



Municipality of Mississippi Mills

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

4:30 p.m.

E-participation

Pages

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Motion:

THAT Council enter camera at x:xx re: Legal Matter as per advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (*Municipal Act s. 239 2(f)*), an HR Matter as per personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (*Municipal Act s. 239 2(b)*) and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (*Municipal Act s. 239 2(c)*)

B.1. Legal Matter

B.2. HR Matter

B.3. Sale of Lands

C. RISE AND REPORT

D. O CANADA

E. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

F. ATTENDANCE

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

H. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council minutes dated February 1, 2022 be approved as presented.

J. DELEGATION, DEPUTATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

None

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N.	OTHER/NEW BUSINESS	
N.1.	AMO Resolution re: Support for Hospital Capital Funding	47 - 48
	Recommended Motion: THAT Council support AMO's resolution that requests that the province re-examine the local funding of provincial hospitals.	
O.	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS	
P.	CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW	
	Recommended Motion: THAT By-law 22-007 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills at its regular meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2022, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 15th day of February, 2022.	
Q.	ADJOURNMENT	
	Recommended Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned at x:xx p.m.	



The Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

MINUTES

February 1, 2022

5:30 p.m.

E-participation

PRESENT:

Mayor Lowry
Deputy Mayor Minnille
Councillor Dalgity
Councillor Maydan
Councillor Holmes
Councillor Guerard
Councillor Ferguson

Staff Present

Ken Kelly, CAO
Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk
Jeanne Harfield, Clerk
Tiffany MacLaren, Community Economic & Cultural Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No 024-22

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council enter into camera at 5:30 p.m. for an Offer to Purchase Land as per a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Municipal Act s239 (2)(c))

CARRIED

C. RISE AND REPORT

C.1 Offer to Purchase Land

Staff direction was provided in camera.

D. O CANADA

Council stood for the playing of O Canada.

E. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Council observed a moment of silent meditation.

F. ATTENDANCE

The Clerk announced attendance.

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No 025-22

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

H. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No 026-22

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Minnille

THAT the Council minutes dated January 25, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

J. DELEGATION, DEPUTATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

None

K. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Resolution No 027-22

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Council approve the Committee of the Whole motions from the January 25, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED

L.1 Committee of the Whole Chair

Resolution No 028-22

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council extend Councillor Bev Holmes as Committee of the Whole Chair until February 28, 2022;

AND THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council appoint Councillor Maydan as Committee of the Whole Chair effective March 1, 2022.

CARRIED

L.2 Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy Updates

Resolution No 029-22

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the proposed updates to the Municipality's Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy.

CARRIED

Resolution No 030-22

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the proposed updates to the Municipality's Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy.

CARRIED

L.3 Long Term Disability Premiums

Resolution No 031-22

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve Option 1 - subsidize 50% of the cost of LTD premiums.

CARRIED

L.4 Info List #02-22 Item D - OPP Lanark County Detachment 2020 Progress Report

Resolution No 032-22

THAT Council consider group purchasing through OPP Lanark Detachment Black Cat speed radar detectors as part of the 2022 municipal budget.

CARRIED

M. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

M.1 Discussion on How to Allocate MRPC and 28 Mill St. Funds

Deputy Mayor Minnille took over as Chair at 6:14 pm

Mayor Lowry resumed as Chair at 6:31 pm

Resolution No 033-22

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Mayor Lowry

THAT Council refer the following motion back to Committee of the Whole or further consideration:

that the allocation of funds derived from the sale of 28 Mill Street and the capital reserve for the building for a combined amount of \$652,787.22 be allocated 50% towards general capital expenditures or \$326,393.61 and 50% towards water & sewer expenditures or \$326,393.61 as per Option 1(A) and as defined in the Draft Budget 2022 as tabled.

DEFEATED

Resolution No 034-22

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

THAT Council approve that the allocation of funds derived from the sale of 28 Mill Street and the capital reserve for the building for a combined amount of \$652,787.22 be allocated 50% towards general capital expenditures or \$326,393.61 and 50% towards water & sewer expenditures or \$326,393.61 as per Option 1(A) and as defined in the Draft Budget 2022 as tabled.

Mayor Lowry requested a recorded vote.

YAS (4): Councillor Dalgity, Councillor Maydan, Councillor Holmes, and Councillor Guerard

NAS (3): Mayor Lowry, Deputy Mayor Minnille, and Councillor Ferguson

CARRIED (4 to 3)

Resolution No 035-22

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT Council approve the allocation of the \$225,000 dividend payment, the \$119,433 interest payment and the \$1 million promissory note repayment from MRPC be allocated 50% towards general capital expenditures and 50% towards water & sewer reserves as per Option 1(B) and as defined in the Draft Budget 2022 as tabled.

Mayor Lowry requested a recorded vote.

YAS (4): Councillor Dalgity, Councillor Maydan, Councillor Holmes, and Councillor Guerard

NAS (3): Mayor Lowry, Deputy Mayor Minnille, and Councillor Ferguson

CARRIED (4 to 3)

N. BY-LAWS

N.1 By-law 22-004 Interim Tax Levy

Resolution No 036-22

Moved by Councillor Ferguson

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT By-law 22-004 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy in 2022 be taken as read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council.

CARRIED

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

None

P. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No 037-22

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT By-law 22-005 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills at its regular meeting held on the 1st day of February, 2022, be read, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 1st day of February, 2022.

CARRIED

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No 038-22

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Christa Lowry, MAYOR

Jeanne Harfield, Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2022
TO: Council
FROM: Tyler Duval, Planning Consultant
SUBJECT: **BACKGROUND REPORT – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT Z-16-21
RAMSAY CON 12 PT LOT 6;
RP 26R44 PT PART 1
Ramsay Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Municipally known as 766 Ramsay Con 12**
OWNER: Twin Elm Farms LTD (Craig Moodie)
APPLICANT: McIntosh Perry (Vithulan Vivekanandan)

BACKGROUND

In Winter 2021, a surplus-farm dwelling consent application – B21/176– was submitted to Lanark County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills for the property known municipally as 766 Ramsay Con 12. The consent application was to sever one (1) ± 1.3 ha (3.2 ac) parcel of land from a ± 53.75 ha (132.82 ac) agricultural/rural property as a surplus farm dwelling. The proposed lot would be located along the parent property’s western lot line (along Ramsay Con 12).

The County of Lanark Land Division Committee is scheduled to hear application B21-176 in March of 2022. The Municipality has prepared technical comments after reviewing the submitted consent application – should the Land Division Committee provisionally approve the severance, a municipal condition of said application will be a requirement for the landowners to amend the zoning of the severed and retained lots to address the lot configurations (lot frontage and lot area) and to prohibit residential development on the retained farm parcel.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose of the application is to rezone the property from “Agriculture Zone” (A) to two separate “Agriculture Special Exceptions” (A-XX) and (A-XY), and from “Rural Zone” (RU) to “Rural Special Exception” (RU-XX).

The proposed amendments are related to a concurrent consent application to be heard by the Lanark County Land Division Committee (file no. B21-176).

The amendments will have the following implications:

Proposed Severed Lot:

- To rezone from Agricultural (A) Zone to a proposed Agricultural Special Exception Zone (A-XX) - to reduce the minimum lot frontage of a residential use from 45 metres to approximately 13 metres.

Propose Retained Lot:

- To rezone from Agricultural (A) Zone to a proposed Agricultural Special Exception Zone (A-XY) - to reduce the minimum lot area of an agriculture use from 40 hectares to approximately 37.97 hectares and to prohibit residential development as a permitted use, and,
- To rezone from Rural (RU) Zone to a proposed Agricultural Special Exception Zone (RU-XX) - to reduce the minimum lot area of an agriculture use from 40 hectares to the existing 16.73 hectares and to prohibit residential development as a permitted use.

