP also supports local conservation, renewable energy, regional energy planning and Ontario's Conservation First policy, Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) and PPS. As well, a MEP will help identify future local generation and/or distribution issues.

The ministry will be receiving new applications for the MEP program starting in early May and intake and review will be ongoing. Applications and more information will be available in early May at www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/municipal-energy.

These new processes and initiatives – large renewable procurement, regional electricity planning and the Municipal Energy Plan program – are all part of the government's efforts to change and improve how we work together with municipalities on energy issues.

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Significant progress is being made and I fully expect that as we continue with implementation of the LTEP, municipalities will play a crucial role in energy planning and siting. This is the time to step forward in partnership to make sure local voices are heard so we can all work together on building a clean, reliable and affordable energy system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Chiarelli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Chiarelli" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Chiarelli
Minister

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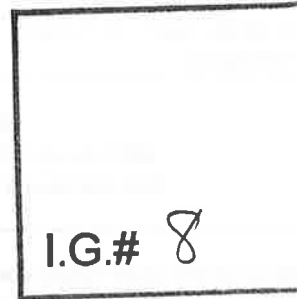
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April 29, 2014

Ms. Donna Bryce
County Clerk
County of Wellington
74 Woolwich Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3T9

**Subject: Approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 81
County of Wellington
Ministry File No: 23-OP-5000-081**

Dear Ms. Bryce:

I am pleased to inform you that Official Plan Amendment No. 81 was approved on April 28, 2014. Please find attached a Notice of Decision and the decision regarding the above noted application.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Oliver, Planner by telephone at 519-873-4033 or by e-mail at scott.oliver@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

Bruce Curtis, MCIP, RPP
Manager, Community Planning and Development
Municipal Services Office - Western

c.c.: Gary Cousins, Director, Planning and Development, County of Wellington
All persons who requested notice

File No.: 23-OP-5000-081
Municipality: County of Wellington
Subject Lands: All lands within the County of Wellington

Date of Decision: April 28, 2014
Date of Notice: April 29, 2014
Last Date of Appeal: May 18, 2014

NOTICE OF DECISION
With respect to an Official Plan Amendment
Subsection 17(35) and 26 of the Planning Act

A decision was made on the date noted above to approve, with modifications, Official Plan Amendment No. 81 for the County of Wellington adopted by By-law No. 5363-13.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

Official Plan Amendment #81 (OPA 81) is the County of Wellington's 5 Year Review and applies to the entire County. The primary purpose of OPA 81 is to bring the County Official Plan (OP) into conformity with the Greenbelt Plan. In addition, OPA 81 amends, updates or provides new policies with respect to: The County's planning vision and general County policies; Prime Agricultural Areas; Secondary Agricultural Areas and the rural system; urban expansion; rural employment areas; Natural Heritage and Greenlands Systems; infrastructure; water resources; terminology and supporting guidelines with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005; and implementation policies related to changes to the *Planning Act*.

When and How to File An Appeal

Any appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board must be filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing no later than 20 days from the date of this notice as shown above as the last date of appeal.

The appeal should be sent to the attention of the Planner, at the address shown below and it must,

- (1) set out the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies,
- (2) set out the reasons for the request for the appeal, and
- (3) be accompanied by the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act in the amount of \$125.00 payable by certified cheque to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

Who Can File An Appeal

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board. An appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, an appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group.

When the Decision is Final

The decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last date of appeal noted above.

Other Related Applications: None

Getting Additional Information

Additional information about the Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing office at the address noted below or from the City of Guelph Municipal Office.

