

# City Council Information Items



February 14, 2020

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# Information Report

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Service Area	Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
Date	Friday, February 14, 2020
Subject	<b>Official Plan Update: Initiation Fall 2020</b>
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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide information related to the Official Plan update process to Council and advise that the process to update the City's Official Plan will be initiated later in 2020.

### Key Findings

The Planning Act requires municipalities to update the official plan regularly.

With the Growth Plan conformity work and the master plan work currently underway, it is an appropriate time for the City to update its Official Plan.

The Official Plan update will be initiated in September 2020.

### Financial Implications

The Official Plan Update will be funded through approved capital budget, Capital Account PL0054 Official Plan Review, for costs associated with consultant services and community engagement consultations.

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## Report

### Details

The Ontario Planning Act requires municipalities to update their official plan every 5 years, or 10 years after a new official plan comes into effect, to ensure that it conforms with or does not conflict with provincial plans, has regard to matters of provincial interest and is consistent with provincial policy statement.

### Background

The City's last update was initiated in 2007 and was completed through a three-phase process which resulted in Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 39, OPA 42 and OPA 48.

OPA 39 was adopted by Council in June 2009 and brought the City's Official Plan into conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. This amendment was approved by the Minister in November 2009.

OPA 42 was adopted by Council in July 2010 and introduced the City's Natural Heritage System into the Official Plan. This amendment was approved by the Minister in February 2011 and all appeals to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board) were resolved in June 2014.

OPA 48 was adopted by Council in June 2012 and completed the Official Plan update process. This final phase of the Official Plan update was approved by the Minister in December 2013 and the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board) in October 2017 with the exception of one site specific appeal, one policy appeal and few policies that are still under appeal on a site specific basis.

### **Growth Plan 2019**

Planning Services has initiated the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR), which is the process that the City is required to follow to conform to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2019. The [Growth Plan Conformity Project Initiation report](#) was considered by Council in October 2019. The Growth Plan Conformity Project will inform amendments to the Official Plan. The MCR is required to be completed by July 1, 2022.

### **Master Plan Updates**

A number of other master plan updates are underway across several City departments. These master plan updates will also inform amendments to the Official Plan either directly or through the Growth Plan Conformity project.

### **Official Plan Update**

Considering both the Planning Act requirement to regularly update the City's Official Plan, along with all of the master plan and growth plan conformity work currently underway, it is an appropriate time to update the City's Official Plan. The commencement of this update is part of Planning Services work plan for 2020.

The Official Plan update will be undertaken in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act and will fulfill the requirement to update the Official Plan to ensure that it: conforms with or does not conflict with provincial plans; has regard to matters of provincial interest; and is consistent with the provincial policy statement.

The Official Plan update project will also be designed to ensure that all master plan updates are appropriately incorporated into the updated Official Plan. Further, the project will be designed to review and examine other official plan policies outside of the master plans that may require updating.

Staff are considering completing this update through one amendment rather than the phased process that was undertaken previously.

Community engagement will be an important aspect of the Official Plan update project and will occur throughout the project. To begin the process and as required by the Planning Act, a special meeting of Council will be held to discuss the revisions to the Official Plan that may be required. It is anticipated that the Official Plan Update project will be initiated in September 2020. At that time, we will provide Council with project details including engagement opportunities.

The update must be completed by July 1, 2022 to meeting the legislative requirement for Growth Plan Conformity.

## Financial Implications

The Official Plan Update will be funded through approved capital budget, Capital Account PL0054 Official Plan Review, for costs associated with consultant services and community engagement consultations.

## Strategic Plan Alignment

The Official Plan update will align with the following Strategic Plan priorities:

Powering our future – the Official Plan update will contribute to a sustainable, creative and smart local economy that is connected to regional and global markets and supports shared prosperity for everyone.

Sustaining our future – the Official Plan update will strive to care for and protect the local environment, respond to climate change and prepare the City for a net-zero carbon future.

Navigating our future – the Official Plan update will incorporate recommendations from the Transportation Master Plan into the updated Official Plan considering transportation connectivity, safety and improving connections between our existing community and this future community for all modes of transportation.

Building our future – the Official Plan update will assist in continuing to build a strong, vibrant, safe and healthy community that fosters resilience.