The proposed amendments municipal conditions associated to the provisional approval of consent application B21/176 (set to be heard in March 2022).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY & SURROUNDING LAND USES

The subject lands are located in Ramsey Ward, approximately 1.75 km west of the Village of Appleton and directly adjacent to the eastern municipal boundary. The lands are \pm 53.75 ha (132.82 ac) in size with \pm 600 m (1,968 ft) of frontage along Ramsay Con 12. The lands are used for agriculture with a residence with multiple outbuildings. The immediate surrounding character is predominantly agricultural and rural, with associated farm dwellings and farming operations. The location of the subject lands within the Municipality is depicted in the following Aerial Photo:

Figure 1 – Aerial Photo (2017)



SERVICING & INFRASTRUCTURE

The proposed severance would separate an existing farm dwelling from its parent property. It would maintain the existing private well and septic, the principal dwelling and existing accessory building (barn). Consequently, the retained property would not be serviced, with no proposed servicing as part of the application.

The retained lot would, by definition, maintain ± 177 m of frontage along Ramsay Con 12. The severed lot would have 13.27 m of road frontage along Ramsay Con 12.

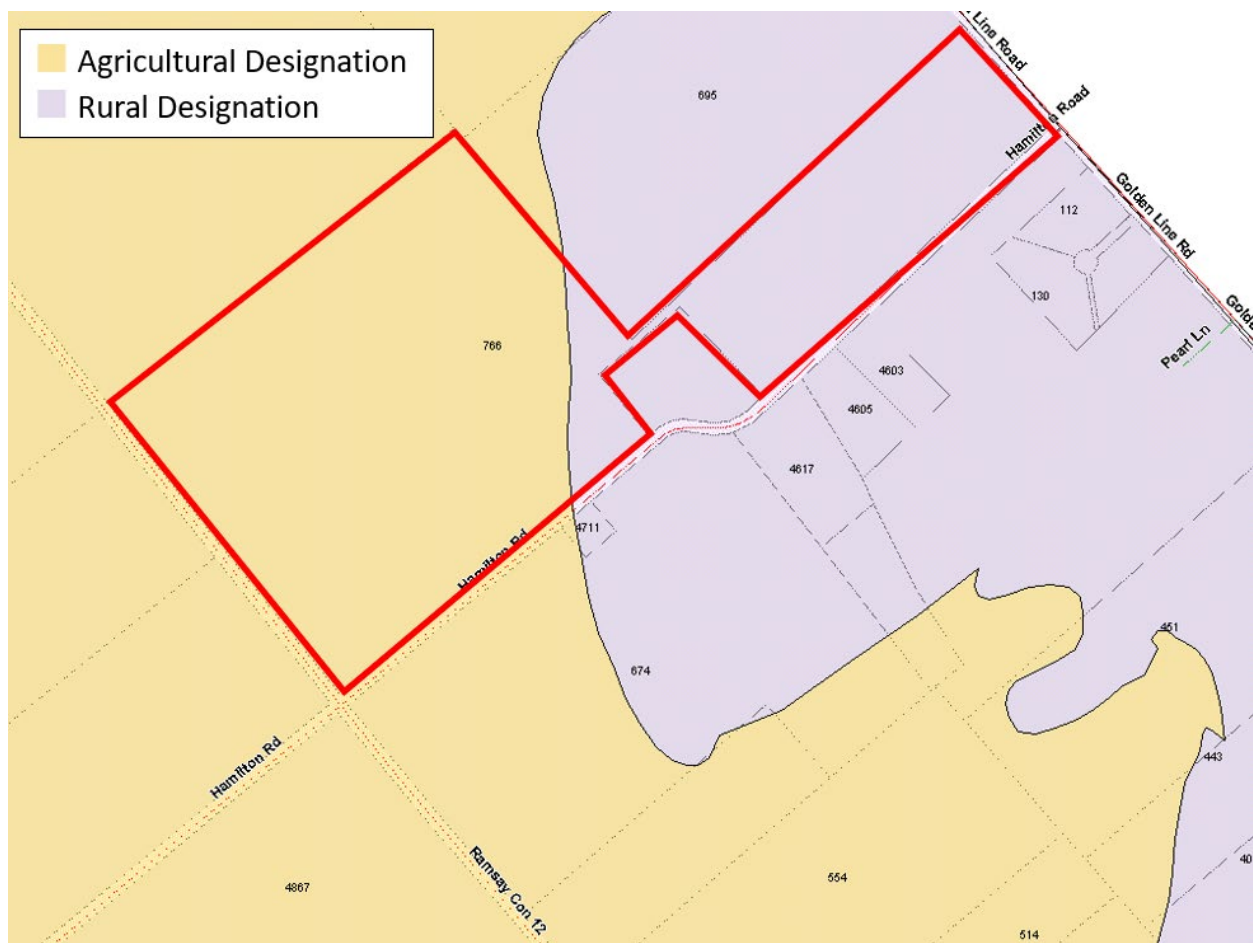
The municipal servicing and infrastructure demands would not change as a result of the application. The application was circulated to the Roads and Public Works Department for review and comment, no objections were raised regarding this application.

COMMUNITY OFFICIAL PLAN (COP)

As shown in Figure 2 below, the subject property is designated Agricultural and Rural on Schedule A of the Community Official Plan. Specifically, the severed (farm dwelling) parcel falls under the Agricultural designation, whereas the retained farmed parcel falls under the both the Agricultural and Rural designations of the Community Official Plan.

Both the retained and severed parcels are, and will continue to be, designated as they exist today. The existing uses are permitted in both the Rural and Agricultural designations.