Mailing Address for Filing a Notice of Appeal

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Municipal Services Office - Western
659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor
London ON N6E 1L3

Submit notice of appeal to the attention of
Scott Oliver, Planner
Tel: (519) 873-4033
Fax: (519) 873-4018

DECISION

With respect to the Official Plan of the County of Wellington Subsection 17(34) and Section 26 of the Planning Act

I hereby modify, and approve as modified, Amendment No. 81 to the Official Plan for the County of Wellington, as adopted by By-law No. 5363-13, as follows:

1. **Details of the Amendment, Section 4.3.3, Policy Direction, Item 14** is modified as follows:
 - a) Subsection 4.3.3 a) i) is modified by inserting "in consultation with the OMAF" after the word "designation".
 - b) Subsection 4.3.3 c) ii) is modified by:
 - i) Deleting the word "agriculture" and replacing it with "agricultural land and operations" in the first bullet point.
 - ii) Deleting the third bullet point, "compliance with minimum separation distances established for livestock operations".
 - c) Insert new subsection 4.3.3 c) iii) to follow subsection 4.3.3 c) ii) and to read as follows:

"Compliance with minimum separation distances established for livestock operations".
2. **Details of the Amendment, Section 4.4.3, Residential Intensification, Item 15** is modified as follows:
 - a) The first paragraph is modified by deleting the words "rural areas and" after the word "in" and before the word "hamlets".
 - b) Subsection 4.4.3 h) is modified by deleting the words "rural areas and" after the word "in" and before the word "hamlets".
3. **Details of the Amendment, Section 4.7.1, Distinct Urban-Rural Boundary** is modified by deleting subsection 4.7.1 b) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"b) requires that livestock operations adjacent to existing urban boundaries shall only be permitted in accordance with the Minimum Distance Separation Formula."

4. **Details of the Amendment, Section 4.8.2, Urban Centre Expansion Criteria, Item 18** subsection 4.8.2 a) is modified by deleting the words “forecasted growth pursuant to Places to Grow contained in Table 1 of this Plan” and replacing them with the words “the population and employment forecasts for the County of Wellington”.
5. **Details of the Amendment, Section 5.4.2, Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species and Fish Habitat, Item 31** is modified deleting the words “appropriate authorization under the Endangered Species Act” and replacing them with the words “provincial and federal requirements” after the word “species” in the first sentence of the first paragraph.
6. **Details of the Amendment, Section 5.6.1, Permitted Uses, Item 37** is modified by inserting the words “, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements” after the word “species” in the first paragraph.
7. **Details of the Amendment, Section 5.6.4, Zoning** is modified by deleting the words “greenland areas” and replacing them with the words “Core Greenlands” after the word “from” and before the word “in” in the second sentence of the second paragraph.
8. **Details of the Amendment, Section 5.6.5, Agriculture** is modified by deleting the words “Natural heritage” and replacing them with the words “The Greenlands System” before the word “policies”.
9. **Details of the Amendment, Section 5.6.6, Mineral Aggregate Areas, Item 41** is modified by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“Areas of high potential for mineral aggregate area shown on Schedule ‘C’ as an overlay over the Greenland System.

Existing licensed mineral aggregate operations are permitted and will be protected.

In the Greenbelt, mineral aggregate operations are subject to the policies of Section 9.9.10.2.”.
10. **Details of the Amendment, Section 6.6.1, Mineral Aggregate Resource Overlay, Item 51** is modified as follows:
 - a) The third sentence in the first paragraph is modified by inserting the words “and selected bedrock resources” after the word “deposits” and before the word “that”.
 - b) The fourth sentence of the first paragraph is modified by inserting the words “and selected bedrock resources” after the word “Significance”.

11. **Details of the Amendment, Section 6.6.5, New Mineral Aggregate Operations, Item 53** is modified by adding the words “Mineral Aggregate Area shown on Schedule A of” after the word “to” and before the word “this” in the first sentence of the first paragraph.

12. **Details of the Amendment, Section 6.8.4, New Locations, Item 58** is modified by inserting new subsection 6.8.4 a) and renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly. Subsection 6.8.4 a) is to read as follows:

“the proposed use is necessary for development related to the management or use of resources, resource-based recreational activities or rural land uses that cannot be located in urban centres or hamlets;”.

13. **Details of the Amendment, Section 9.9.5, Natural System, Item 74** is modified by adding the words “of 9.9.5 b)” after the word “policies” and before the word “below”.

14. **Details of the Amendment, Section 9.9.8.1, General Non-Agricultural Use, Item 74** is modified by adding new subsection 9.9.8.1 c) following subsection 9.9.8.1 b) and is to read as follows:

“c) New land uses, including the creation of lots and new or expanding livestock facilities, shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.”.

