



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Planning & Building Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Chad Jeffery, Manager Planning Services

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Subject: Gemus Zoning By-law Amendment
6930 8th Concession
Condition of Consent Application B-12/18
OUR FILE: D19 69308TH

Recommendations

It is recommended:

1. **That** the scheduling of a public meeting, to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., for the application submitted by Mr. Craig Gemus, to amend Sandwich South Zoning By-law 85-18 to:
 - i. rezone an approximate 1.4 hectare (3.4 acre) non-farm related residential lot situated on the east side of 8th Concession (6930 8th Concession), approximately one kilometre north of its intersection with County Road 8, from “Agricultural Zone (A)” to a site specific “Agricultural Zone (A-31)” in order to establish a maximum lot area of 1.4 hectares; and
 - ii. rezone an approximate 18.0 hectare (44.4 acre) agricultural parcel situated on the east side of 8th Concession (6930 8th Concession), approximately one kilometre north of its intersection with County Road 8, from “Agricultural Zone (A)” to a site specific “Agricultural Zone (A-32)” in order to prohibit a residential dwelling from being constructed on the agricultural parcel, establish a minimum lot frontage of 62 metres (205 feet) and to establish a minimum lot area of 18.0 hectares (44.4 acres)

all of which is in accordance with Condition No. 7 of Severance Application B-12/18, **be authorized.**

Background

Severance application B-12/18 was granted provisional consent by the Committee of Adjustment at its July 16, 2018 meeting. The purpose of the application was to create a 1.4 hectare (3.4 acre) non-farm related residential lot from an agricultural property and the retention of the remnant 18.0 hectare (44.4 acre) agricultural parcel on the east side of 8th Concession (6930 8th Concession), approximately one kilometre north of its intersection with County Road 8 (see Attachment 1). The Committee determined that the application conformed to the Land Division Policies for those lands designated “Agricultural” in the Sandwich South Official Plan.

In addition to standard conditions, the consent was granted subject to the passing of a zoning by-law amendment that would:

- i) establish a maximum lot area of 1.4 hectares (3.4 acres) for the proposed non-farm related residential lot to be severed from the agricultural property. The A zone establishes a maximum lot area of 0.5 hectares (1.24 acres) for residential lots legally created after the adoption of the Zoning By-law; and
- ii) prohibit a residential dwelling from being constructed on the retained agricultural parcel, along with establishing a minimum lot frontage of 62 metres (205 feet) and a minimum lot area of 18.0 hectares (44.4 acres). The A Zone establishes a minimum lot frontage of 150 metres (492 feet) and a minimum lot area of 19 hectares (46.9 acres).

Based on the foregoing, an application to amend the Sandwich South Zoning By-law 85-18 for the subject property (both the proposed severed parcel and the retained farm parcel) has now been filed with the Town.

Comments

Provincial Policy Statement, 2014

The Planning Act establishes that Council, when making decisions that affect a planning matter, “shall be consistent with” the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (“PPS”) issued under *The Planning Act*. The PPS establishes the following land division policy for surplus dwelling severances on Agricultural lands:

“2.3.4 Lot Creation and Lot Adjustments

2.3.4.1 Lot creation in prime agricultural areas is discouraged and may only be permitted for:

- c) a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation, 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 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.”

The subject rezoning is intended to satisfy the condition that new residential dwellings are prohibited on the vacant retained farm parcel created by application B-12/18.

Official Plan Designation

The subject property is designated “Agricultural” on Schedule “A” of the former Sandwich South Official Plan (see Attachment 2). The policies encourage the conservation and preservation of land for agricultural purposes and agricultural related uses. The proposed rezoning ensures that the retained farm parcel is not used for residential uses.

Zoning

The subject property is currently zoned Agricultural Zone (A) (see Attachment 3), which permits agricultural and agricultural related uses, including a single unit dwelling. In order to conform to subsection 2.3.4.1 c) of the Provincial Policy Statement, and to satisfy the previously noted condition of severance application B-12/18, it is necessary to place the retained farm parcel in a site-specific Agricultural Zone that will allow the full range of agricultural uses but prohibit the construction of a residential dwelling.

Summary

The proposed zoning by-law amendment is in keeping with the Provincial Policy Statement and, if adopted, fulfills the condition of consent for application B-12/18 regarding the prohibition of a new residential dwelling and the establishment of site-specific frontage and lot area requirements as noted above. A public meeting to consider the rezoning in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act* will provide an opportunity to hear concerns and comments, if any, of neighbouring owners and public agencies.

Consultations

None

Financial Implications

None

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2017-18 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the Town of Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of the Town of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable

Website Social Media News Release Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Property Location Map
2	Official Plan Map
3	Zoning Map