Figure 2

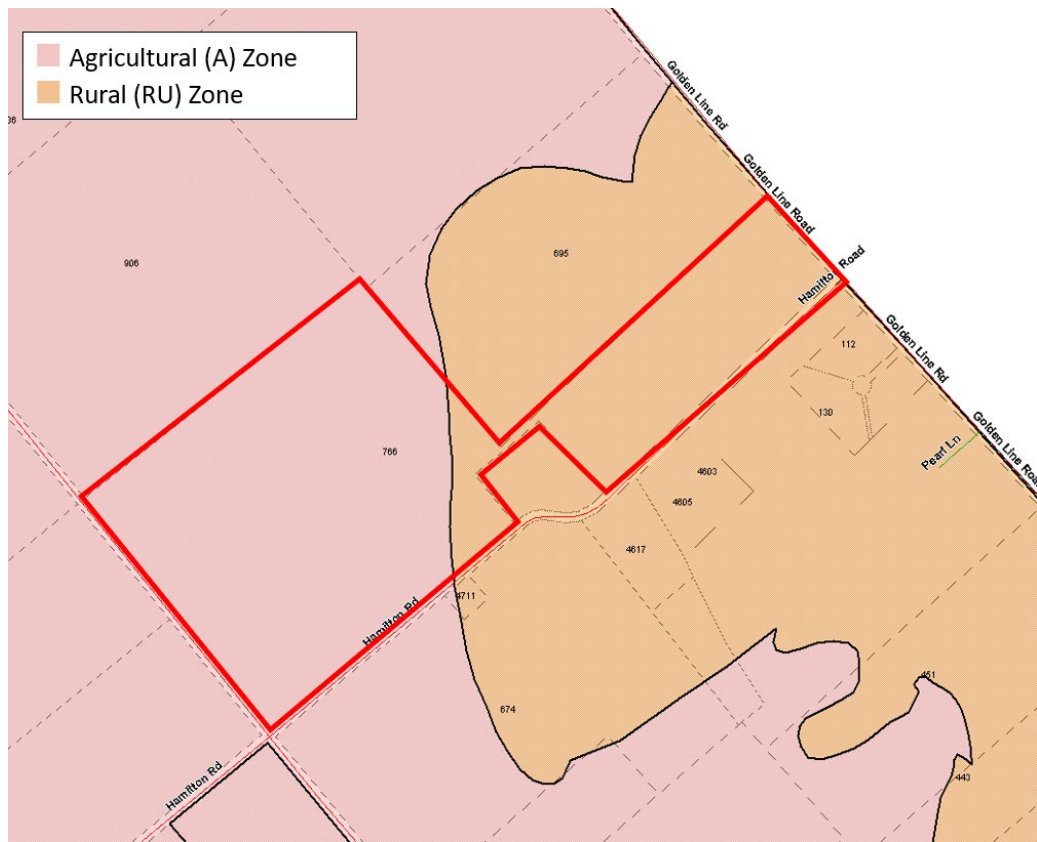


ZONING BY-LAW #11-83

As shown in Figure 3 below, the subject property is zoned Agriculture and Rural on Schedule A of the Municipal Zoning By-law. Specifically, the severed (farm dwelling) parcel falls under

the Agriculture Zone, whereas the retained farmed parcel falls under the both the Agriculture and Rural Zones.

Figure 3 – Zoning



As noted previously, the proposed severance (B21/176) would separate a surplus farm dwelling from the agriculturally viable land. Similar to the Land Use designation of the COP, the severance occurs entirely on the portion of the lot zoned Agricultural. The Rural Zone portion of the property is not impacted by the proposed severance.

The following table outlines the minimum lot area and lot frontage requirements of the Agriculture (A) Zone and for non-farm residential and agricultural lots against the dimensions of those proposed and recommended:

Table 1 – Development Standards vs. Proposed Lot Dimensions

	SEVERED LOT		RETAINED LOT			
ZONING BY-LAW #11-83 PROVISIONS	RESIDENTIAL USE (A ZONE)	PROPOSED LOT (A-XX)	AGRICULTURE USE (A ZONE)	AGRICULTURE USE (A-XY)	AGRICULTURE USE (RU ZONE)	AGRICULTURE USE (RU-XX)
Lot Area, Minimum (ha)	0.4	1.3	40	37.97	40	16.73
Lot Frontage, Minimum (m)	45	13.27	150	413	150	177

As described in Table 1, the severed residential parcel would not comply to the minimum required lot frontage, conversely the retained parcel (both A and RU Zone portions) would not comply to the minimum lot size. Thus, an amendment to the Zoning By-law is required, should the consent application be approved at the County.

Lastly, as will all severances of a residence surplus to farming operation, the retained agricultural parcel will need to be re-zoned in a way that prohibits future residential uses on said lands, in order to best protect the agricultural resource.

The draft of the by-law has been drafted and is included in Attachment C of this report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED:

Staff circulated the application in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. At the time of posting this background report, Staff have received 3 resident outreaches requesting additional information regarding policy interpretation and how to participate in the virtual public meeting – of the correspondences, none were overtly in support or opposition of the proposed application.

Comments were received, at the time of preparation of this report, from the following technical agencies/ Municipal:

- Mississippi Valley Conservation
- Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
- Ministry of Environmental, Conservation and Parks
- Upper Canada District School Board
- Parks and Recreation Department (Mississippi Mills)

No objections or concerns were raised from the above-listed reviewers.

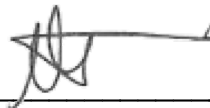
A staff report analyzing the merits of the application will be prepared following the public meeting in order to fully consider any and all public comments received.