15. **Details of the Amendment, Section 15, Definitions** the definition of **Agricultural Uses** is modified by deleting the existing definition and replacing it with the following:

“means the growing of crops, including nursery and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and fish; aquaculture, apiaries, agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures, including accommodation for full-time farm labour when the size and nature of the operation requires additional employment”.

16. **Details of the Amendment, Schedule A-29, Schedule A-7 Puslinch, Item 91** is modified as follows:

a) With respect to lands noted in Attachment A to this decision, Schedule A-29 of Official Plan Amendment No. 81 is modified by re-designating the lands shown from “Core Greenlands” to “Secondary Agricultural” and “Rural Employment Area” as appropriate.

17. **Details of the Amendment, Schedule A-50, Mineral Aggregate Overlay, Item 93** is modified as follows:

a) Deleting Schedule A-50 of Official Plan Amendment No. 81 and replacing with Attachment B to this decision.

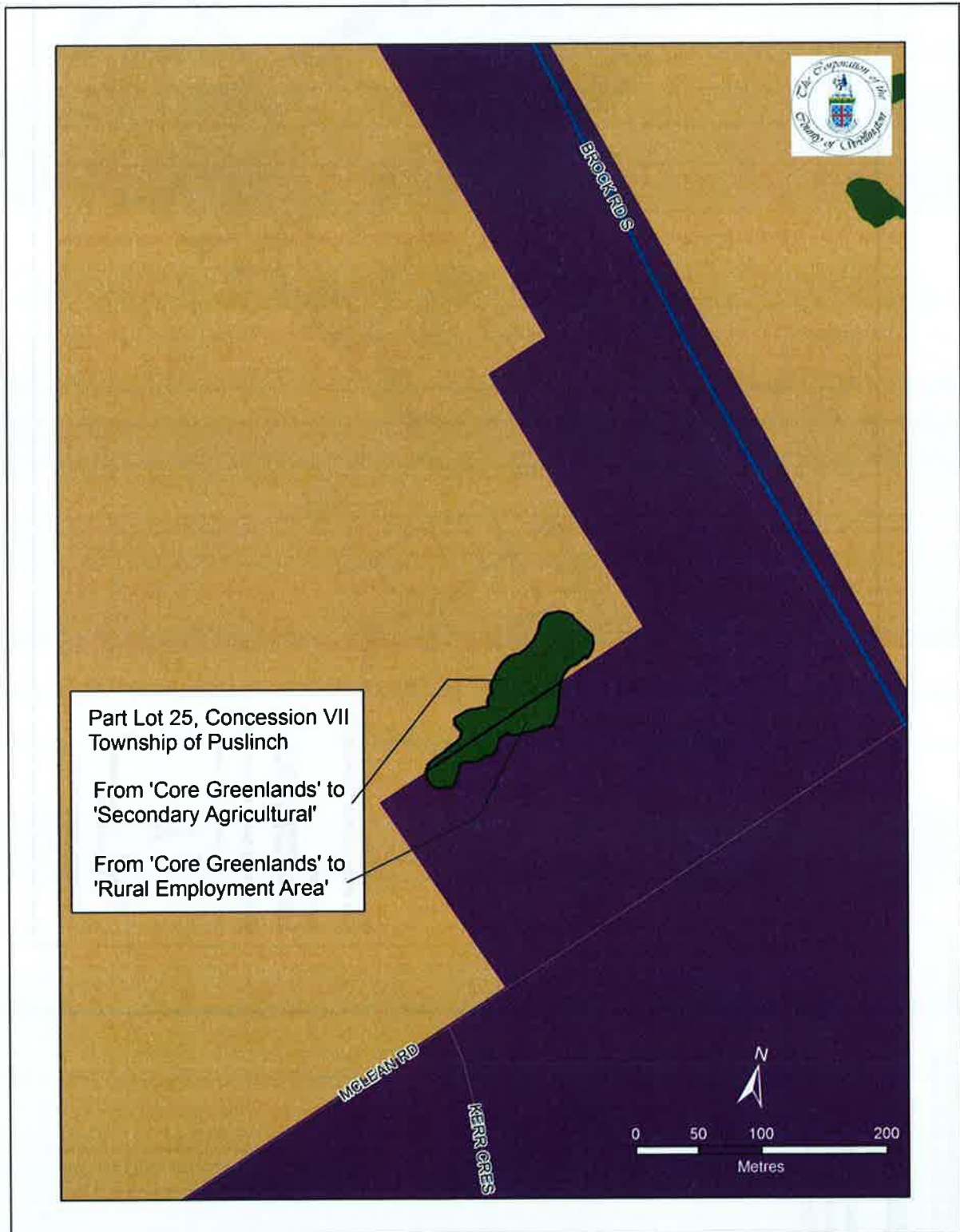
Dated at London this 27th day of April 2014,