## Attachments

Not applicable

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# Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert

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## Connecting the Southwest: A draft transportation plan for southwestern Ontario

### Ministry

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

### Consultation Deadline

March 17, 2020

### Summary

The Ministry of Transportation has published a draft transportation plan for southwestern Ontario and invited municipalities, businesses, and the general public to provide feedback. This is the first of a number of regional plans.

### Proposed Form of Input

That the City complete an online [survey](#) and send a letter to the Minister of Transportation.

### Rationale

Though Guelph falls just outside the boundary of southwestern Ontario as identified in the plan, the plan makes two mentions of Guelph and covers topics such as GO train passenger service, the new Highway 7 between Guelph and Kitchener, and public transit. The City should also comment when the regional plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is released.

### Lead

Engineering and Transportation Services with input from Guelph Transit

### Link to Ministry Website

[Connecting the Southwest: A Draft Transportation Plan for Southwestern Ontario - Consultation](#)

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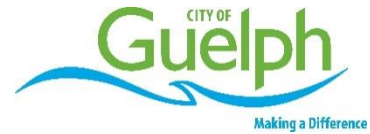
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# Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert

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## Potential for Cannabis Consumption Establishments and/or Special Occasion Permits

### Ministry

Ministry of the Attorney General

### Consultation Deadline

March 10, 2020

### Summary

The Ontario government is seeking feedback on the potential sale and consumption of cannabis in establishments like lounges and cafes, and at entertainment venues, festivals and events through cannabis special occasion permits.

### Proposed Form of Input

Through the feedback form provided on the [Regulatory Registry site](#).

### Rationale

The City will emphasize that the regulations under the City's smoking bylaw and the feedback from recent community engagement on smoking must be considered if the Province moves forward with these changes. The City will also express its desire to be involved in the approval process.

### Lead

Doug Godfrey, General Manager, Operations

### Link to Ministry Website

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?language=en&postingId=31588>

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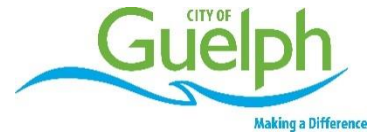
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# Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert

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## Proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 422/17 under the Ontario Immigration Act

### Ministry

Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

### Consultation Deadline

March 2, 2020

### Summary

A new regulatory proposal has been posted under the Ontario Immigration Act, proposing to expand occupation eligibility rules under the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program, specifically in manufacturing-related positions located outside of the Greater Toronto Area, and to remove the settlement funds requirement.

### Proposed Form of Input

E-mail comments to [ontarionominee@ontario.ca](mailto:ontarionominee@ontario.ca).

### Rationale

The Guelph-Wellington Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is working to strengthen local capacity to attract newcomers and improve integration outcomes. This City-hosted coalition can provide feedback on the regulatory proposal that reflects the needs of immigrants to our community and the local labour market.

### Lead

Guelph-Wellington Local Immigration Partnership

### Link to Ministry Website

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## **Consultation Feedback: Emergency Health Services Modernization**

**Beyond the foundational technologies currently in implementation – Computer-Aided Dispatch, medical triage system, updated phone systems, updated radio network and equipment, and real-time data exchange – are there other technologies or technological approaches that can help to improve responses to 911 calls and increase the efficient use of resources in the EHS system?**

- Priority should be given to implementing the current proposed enhancements. This will make significant improvements to the EHS system and greatly benefit our ability to provide service to our community. Other initiatives that could benefit from Ministry support, implementation and funding include: the support through the CACC system of smartphones for front line paramedics to increase communication channels, translation technology to better understand and treat our patients, and an increase in the Remote Patient Monitoring program to reduce the emergency responses required.

**How can communication between dispatch centres, land ambulance services, and air ambulance be improved?**

- Real Time Data exchange, as listed above, will have a significant impact on communication and reduce the time demands on all parties. Joint training sessions that include both paramedics and ambulance communications officers would assist in enhancing communication, understanding and empathy for each respective workgroup. It is also suggested to reinstitute the Liaison Policy Officer in dispatch centres. This position was a great asset in bridging the understanding and relationship between dispatch and ambulance services.