All of which is respectfully submitted by,

Approved by,



Tyler Duval RPP
Planning Consultant



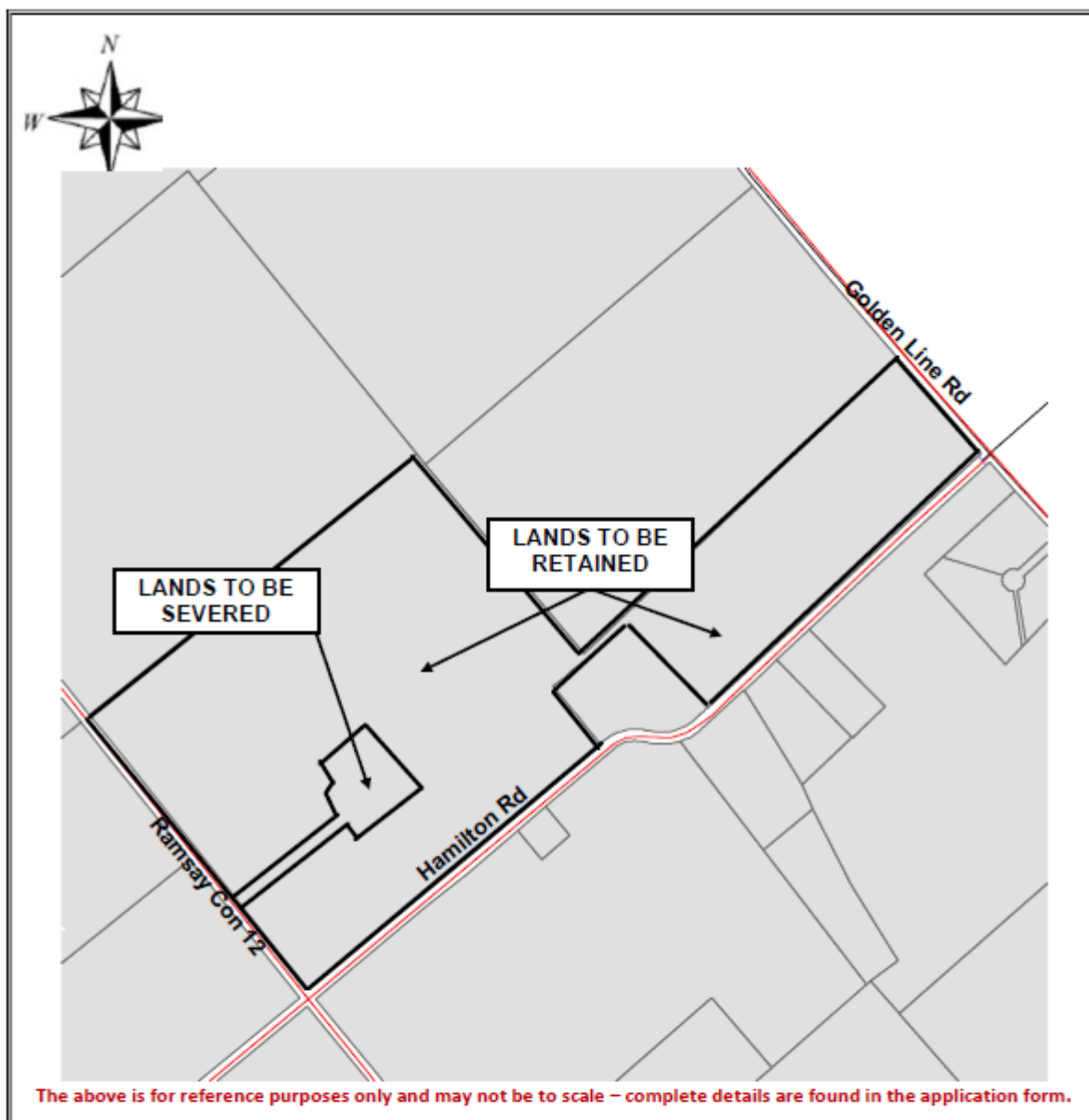
Melanie Knight
Senior Planner

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Location Map

Attachment B – Property Sketch

Attachment A – Location Map

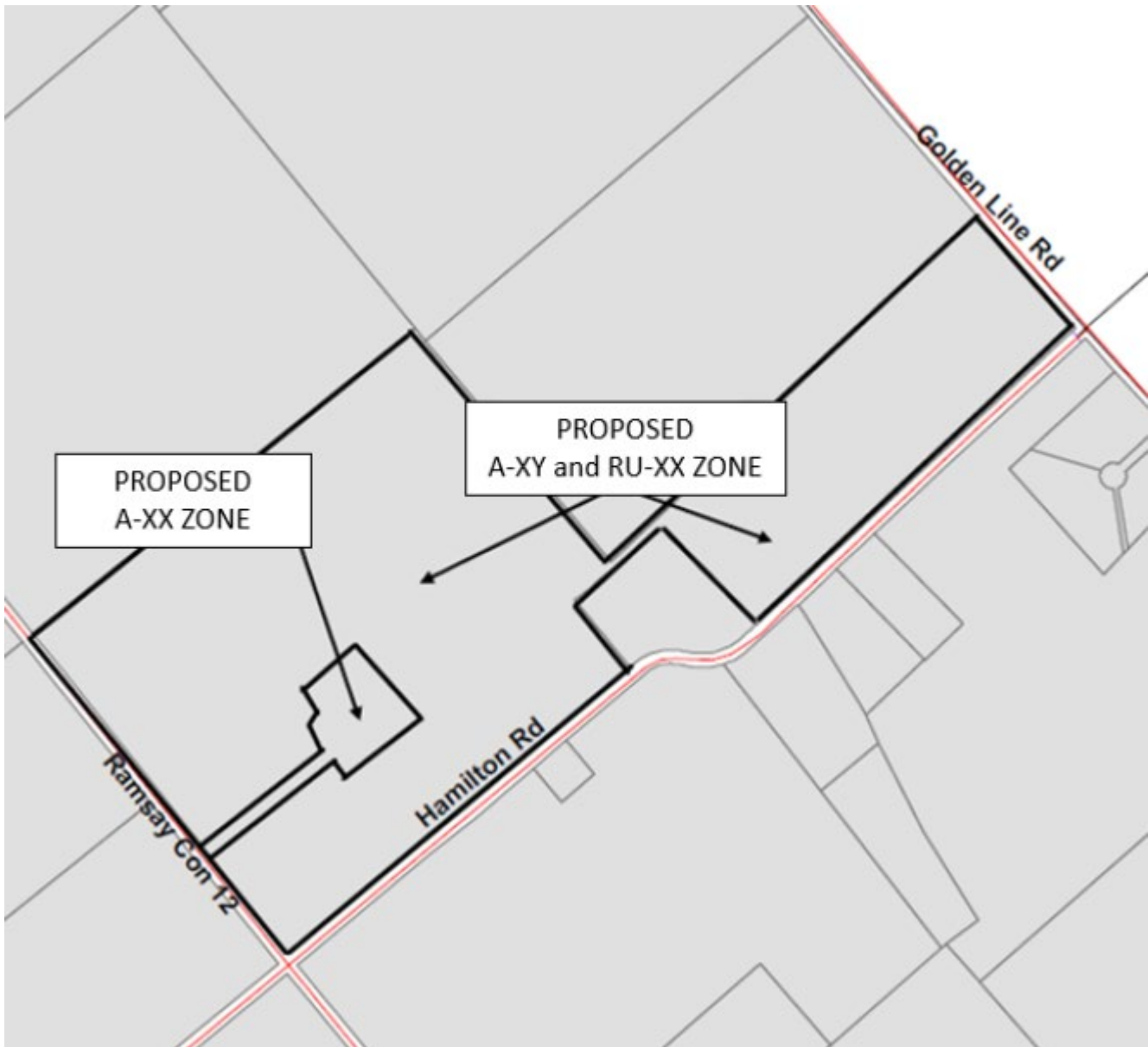


Landowner: Twin Elm Farm Ltd. (c/o Craig Moodie)
File No.: B21/176
Subject Land: Pt Lot 6 Con 12, geographic Township of Ramsay, now in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

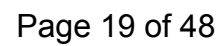
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Attachment B – Property Sketch