Ginette Brindle
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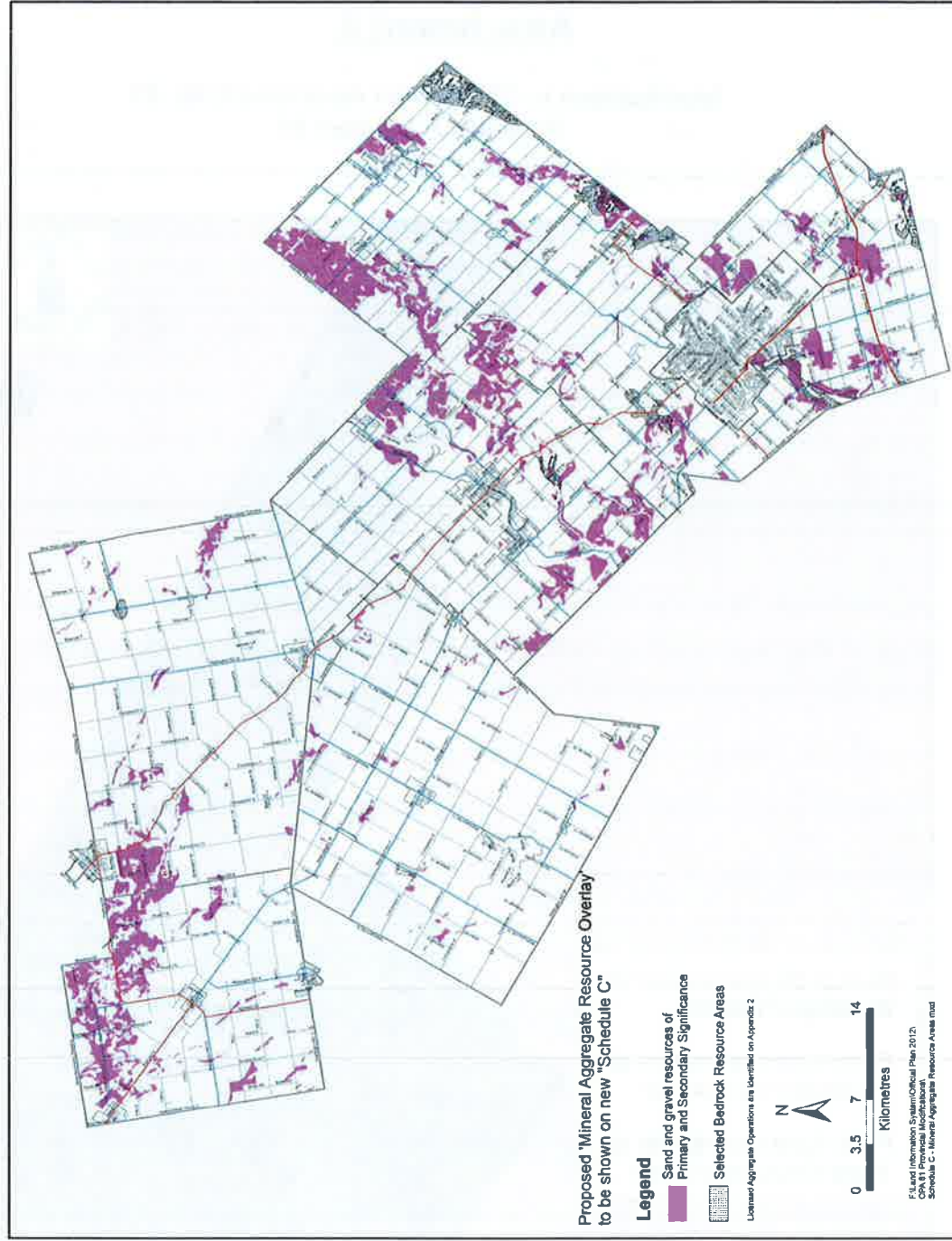
Attachment A