**Are there local examples of good information sharing between paramedic services, hospitals and/or other health services?**

- Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service has made great strides in connecting with other health related services in the community. Since 2014 we have worked with the local HealthLink team, where we were able to share information about the most vulnerable people in the community and compare our notes on patients who call 911 frequently. This list of patients was found to be consistent to that of the Primary Care physicians and the patients that they are most worried about. The outcomes of these discussions have resulted in some of our more productive components of our Community Paramedicine program. More recently, Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service is working closely with the newly formed or forming Ontario Health Teams in our area.

Although not an exhaustive list, other notable groups that we work closely with include: the local COPD Working Group, Connectivity Group, Wellington Hospital group, Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy, Guelph-Puslinch Health team, and our local Public Health, specifically on topics of opioid use, alcohol and fall data.

Current language in privacy legislation (PHIPPA and MFIPA) have caused barriers when sharing information. Anecdotally, patients appear to believe that we are sharing information more than is permitted by these legislations.

### **Lengthy Ambulance Offload Times and Delays in Transporting Medically-Stable Patients**

#### **What partnerships or arrangements can improve ambulance offload times?**

- Changes to legislation to support Fit2Sit programs, and other diversion strategies and transfer of care standards as outlined in the New Patient Standard Care Model Standards draft will greatly assist paramedic services in recovering resources lost to offload delays. In addition, the Ministry should consider changes to legislation that would release paramedic services from legal responsibility for a patient's care at thirty minutes after arrival at a hospital. This time is in line with the hospital reporting benchmark goal for assuming patient care at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. These changes would allow the Paramedic services to plan and utilize paramedic resources appropriately and get patients to the appropriate area or facility of care.

#### **What other interventions would be helpful to address ambulance availability?**

- Further to what is mentioned in the above question, changes to directives for Treat and Release would allow Paramedics to treat patients on scene, providing quality care at home and not causing unnecessary emergency department visits, reducing the workload to the health care system as a whole.

An additional intervention involves space in hospital emergency departments for paramedic services. From a routine perspective, after transferring a patient to the hospital, paramedics need ready access to cleaning and restocking supplies to be available for additional calls as soon as possible. As hospitals renovate and reconfigure their available Emergency Departments there is a tendency to eliminate the allocation of space to non-hospital personnel and initiatives. Space needs to be allocated to the Paramedic service, as without this space paramedics are required to travel to the nearest paramedic station to complete these tasks and return to available status. A requirement for hospitals to provide some space would allow a timelier return to service.

#### **How can we best ensure that medically stable patients receive appropriate transportation to get the diagnostics and treatments they need?**

- It is our opinion that non-emergency transport services should be controlled and licensed, so that they can provide services to any hospital on request. Having this service managed by a Paramedic service or hospital where private operators are not available could be considered, provided it is separate from emergency services. An inter-facility transfer should not be allowed to reduce emergency coverage or response times.

#### **How do we respond to the transport of medically stable patients in a way that is appropriate to local circumstances (e.g., less availability of stretcher transportation services)?**

- As mentioned in the above response, area-appropriate transport services can be developed but the transfer of patients between facilities must not interfere with emergency coverage in any area.

**Should there be changes to oversight for private stretcher transport systems to ensure safety for medically-stable patients?**

- More thorough oversight is required to ensure that transport services are provided in a safe and effective manner, and that service is provided to all areas of the Province as a different tier than emergency service.

**How can land ambulance and air ambulance systems be better coordinated to address transportation of medically-stable patients, especially in the North?**

- As interfacility transfer services' control and licensing are developed, consideration can be incorporated into determining the criteria by which air transport is appropriate.

**How might municipal land ambulance services address "cross-border calls" to ensure that the closest ambulance is sent to provide care of patients?**

- The current state is effective and suitable for our service area. Our neighbouring municipalities have a common understanding and agreements are in place that do not require reimbursement between the services. Providing municipalities have set reasonable response times and do, for the most part, manage their call volumes, no issues should result.

The current state requires an independent dispatch centre that assigns emergency calls to the closest available ambulance.

**How can relationships be improved between dispatch centres and paramedic services?**

- Further to the answers provided in the question, "How can communication between dispatch centres, land ambulance services, and air ambulance be improved?", the relationships can be further improved by ensuring dispatch centers stay local to their areas. A smaller, local dispatch service will be more in tune with the individual paramedic service and their strengths and challenges. Continuation of CACC Advisory Meetings will also aid in maintaining solid relationships.