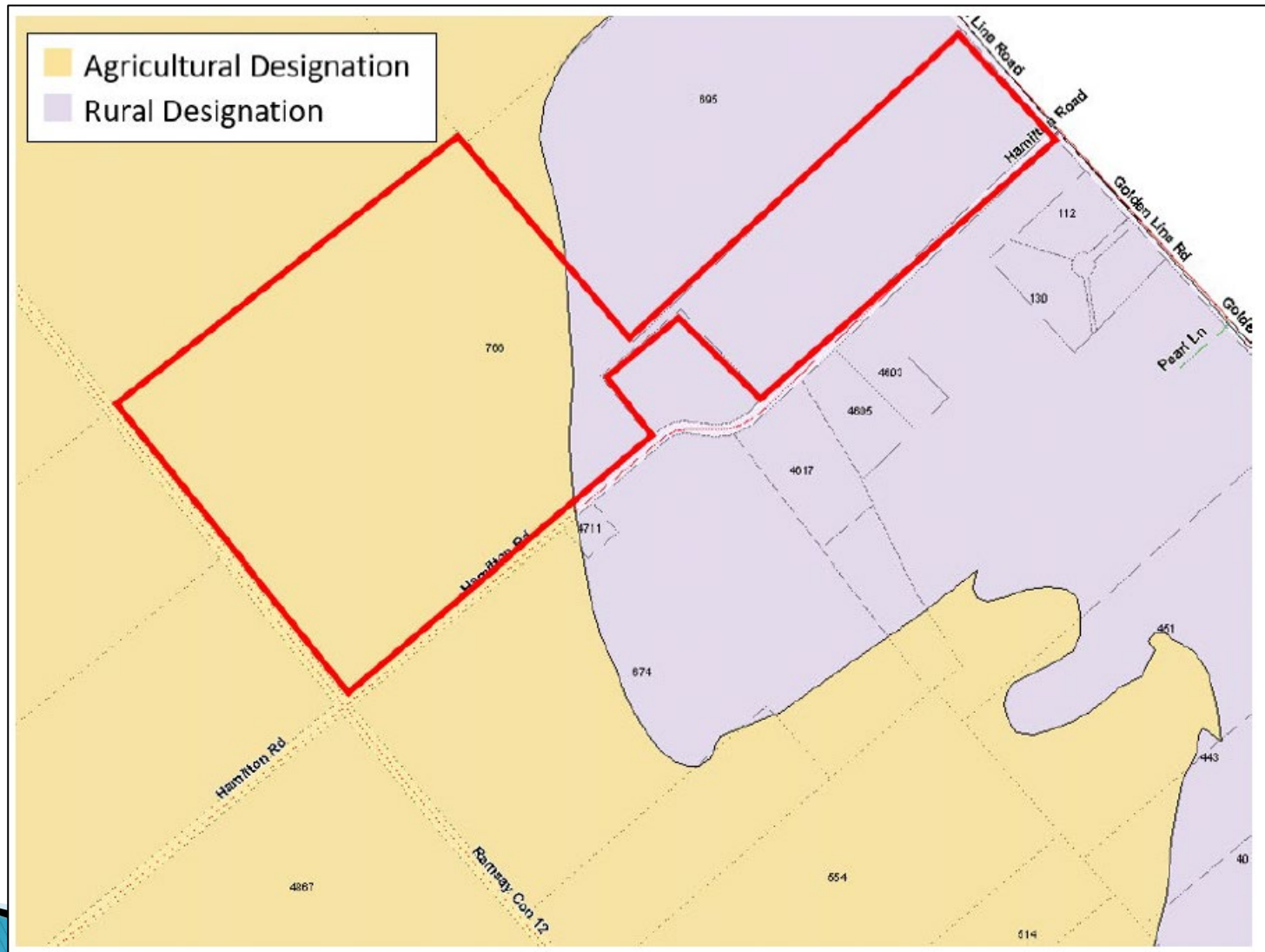


ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT Z-16-21

**4766 Ramsay Con 12
RAMSAY CON 12 PT LOT 6 AND;
RP 26R44 PT PART 1**



Official Plan



Official Plan

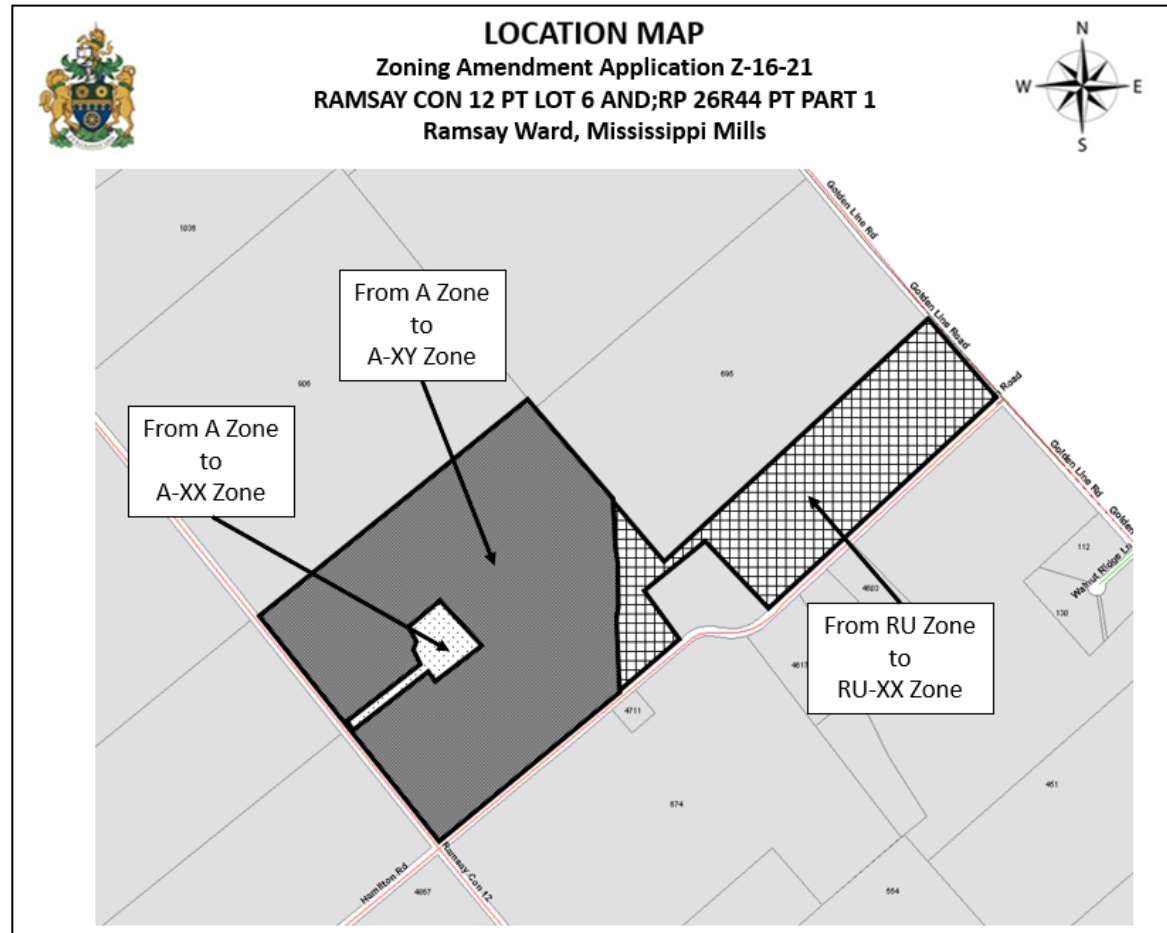
Agricultural and Rural Designations:

- Permits and protects agricultural and rural uses
- Permits farm-related severances for a surplus farm dwelling made surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation
 - Farm consolidation includes the acquisition of farm parcels to be operated as one farming operation
 - Conditional on a Zoning By-law Amendment prohibiting the construction of a new residential dwelling on the farmland rendered vacant as a result of the severance

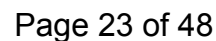
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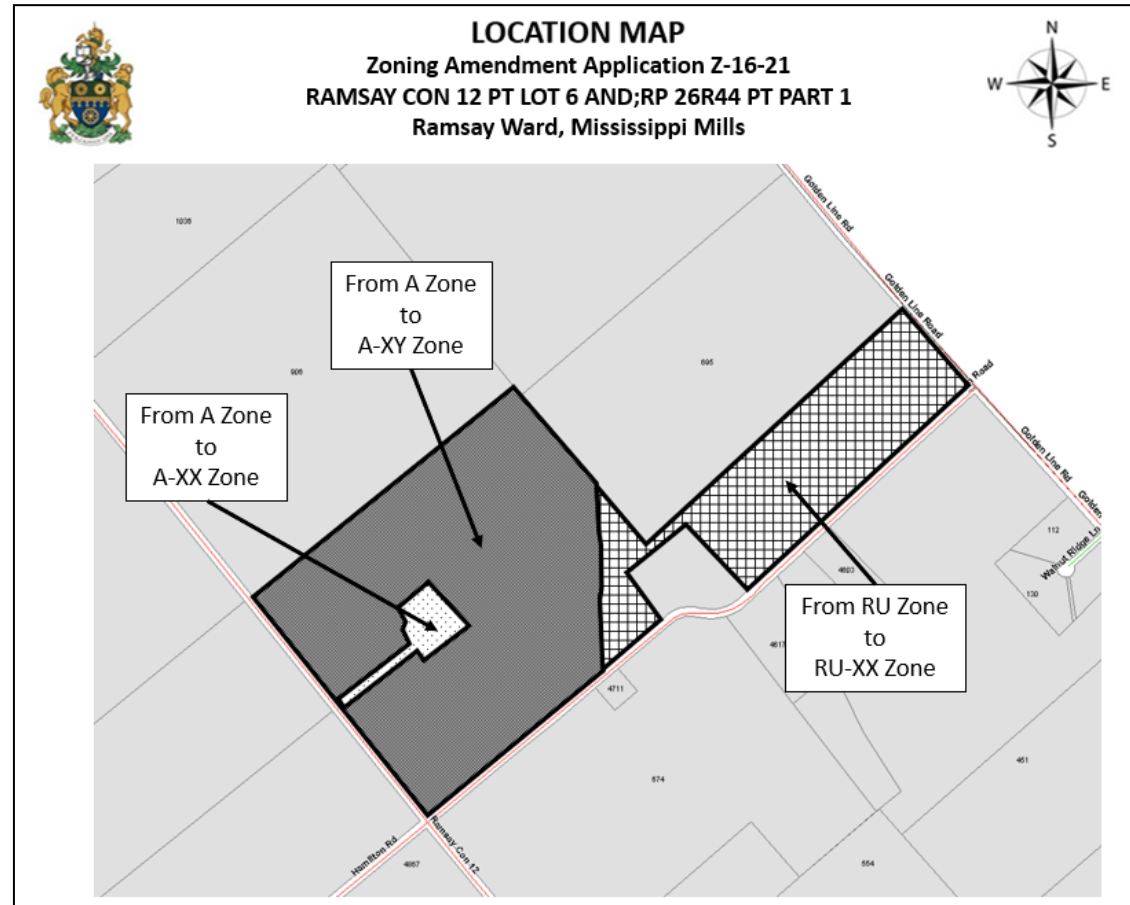
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Purpose and Effect

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- To rezone from Rural (RU) Zone to a proposed Agricultural Special Exception Zone (RU-XX) - to reduce the minimum lot area of an agriculture use from 40 hectares to the existing 16.73 hectares and to prohibit residential development as a permitted use.





REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE February 1, 2022

The following is the Committee of the Whole report from the February 1, 2022 meeting.

Staff Reports

F.1 Site Plan Control (D11-73-21) - 65 Mill Street, 73 and 75 Little Bridge Street

Resolution No CW038-22

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the Site Plan Control application (D11-73-21) for the properties described legally in this report and municipally known as 65 Mill Street, 73 and 75 Little Bridge including a special condition requiring the applicant to provide parking for the required one (1) parking space in accordance with Section 9.3.7(c) of the Zoning By-law (within 150 metres of the subject property through a long term lease) or that the applicant obtain approval from the Committee of Adjustment to reduce the required parking to five (5) parking spaces whereas the by-law requires six (6) parking spaces.

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Site Plan Control Agreement for the development as detailed in Documents 1 and 2.

F.2 2022 Municipal Election – Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Resolution No CW039-22

THAT Council approve the Municipality's membership in the Joint Lanark County Compliance Audit Committee;

AND THAT a by-law be brought forward that stipulates the Committee's terms of reference;

AND THAT a recommendation for Committee appointments be brought forward for approval in due course.

Information Items

**H.5 Information List #03-22 item E: Town of Aurora Resolution re:
Dissolve OLT**

Resolution No CW024-022

THAT Council consider the resolution from the Town of Aurora
resolution re: dissolving the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Councillor Bev Holmes,
Committee of the Whole Chair

Jeanne Harfield,
Clerk

Good day fellow elected official,

Successive provincial governments of all political stripes have failed to have due regard for municipal authority in local land use planning decisions. As a result, rather than approving much needed housing units, municipalities instead have spent decades mired in the red tape of costly, time consuming appeals hearings spending millions of taxpayer dollars defending Council decisions to uphold provincially approved Official Plans.

With delay upon delay, nothing gets built and the hope of developing the “missing middle” of housing looks at this stage, to be merely a pipe dream.

We are witnessing a crisis in attainable housing; a crisis fueled in part by a land use planning appeals process that supplants the rights of local municipalities to uphold their own provincially approved Official Plans with the power of an unelected, unaccountable third party – the OLT - to determine “good planning outcomes” for our communities.

If municipalities had the authority to enforce their provincially approved Official Plans, then thousands of units of housing could be built in York Region alone without any further delay.

To address the very real need for a diversity of attainable housing in communities across our province, we need to eliminate one of the key barriers to its realization – the Ontario Land Tribunal.

I have attached a Motion that I would respectfully ask you to put forward at your council.

This Motion requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT and recognize the authority of municipal councils in local land use planning decisions.

Please consider adding this Motion to your Council agendas. It is imperative that collectively our voices are heard. Local governments should have the authority to exercise greater control over planning matters in their own communities. By working together, we can build a positive future for all Ontarians.

Regards,

Tom Mrakas
Mayor Town of Aurora
416-543-1624

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of (Your Municipality) Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the (Your Municipality) Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of (Your Municipality); and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That (Your Municipality) requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 22-006

BEING a by-law to adopt the Joint Lanark County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended, requires municipalities to establish a Compliance Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS, the local municipalities within the County of Lanark deem it expedient to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and adopt a terms of reference for the committee;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Joint Lanark County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference, attached hereto as Schedule "A", be adopted.
2. **THAT** should any sections of this by-law, including any section or part of any schedules attached hereto, be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be ultra vires, the remaining sections shall nevertheless remain valid and binding.

BY-LAW READ, passed, signed and sealed in open Council this 15th day of February, 2022.

Christa Lowry, Mayor

Jeanne Harfield, Clerk

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 22-006

Joint Lanark County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee

	Terms of Reference
1	<p><u>Name</u></p> <p>The name of the Committee is the “Joint Lanark County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee” consisting of the following municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Municipality of Mississippi Mills• Tay Valley Township• Town of Carleton Place• Town of Perth• Town of Smiths Falls• Township of Beckwith• Township of Drummond/North Elmsley• Township of Lanark Highlands• Township of Montague
	<p><u>Duration</u></p> <p>The term of office is from November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026 to deal with applications from the 2022 election and any by-elections during Council's term.</p>
3	<p><u>Mandate</u></p> <p>The powers and functions of the Committee are set out in Sections 88.33 to 88.37 of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i> (Appendix “A”). The Committee will perform the functions relating to the compliance audit application process as outlined in the Act. These functions include:</p> <p><u>Candidate Contravention</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. within 30 days receipt of a compliance audit application by an elector, consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected;b. give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee to grant or reject the application, and brief written reasons for the decision;c. if the application is granted, appoint a licensed auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the Candidate's election campaign finances;

- d. receive the auditor's report from the Clerk;
- e. within 30 days receipt of the auditor's report, consider the report;
- f. if the report concludes that the candidate appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the candidate for the apparent contravention;
- g. after reviewing the report, give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Candidate Contributor Contravention

- a. within 30 days receipt of a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits, consider the report and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the contributor for an apparent contravention.
- b. after reviewing the report, give to the Contributor and the Clerk the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Registered Third Party Contravention

- a. within 30 days receipt of a compliance audit application by an elector, consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected;
- b. give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee to grant or reject the application, and brief written reasons for the decision;
- c. if the application is granted, appoint a licensed auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the Registered Third Party's campaign finances;
- d. receive the auditor's report from the Clerk;
- e. within 30 days receipt of the auditor's report, consider the report;
- f. if the report concludes that the Registered Third Party appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Registered Third Party for the apparent contravention;
- g. after reviewing the report, give to the Registered Third Party, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Registered Third Party Contributor Contravention

- a. within 30 days receipt of the report, consider the report;
- b. if the report concludes that the Contributor appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Contributor for the apparent contravention;
- c. after reviewing the report, give to the Contributor and the Clerk the decision of

	<p>the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.</p> <p><u>Auditor Selection</u></p> <p>If the committee decides to grant the application, it shall appoint an auditor licensed under the <i>Public Accounting Act, 2004</i> to conduct a compliance audit of the Candidate's election campaign finances.</p> <p>The selection process will be coordinated through the Clerk of the respective municipality.</p>
4	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>The Committee shall be composed of three (3) voting members, with three (3) alternate members that would assume all the rights and privileges of a voting member if called upon. Alternate members shall be ranked and will be called upon to replace a voting member that has resigned from the Committee.</p> <p>Membership will be drawn from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. accounting and audit - accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates and registered third parties; b. legal; c. professionals who in the course of their duties are required to adhere to codes or standards of their profession which may be enforced by disciplinary tribunals; and/or d. other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>. <p>Municipal employees or officers of the municipality, members of Council or local board; any Candidates or any persons who are Registered Third Parties in the 2018 municipal election or in any by-election during the term of Council for any member municipality are ineligible to be appointed as a member of the Committee pursuant to subsection 88.37 (2) of the of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>.</p> <p>Members will be required to participate in an orientation session as a condition of appointment.</p>
5	<p><u>Membership Selection</u></p> <p>The terms of reference and application form will be posted, as a minimum, on the municipal websites of the member municipalities. Staff will also contact and solicit those individuals as set out under section 4 of the Terms of Reference. In addition,</p>