Modifications to Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Schedule A-29, Item 91



Attachment B

Modifications to Official Plan
Amendment No. 81
Schedule A-50, Item 93





**Notice of Public
Open House
Zoning By-Law Review**

I.G.# 9

DATE: April 28, 2014

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bowman Room, City Hall, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge

A public open house to discuss the recommended approaches for preparing the new Zoning By-law will be held on **April 28, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall, Bowman Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge.** Specific zoning regulations have not been prepared yet. Following the open house will be a presentation to General Committee at **7:00 p.m. at Historic City Hall, Council Chambers, 46 Dickson Street, Cambridge.** Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

A copy of the draft Approaches Report dated April 2014 is available at the following website: www.cambridge.ca/ZoningBylawReview.

The City of Cambridge Zoning By-law regulates the use of all land in the City. Zoning regulations deal with items such as:

- permitted uses of land;
- height and location of structures;
- minimum lot size;
- landscaping and fencing; and,
- parking requirements

The current City of Cambridge Zoning By-law was enacted by City Council on October 27, 1986 and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on May 25, 1987.

The City of Cambridge recently completed the 2012 Cambridge Official Plan which was adopted by City Council and approved by Regional Council in 2012. It is partly approved with some portions under appeal. It is now the responsibility of the City of Cambridge to update the Zoning By-law to implement the 2012 Cambridge Official Plan.

If you require information in an accessible format or accommodation to access municipal services, please contact accessibility@cambridge.ca

Ward No.: All

File No.: D.14.03

Contact Person: Deanne Friess

Telephone: (519) 740-4650 ext 4213

TTY: (519) 623-6691 / Fax (519) 622-6184

If you wish to be notified of any future Zoning By-law Review meetings at which recommendations are to be considered you must sign the register provided at the upcoming public open house for this purpose, or make a written request to the City of Cambridge Planning and Development Department at P.O. Box 669, Cambridge Ontario, N1R 5W8. With the exception of Public Open House Notices, notice of future meetings about the review will only be sent to those persons who have requested to be notified.



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April 16, 2014

Dear Sir/Madam:

Zoning By-law Review Approaches Report


The above noted item is scheduled before Cambridge General Committee on **April 28, 2014** in the **Council Chambers, 3rd floor, Historic City Hall, 46 Dickson Street, Cambridge**. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. Prior to this General Committee meeting a public information session will be held from **6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge City Hall, Bowman Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge**.

If you wish to address Cambridge Council and be added to the agenda as a delegation on this item, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (519) 740-4680, Ext. 4233, by 1:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting in order to complete a Delegation Request Form.

The staff report will be available online the Thursday prior to the General Committee meeting at www.cambridge.ca. Agendas and reports can be found by following the path: City Departments / City Clerk-Public Access & Council Services / Council / Committee Agendas and Minutes. If an accessible format or accommodation is required please contact accessibility@cambridge.ca. Additional information regarding the Zoning By-law Review is available at the following website:
<http://www.cambridge.ca/ZoningBy-lawReview>.

If you have any questions in respect of this item, please do not hesitate to contact Deanne Friess, Senior Planner, at (519) 740-4650, ext. 4213, or e-mail at friessd@cambridge.ca. Thank you.