**How can interactions between EHS and the rest of the health care system be improved (e.g., with primary care, home care, hospitals, etc.)?**

- The Ministry of Health should consider revising privacy legislation so as to clearly define Paramedic services as being in the circle of care for the patients that we serve. This would aid and facilitate the sharing of information. This could be further enhanced by the adoption of one-patient Electronic Medical Record to ensure seamless care and community between organizations.

The relationship could be further improved by mandating space and facilities in hospitals for Paramedic use for cleaning, restocking and preparation of reports. This would facilitate paramedics being more readily available directly after a patient transfer to respond to questions from hospital medical staff.

**What evaluated, innovative models of care can be spread or scaled to other areas, as appropriate?**

- Many of the initiatives that fall under Community Paramedicine should be expanded, as the results are proving their effectiveness in reducing call volumes while providing the best care to patients in their home. These initiatives include Remote Patient Monitoring, CP at home Clinic, Palliative Programs, Flu Vaccine Programs, and CP Referrals.

**Are there new or different approaches to delivery that could be considered as part of a modern EHS system?**

- Community Paramedicine programs should be included as a component of any EHS system. Allowing patients to receive the non-emergent care that they require at home, and empowering paramedics to choose more appropriate alternative destinations would greatly relieve the demand on the system.

**As new models of care for selected 911 patients are piloted, how can we adapt these models to elsewhere in the province, and how can we encourage uptake? What needs to be standardized versus locally-designed?**

- After being proven effective, pilots should be reviewed by individual services to consider any local specific needs before being implemented as 'standardized.' A financial review of the new model should be conducted and assistance with funding would encourage uptake.

Any sense of funding cuts would greatly hinder the adoption of new pilots and ceases the service's ability to better patient care practices.

**How can Community Paramedicine fill gaps in health care services for Ontarians, and how should this be implemented, scaled, or spread across the province?**

- Paramedics are already providing highly skilled patient care in the community on emergency calls. The nature of their role, which has grown exponentially in a short time, and the unique capabilities of a paramedic service including mobility and access to patients in distress and a degree of trust by those patients, positions them to provide alternative care in the patient's home. This will reduce the need for non-emergent transports and reduce the demand on hospital Emergency Departments. Paramedics need to be empowered, through legislation, to make the proper decision for transport, destination, and treat and release.

Community Paramedic programs must be provided with stable funding.

**What initiatives could improve delivery of emergency health services to Indigenous communities?**

- The Community Paramedicine program can be an effective fit for addressing the needs of the Indigenous communities, as the focus on allowing patients to remain in their homes and in their communities is consistent with many of the needs of those communities.

**How can EHS services be more sensitive to the unique needs of Indigenous people, including providing culturally safe care?**

- Indigenous communities should be invited to provide a liaison navigator to paramedic services, and especially to Community Paramedicine programs. The liaison would assist in identifying cultural needs and in identifying appropriate education for paramedics so as to help them understand the needs of these communities.

**How can EHS support First Nations in creating better services for pre-clinic services in far northern communities?**

- The indigenous communities of the north may be best to provide advice on the most appropriate solutions for those areas.

**What improvements to EHS can be made for rural areas?**

- Implementation of an inter-facility transport protocol that reduces or eliminates the effect on Emergency Services in order to facilitate interfacility transports would significantly improve services in rural areas.

In addition, as stated above, enhancement and support of Community Paramedicine programs will give rural patients greater access to healthcare.

**Are there opportunities for partnerships to align and improve health and social services in rural and northern areas?**

- Partnerships between Ontario Health Teams and Community Paramedicine programs could have a significant impact in this area.

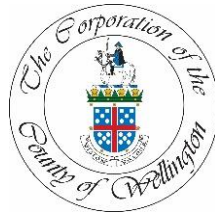
**Are there opportunities to address social determinants of health and health disparities in rural, remote and Northern regions to reduce the need for EHS transport of patients out of these regions?**

- Community Paramedicine programs can have an impact in addressing this issue, including Remote Patient Monitoring programs, flu vaccine programs and other alternative treatments developed based on the needs of the area.