	<p>advertisements will be placed in a local paper.</p> <p>All applicants will be required to complete an application form outlining their qualifications and experience. Staff may interview applicants who meet the selection criteria and prepare a short list of three voting members and three alternate members. Recommended candidates will be submitted to the Council of each member municipality for consideration.</p> <p>Members will be selected on the basis of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. demonstrated knowledge and understanding of municipal election financing rules; b. proven analytical and decision-making skills; c. experience working on a committee, task force or similar setting; d. availability and willingness to attend meetings; and e. excellent oral and written communication skills. <p>Any members appointed must also agree in writing they will not be a candidate or an individual who is a Registered Third Party in the current municipal election or in any by-election during the term of Council for any member municipality. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the individual being removed from the Committee.</p>
6	<p><u>Conflict of Interest</u></p> <p>The principles of the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i>, apply to this Committee. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the individual being removed from the Committee.</p> <p>To avoid a conflict, any person appointed to the Committee must agree in writing not to prepare or audit the election financial statements of any candidate or registered third party for any of the member municipalities in the current municipal election. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the individual being removed from the Committee.</p>
7	<p><u>Chair</u></p> <p>The Committee will select a Chair from amongst its members at its first meeting when a compliance audit application is received.</p> <p>The Chair is the liaison between the members and the Secretary of the Committee on matters of policy and process.</p> <p>The Chair shall enforce the observance of order and decorum among the Committee members and the public at all meetings.</p> <p>When the Chair is absent, the Committee may appoint another member as Acting</p>

	Chair. While presiding, the Acting Chair shall have all the powers of the Chair.
8	<p><u>Staffing and Funding</u></p> <p>The Clerk from the County shall act as Secretary to the Committee.</p> <p>The member municipality requiring the services of the Committee shall be responsible for all associated expenses, including the auditor's costs.</p> <p>Committee Member Remuneration - \$150 per diem per meeting, plus mileage at a rate of \$0.50 cents per kilometer.</p>
9	<p><u>Meetings</u></p> <p>Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee may deliberate in private.</p> <p><i>Timing of Meetings</i></p> <p>Meetings shall be called by the Clerk from the County in coordination with the Clerk of the member municipality when required. The date and time of the meeting will be determined by the Clerk of the County and communicated directly to the Committee members. Subsequent meetings will be held at the call of the Chair in consultation with the Clerk from the County.</p> <p>Committee activity shall be determined primarily by the number and complexity of applications for compliance audits that may be received. The frequency and duration of meetings will be determined by the Committee in consultation with the Clerk from the County.</p> <p><i>Meeting Location</i></p> <p>The Committee shall meet at the location determined by the member municipality. The Committee may meet by electronic means.</p> <p><i>Meeting Notices, Agendas & Minutes</i></p> <p>The agenda shall constitute notice. The Clerk of the member municipality requiring the services of the Committee shall cause notice of the meetings to be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to members of the Committee, Candidate, and the Public for a meeting regarding an application by an elector; • to members of the Committee, Contributor, Candidate and the Public for a meeting regarding a Candidate Contributor Contravention report; • to members of the Committee, Contributor, Registered Third Party and the

public for a meeting regarding a Registered Third Party Contributor Contravention.

A minimum of two (2) business days prior to the date of each meeting, not including weekends or holidays. The agendas and minutes of meetings shall be posted on the member municipality's website.

Minutes of each meeting shall outline the general deliberations and specific actions and recommendations that result.

Agenda Format

1. Call to Order
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
3. Consideration of Compliance Audit Application, Clerk's Report *or* Auditor's Report
4. Adjournment

Quorum

Quorum for meetings shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee.

If no quorum is present thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for a meeting, the Clerk shall record the names of the members present and the meeting shall stand adjourned until the date of the next meeting.

Meeting Attendance

Any member of the Committee, who misses three (3) consecutive meetings, without being excused by the Committee, may be removed from the Committee. The Committee must make recommendations, by a report to Council for the removal of any member.

Motions & Voting

A motion shall only need to be formally moved before the Chair can put the question or a motion can be recorded in the minutes.

A motion shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by the Chair and Secretary.

Every Member present shall be deemed to vote against the motion if they decline or abstain from voting, unless disqualified from voting by reason of a declared pecuniary interest.

In the case of a tie vote, the motion shall be considered to have been lost.

	<p>The manner of determining the vote on a motion shall be by show of hands.</p> <p>The Chair shall announce the result of every vote.</p>
10	<p><u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u></p> <p>The Terms of Reference constitute the Administrative Practices and Procedures of the Committee. Any responsibilities not clearly identified within these Terms of Reference shall be in accordance with Section 88.33 to 88.37 of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>.</p> <p>The Clerk at any time has the right to develop additional administrative practices and procedures.</p>

APPENDIX “A”

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

S.O. 1996, c. 32

(for reference only)

COMPLIANCE AUDITS AND REVIEWS OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Compliance audit of candidates' campaign finances

Application by elector

88.33 (1) An elector who is entitled to vote in an election and believes on reasonable grounds that a candidate has contravened a provision of this Act relating to election campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances, even if the candidate has not filed a financial statement under section 88.25. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Requirements

(2) An application for a compliance audit shall be made to the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board for which the candidate was nominated for office, and it shall be in writing and shall set out the reasons for the elector's belief. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Deadline for applications

(3) The application must be made within 90 days after the latest of the following dates:

1. The filing date under section 88.30.
2. The date the candidate filed a financial statement, if the statement was filed within 30 days after the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
3. The candidate's supplementary filing date, if any, under section 88.30.
4. The date on which the candidate's extension, if any, under subsection 88.23 (6) expires. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Compliance audit committee

(4) Within 10 days after receiving the application, the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board, as the case may be, shall forward the application to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Notice of meetings

(5) Reasonable notice of the meetings of the committee under this section shall be given to the candidate, the applicant and the public. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 1.

Open meetings

(5.1) The meetings of the committee under this section shall be open to the public, but the committee may deliberate in private. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 1.

Same

(6) Subsection (5.1) applies despite sections 207 and 208.1 of the *Education Act*. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 1.

Decision of committee

(7) Within 30 days after the committee has received the application, the committee shall consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Same

(8) The decision of the committee to grant or reject the application, and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the candidate, the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination, the secretary of the local board, if applicable, and the applicant. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Appeal

(9) The decision of the committee under subsection (7) may be appealed to the Superior Court of Justice within 15 days after the decision is made, and the court may make any decision the committee could have made. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Appointment of auditor

(10) If the committee decides under subsection (7) to grant the application, it shall appoint an auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Same

(11) Only auditors licensed under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004* or prescribed persons are eligible to be appointed under subsection (10). 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Duty of auditor

(12) The auditor shall promptly conduct an audit of the candidate's election campaign finances to determine whether he or she has complied with the provisions of this Act relating to election campaign finances and shall prepare a report outlining any apparent contravention by the candidate. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Who receives report

(13) The auditor shall submit the report to the candidate, the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination, the secretary of the local board, if applicable, and the applicant. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Report to be forwarded to committee

(14) Within 10 days after receiving the report, the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board shall forward the report to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Powers of auditor

(15) For the purpose of the audit, the auditor,

- (a) is entitled to have access, at all reasonable hours, to all relevant books, papers, documents or things of the candidate and of the municipality or local board; and
- (b) has the powers set out in section 33 of the *Public Inquiries Act, 2009* and section 33 applies to the audit. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Costs

(16) The municipality or local board shall pay the auditor's costs of performing the audit. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Decision