Yours truly,


Hardy W. Bromberg, B.Comm., P.Eng., C.B.C.O

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REPORT

To: **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

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ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW APPROACHES

Recommendation:

THAT City Council receive report 14-021-PLN and the Approaches report dated April 2014 under separate cover and direct Meridian Planning and City staff to use the approaches recommended in this report in general for drafting the Zoning By-law and conducting public consultation

Background:

Following the preparation of the 2012 Official Plan, the terms of reference for a full comprehensive review of the City of Cambridge Zoning By-law was approved by Council in April 2013 and Meridian Planning was retained to assist the City in the review. In July 2013, a Zoning By-law Technical Advisory Committee was formed, consisting of representatives from internal departments and external agencies. In September 2013 a status report was prepared to update Council on the progress to date and in November 2013 an issues summary report was presented to Council and provided for public input in a public information session.

In response to the issues summary report, Meridian Planning in consultation with City staff, the Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholders has prepared an approaches report with recommendations for how to address various zoning regulations in the new Zoning By-law. An executive summary of the recommended approaches is provided in this cover report and the full approaches report dated April 2014 under separate cover.

Existing Policy/By-law:

The current City of Cambridge Zoning By-law was passed by Council in 1985. The City of Cambridge Official plan was adopted by Cambridge Council and approved by the Region of Waterloo in 2012. Portions of the 2012 Official Plan are approved and some are currently under appeal. The current Zoning By-law review will bring the by-law into conformity with the 2012 Official Plan.

Financial Impact:

In the 2012 Capital budget, Council approved a budget to prepare a new Zoning By-law. Meridian Planning was retained to assist City of Cambridge staff in completing this Zoning By-law review.

Public Input:

The first public meeting for the Zoning By-law Review was held on November 4, 2013 to provide information to the public on the Zoning By-law review and get public input on the issues list. The second public meeting will be held on April 28, 2014 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the Bowman Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge to present the recommended approaches for the new Zoning By-law. Additional information is available to the public on the City of Cambridge website at www.cambridge.ca.

Internal/External Consultation:

A Technical Advisory Committee was formed to review all aspects of the Zoning By-law review starting with the issues identification. The committee consists of members from the following City of Cambridge departments and external agencies:

- City of Cambridge Planning and Development Department

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- City of Cambridge Legislative Services
- City of Cambridge Transportation and Public Works Department
- City of Cambridge Community Services Department
- City of Cambridge Economic Development Division
- Waterloo Catholic District School Board
- Waterloo Regional District School Board
- Region of Waterloo
- Waterloo Regional Airport
- Cambridge Libraries and Galleries
- City of Cambridge Fire Department
- Waterloo Regional Police

The following stakeholder groups were involved in the issues identification phase and recommended approaches:

- Development Planning staff
- Representatives from various internal departments
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Interested private consulting firms
- Cambridge Association of Realtors
- Waterloo Regional Homebuilders' Association
- Committee of Adjustment
- Social Planning Council

Additional interest groups have been identified to be involved in later stages of the Zoning By-law review process.

Comments/Analysis:

The intent of the approaches review phase was to develop a series of options and approaches for how to resolve the issues raised in the existing Zoning By-

law. To determine the recommended approaches specified in the Approaches Report, dated April 2014 under separate cover, the process involved an extensive analysis of options including best practice reviews and consultation workshops with internal City of Cambridge staff, the Technical Advisory Committee and stakeholders.

The following is a summary of the recommended approaches for each area of the by-law. The detailed review of the options and approaches identified for each area is included in the Approaches Report, dated April 2014 under separate cover. Staff recommends that if during the preparation of detailed zoning regulations to address the issues below, some of the recommended approaches need to be revised to adequately address an issue, that appropriate revisions to the approach(es) be undertaken.

Core Areas

1. To develop four new mixed use zones which permit a range of uses to support the City's goals and objectives for establishing and maintaining a vibrant urban core.
2. Existing Institutional, Open Space and low density residential zoned properties would remain with the current zoning.
3. Include minimum height requirements and setbacks and restrictions for where parking is permitted on a lot.
4. Incorporate the maximum Floor Space Index of 2.5 as established by the Official Plan
5. No restrictions on decks, patios and porches between the building and street line
6. Protect at grade street front store fronts for non-residential use on certain core area streets.

Residential Areas

1. New definitions for dwelling types.
2. Consolidation of existing Residential Use Class Zones to reduce the number of residential zones.
3. Determine the boundaries of stable residential neighbourhoods and develop specific zone standards to ensure compatible development.