**What improvements could be made to the provision of services in French to Francophone communities?**

- The provision of all emergency and Community Paramedicine services to the Francophone population is obviously important in our bilingual culture. Previous attempts to ensure that paramedic services have francophone capabilities, including recruiting francophone staff or training paramedics in the French language, have been unsuccessful as in our communities the ability to practice speaking the language is limited.

Paramedic services should be encouraged to identify and work with francophone communities in their coverage area, and to take advantage of advancements in translator software where appropriate to address less common needs.



February 10, 2020

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Dear Mr. Pine,

The City of Guelph and County of Wellington are pleased to contribute to the ongoing consultation on Emergency Medical Service Modernization.

The City of Guelph delivers paramedic services both within the municipality and across Wellington County through the Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service (GWPS). GWPS employs 170 full- and part-time paramedics, who serve a population of 225,000 people over a 2,600 square kilometre geographic area. The service responded to more than 26,300 calls for medical assistance in 2019.

To ensure residents of Guelph and Wellington continue to receive quality paramedic services, we urge you to consider the following municipal input:

**Ensure service delivery remains local and responsive to community needs**

- GWPS has benefited from its ties to municipal government because it is responsive to local needs and nimble enough to engage in innovative local partnerships.
  - Examples include GWPS's community paramedicine program and involvement in the Guelph-Wellington Drug Strategy, both of which leverage their unique front-line experience with at-risk clients to meet community goals
- To maintain and enhance systems connectivity, it will be necessary to build strong linkages between EMS and the new Ontario Health teams and to retain existing connections between GWPS and social services offered by Wellington County as the Service System Manager.
- Moving towards a more centralized model where the service is removed from the City of Guelph would challenge the existing 50/50 cost share relationship. Changes should only be made if there is a strong business case.

**Protect municipal investments and enhance the existing funding relationship**

- Municipal governments have considerable assets tied into EMS service delivery. If the Province decides to move towards a more centralized approach and transfer these

assets to another service provider, compensation will be necessary to protect these property tax funded investments.

- The province should also maintain the current 50/50 cost share model. Shifting costs to municipal governments may lead to property tax increases. EMS needs stable, long-term predictable funding.
- The province should tie funding to inflation and finance its portion of growth-related funding needs. It should match year-to-year municipal funding increases aimed at enhancing service quality rather than tying funding levels to past annual allocation amounts.
- Should restructuring occur, the province should pay for implementation costs (severances, leases, assets, etc.) so these are not borne by the property tax base.

### **Certainty for GWPS**

- GWPS needs certainty to continue providing the high quality services residents expect. The current review has delayed planned service enhancements and created uncertainty for workers.

### **Next Steps**

Once a service delivery model has been chosen, there will be a need for more discussions to ensure a smooth transition. The City of Guelph and County of Wellington are committed to ongoing dialogue to ensure we arrive at a solution that works best for our residents and property taxpayers.

Should you have any questions or require more information on this submission, please contact Kate Sullivan, Acting Manager of Policy and Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Guelph at [kate.sullivan@guelph.ca](mailto:kate.sullivan@guelph.ca). The City and County would also be pleased to host you for a consultation session on public health and emergency medical services if you are in the area.

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Dear Mr. Pine,

The Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) unit plays an invaluable role delivering critical public health services in each of our communities. Together, the County of Wellington, Dufferin County and the City of Guelph are pleased to see the province broadly consulting on public health enhancements. Given the municipal relationship to public health, we are keen to contribute to these discussions and share Ontario's goal of improving public health service delivery for the benefit of our residents.

As Ontario continues to look for improvements to public health service-delivery, we urge the Ministry of Health to consider the following municipal input:

**Protect municipal governments and property taxpayers from fiscal risk and increased costs**

Our municipal governments have made significant property-tax funded investments in public health infrastructure that are above and beyond what is required of our communities. WDGPH owns two facilities primarily financed by municipal property tax dollars. Our municipal governments also continue to have external debenture obligations for these facilities.

Should amalgamations occur, current legislation suggests that these property tax-funded assets would be transferred over to the new public health unit without compensation to the contributing municipalities. Since WDGPH may be amalgamated with neighboring communities that have not made comparable investments, there is a risk that the new unit would have capital and real estate needs our municipalities would be required to fund in addition to what has already been invested locally. These scenarios would be unfair to local residents and taxpayers currently serviced by WDGPH. They would also create fiscal risk for our municipal governments.