(17) The committee shall consider the report within 30 days after receiving it and, if the report concludes that the candidate appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances, the committee shall decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the candidate for the apparent contravention. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Notice of decision, reasons

(18) The decision of the committee under subsection (17), and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the candidate, the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination, the secretary of the local board, if applicable, and the applicant. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Immunity

(19) No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against an auditor appointed under subsection (10) for any act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of the audit or for any alleged neglect or default in its execution in good faith. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Saving provision

(20) This section does not prevent a person from laying a charge or taking any other legal action, at any time, with respect to an alleged contravention of a provision of this Act relating to election campaign finances. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Review of contributions to candidates

88.34 (1) The clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate under section 88.25 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Report, contributions to candidates for council

(2) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 and,

- (a) if the contributor's total contributions to a candidate for office on a council appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate; and
- (b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more candidates for office on the same council appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all candidates for office on the same council. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(3) The clerk shall prepare a separate report under subsection (2) in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(4) The clerk shall forward each report prepared under subsection (2) to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Report, contributions to candidates for a local board

(5) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a local board who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 and,

- (a) if the contributor's total contributions to a candidate for office on a local board appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate; and
- (b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more candidates for office on the same local board appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all candidates for office on the same local board. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(6) The clerk shall prepare a separate report under subsection (5) in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(7) The clerk shall forward each report prepared under subsection (5) to the secretary of the local board for which the candidate was nominated for office and, within 10 days after receiving the report, the secretary of the local board shall forward it to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Decision of compliance audit committee

(8) Within 30 days after receiving a report under subsection (4) or (7), the compliance audit committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Notice of meetings

(9) Reasonable notice of the meetings of the committee under subsection (8) shall be given to the contributor, the applicable candidate and the public. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 2.

Open meetings

(9.1) The meetings of the committee under subsection (8) shall be open to the public, but the committee may deliberate in private. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 2.

Same

(10) Subsection (9.1) applies despite sections 207 and 208.1 of the *Education Act*. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 2.

Notice of decision, reasons

(11) The decision of the committee under subsection (8), and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the contributor and to the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board, as the case may be. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Saving provision

(12) This section does not prevent a person from laying a charge or taking any other legal action, at any time, with respect to an alleged contravention of a provision of this Act relating to contribution limits. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Compliance audit of registered third parties

Application by elector

88.35 (1) An elector who is entitled to vote in an election in a municipality and believes on reasonable grounds that a registered third party who is registered in relation to the election in the municipality has contravened a provision of this Act relating to campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the campaign finances of the registered third party in relation to third party advertisements, even if the registered third party has not filed a financial statement under section 88.29. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Requirements

(2) An application for a compliance audit shall be made to the clerk of the municipality in which the registered third party was registered, and it shall be made in writing and shall set out the reasons for the elector's belief. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Deadline

(3) The application must be made within 90 days after the latest of the following dates:

1. The filing date under section 88.30.
2. The date the registered third party filed a financial statement, if the statement was filed within 30 days after the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
3. The supplementary filing date, if any, for the registered third party under section 88.30.
4. The date on which the registered third party's extension, if any, under subsection 88.27 (3) expires. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Application of s. 88.33 (4) to (20)

(4) Subsections 88.33 (4) to (20) apply to a compliance audit under this section, with the following modifications:

1. A reference to a candidate shall be read as a reference to the registered third party.
2. A reference to the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination shall be read as a reference to the clerk of the municipality in which the registered third party is registered.

3. A reference to election campaign finances shall be read as a reference to the campaign finances of the registered third party in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in the municipality. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Review of contributions to registered third parties

88.36 (1) The clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a registered third party under section 88.29 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.13. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Report by the clerk

(2) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30 for a registered third party, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to the registered third party who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.13 and,

- (a) if the contributor's total contributions to a registered third party that is registered in the municipality appear to exceed the limit under section 88.13, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the registered third party in relation to third party advertisements; and
- (b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more registered third parties that are registered in the municipality appear to exceed the limit under section 88.13, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all registered third parties in the municipality in relation to third party advertisements. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Same

(3) The clerk shall prepare a separate report under subsection (2) in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.13. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Same

(4) The clerk shall forward each report prepared under subsection (2) to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Decision of compliance audit committee

(5) Within 30 days after receiving a report under subsection (4), the compliance audit committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Notice of meetings

(6) Reasonable notice of the meetings of the committee under subsection (5) shall be given to the contributor, the registered third party and the public. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 3.

Open meetings

(6.1) The meetings of the committee under subsection (5) shall be open to the public, but the committee may deliberate in private. 2017, c. 20, Sched. 10, s. 3.

Notice of decision, reasons

(7) The decision of the committee under subsection (5), and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the contributor and to the clerk of the municipality. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Saving provision

(8) This section does not prevent a person from laying a charge or taking any other legal action, at any time, with respect to an alleged contravention of a provision of this Act relating to contribution limits. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Compliance audit committee

88.37 (1) A council or local board shall establish a compliance audit committee before October 1 of an election year for the purposes of this Act. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Composition

(2) The committee shall be composed of not fewer than three and not more than seven members and shall not include,

- (a) employees or officers of the municipality or local board;
- (b) members of the council or local board;
- (c) any persons who are candidates in the election for which the committee is established;
or
- (d) any persons who are registered third parties in the municipality in the election for which the committee is established. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Eligibility for appointment

(3) A person who has such qualifications and satisfies such eligibility requirements as may be prescribed is eligible for appointment to the committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Same

(4) In appointing persons to the committee, the council or local board shall have regard to the prescribed eligibility criteria. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Term of office

(5) The term of office of the committee is the same as the term of office of the council or local board that takes office following the next regular election, and the term of office of the members of the committee is the same as the term of the committee to which they have been appointed. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Role of clerk or secretary

(6) The clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board, as the case may be, shall establish administrative practices and procedures for the committee and shall carry out any other duties required under this Act to implement the committee's decisions. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Costs

(7) The council or local board, as the case may be, shall pay all costs in relation to the committee's operation and activities. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

RE-EXAMINING THE LOCAL FUNDING OF PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS

WHEREAS healthcare funding is a provincial and federal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS from 2009 to 2020 a total of \$415.4 million has been transferred from municipal operations to fund and build provincial hospitals:

AND WHEREAS remaining long-term commitments to hospitals stand at \$117.5 million (as of 2020), which will also be financed from municipal operations;

AND WHEREAS a hospital is one of many public services that contributes to healthy communities;

AND WHEREAS municipal contributions to provincial hospitals takes away from the resources available for other municipal services that contribute to the health and well-being of residents;

AND WHEREAS a community's total contribution to local hospitals also includes the donations made by benevolent individuals, groups, and businesses along with municipal contributions;

AND WHEREAS a community's required local share is to pay 10% of capital construction costs and 100% of the cost of equipment, furniture, and fixtures, which includes medical equipment with big ticket prices: MRI machines, CT scanners, and x-ray machines:

AND WHEREAS this translates to a 70% provincial share and 30% local share (individuals, groups, businesses, and municipalities) of the overall cost of provincial hospital operations and capital projects;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the "design-build-finance" hospital construction model (also known as alternative financing and procurement or P3 projects), has increased local share amounts because they now include the costs of long-term financing;

AND WHEREAS equipment replacement needs are increasingly frequent and increasingly expensive with average equipment lifespan of just ten years;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has highlighted the "local share" of hospital capital contributions as a major issue in its 2022 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of _____ does hereby call for a provincial re-examination of the "local share" hospital capital calculation methodology, to better reflect the limited fiscal capacity of municipalities, and the contributions to health care services they already provide to a community;

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be hereby circulated to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.