Secondary Residential Units

1. Establish zoning regulations for secondary residential units through further consultation with public and stakeholders groups.

Garden Suites

1. Maintain current approach which permits garden suites on a case-by-case basis by temporary use by-law and development agreement with the City.

Group Homes

1. Continue to permit Residential Special Care Facilities in the following zones:
 - All Residential Use Class zones
 - Institutional Use Class zone N3
 - Agricultural Use Class zone A1
2. Carry forward existing regulations for Residential Special Care Facilities with the removal of the required separation distance.
3. Also permit Residential Special Care Facilities in the Community Core Areas.

Commercial Areas

1. Implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Commercial Policy Study currently underway.

Employment Areas

1. Remove use permissions that are no longer permitted in the 2012 Official Plan
2. Add permitted uses to areas to support the long-term evolution of certain areas set out in the 2012 Official Plan.
3. Simplify terminology and the number of uses identified to provide flexibility.

Nodes and Regeneration Areas

1. Add a suffix or prefix to lands included in City Nodes and Regeneration Areas to indicate future study area.
2. Introduce site specific permissions based on a review of the nature of the existing land use and adjacent land uses.

Countryside

1. The Agricultural zone should be applied to all lands designated Prime Agricultural.
2. A new Rural zone should be created to implement the Official Plan Rural designation.
3. All other zones that currently exist in the Prime Agricultural and Rural designations should be deleted and existing uses should become legal non-conforming.
4. For all lands located within the vicinity of the Region of Waterloo Airport as identified by Transport Canada, a (A) suffix should be applied to indicate Federal airport regulations.

Future Urban Reserve

1. New Future Urban Reserve zone be created to implement Official plan designation and ensure an efficient and logical pattern of future urban development with the exception of site specific provisions in section 8.10 of the Official Plan.
2. Zones currently within the Future Urban Reserve designation be eliminated and existing uses become legal non-conforming.

Open Space

1. An Environmental Protection (EP) zone would include all of the City's identified Core Environmental Features.
2. An EP prefix be applied to properties within a 10 metre wide buffer of Core Environmental Features.
3. The following three Open Space Zones would be applied:

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- a) OS1 would apply to all public parks
- b) OS2 would apply to private recreational uses
- c) OS3 would apply to cemeteries

Floodplain

- 1. New Floodway zone for all vacant or undeveloped lands in the one zone and two zone floodplain on September 22, 1997 where no development would be permitted.
- 2. Floodplain prefix (F1) for all lands in the one-zone and two zone floodplain where development existing on September 22, 1997. Minor additions or alterations may be undertaken on buildings subject to the GRCA approval.
- 3. Floodplain prefix (F2) for lands in the Floodplain Management Special Policy Area and lands within the flood fringe where development or redevelopment may be permitted provided that certain conditions are met. Subject to GRCA approval.

Approach for Updating the By-law

- 1. Repeal and replace the current By-law with a new By-law.

By-law Format

- 1. Restructure the Zoning By-law to be:
 - a) more concise
 - b) well-organized
 - c) consistently formatted
 - d) use simpler language
 - e) in an accessible format
 - f) use a greater number of figures

Definitions

- 1. Update terminology and definitions to:
 - a) reflect current practice or language
 - b) clearly implement the Official Plan

- c) assist with interpretation

Parking Standards

1. Review options and ideas for parking regulations based on issues identified in consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee and stakeholder groups.

General Provisions

1. Conduct further discussion regarding the following general provisions:
 - a) accessory uses, buildings and structures
 - b) encroachments into required yards/setbacks
 - c) home occupations
 - d) bed and breakfasts
 - e) propane facilities
 - f) matters to be addressed through a separate by-law under the municipal act including signage, parking on front lawns and sight line obstruction

Other General Technical Issues

1. Other technical issues to be addressed through further discussion include:
 - a) waste disposal sites
 - b) right of way widths
 - c) exceptions
 - d) grandfathering minor variances
 - e) holding symbols
 - f) relationship between the new Zoning By-law and other Municipal By-laws
 - g) amending the new By-law

Approaches Report dated April 2014 under separate cover.