A change in the cost-share formula would also put additional financial tension on the property tax base. Public health costs cannot be downloaded to municipal governments without risking an increase in property taxes for our residents.

To protect municipal governments and property taxpayers:

- ✓ Amend Section 77(2) and 77(3) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, 1990, to ensure assets cannot be transferred without compensation in the event of a public health merger if the assets have been financed primarily by municipal governments beyond cost-share obligations.
- ✓ Ensure the value of past and existing municipal investments to public health above and beyond current payment obligations are considered part of the municipal cost-share.
- ✓ To advance good asset management, ensure that funds for capital needs and maintenance are set aside by public health units as part of the budgeting process.
- ✓ Maintain the current 70/30 breakdown between the province and municipal governments for cost-shared programs as well as 100% provincially funded programs.
- ✓ Should mergers occur, any resulting implementation and restructuring costs should be borne by the province and not property taxpayers.

### **Maintain the relationship to municipal social services**

The strong relationship that has formed between our municipal governments and WDGP has led to successful service delivery and innovative partnerships that have benefited our residents. It is important that the relationship between municipal social services and public health be preserved and enhanced as part of reforms.

The Province should invest in public health and social service partnerships that work together jointly to address the social determinants of health and make value-added local interventions.

### **Create boundaries that make sense for our communities**

Public health works best when it is locally-focused and well-connected to other social and health services available in the community. It is critical that any new boundaries, mergers or regional health units arising from reforms reflect the needs and realities of the communities they will serve.

- ✓ Align any new public health geographic boundaries with existing municipal boundaries, the new Ontario Health Teams, and social services delivery areas
- ✓ Ensure mergers reflect residents' geographic patterns of health service access and utilization
- ✓ Build on current partnerships between public health, social services, and other community providers

### **Protect municipal representation and expertise on the Board of Health**

Currently, the WDGPB Board is comprised of representatives from each of our municipalities to reflect municipal contributions and the local interest in public health. This governance model is key in fostering alignment between municipal and public health objectives. It has also facilitated local collaboration and ensured residents have access to a public health unit open to prioritizing and supporting the needs of its local communities.

The current 70/30 cost-share arrangement between the province and municipal governments is also tied to local governance and the municipal ability to influence public health service provision. Reducing the municipal presence on Boards of Health would strain this relationship and potentially create political challenges.

To eliminate these potential pitfalls in a new governance model:

- ✓ The City of Guelph, Dufferin County and Wellington County should continue to have representation on the Board of Health.
- ✓ Serving as a municipally elected official should count as sufficient qualification and expertise to sit on a Board of Health.

### **Next Steps**

The current consultation on public health modernization should serve as the foundation for further discussions on public health restructuring if consolidations are to occur. More municipal engagement will be necessary to discuss a smooth transition and overall implementation once the Province has determined its preferred service-delivery model. A steady and thoughtful approach is important to ensure service quality and continuity, to protect the property tax base, and to maintain value-adding coordination with key municipal social services.

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February 13, 2020

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Monte McNaughton, MPP, Middlesex-Kent;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and  
Ontario municipalities

**RE: Southwest Middlesex Resolution regarding Government Bill 156**

Please be advised that at its February 12, 2020 meeting, the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution regarding Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*:

Moved by Councillor McGill  
Seconded by Councillor Cowell

**Whereas** the Provincial Government of Ontario is considering Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

**Whereas** Bill 156 is intended to protect farms, farm operations, and food safety and security by addressing unwanted trespassing; and

**Whereas** Ontario farmers are increasingly under threat of unwanted trespassers who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, and safety of drivers of motor vehicles transporting farm animals which threatens the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops; and

**Whereas** additional protection for the agri-food industry to protect the security of the food chain, the farm owners, family and employees is the purpose of the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

**Whereas** unwanted trespassing occurs on all types of farm operations, including grain farmers, which has the potential to impact the safety and security of people and the food chain;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex supports the intent of Bill 156 and requests that the Province of Ontario expanding Bill 156 to identify and include protections against trespass for grain farm operations; and

**That** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, and Monte McNaughton, MPP, Middlesex-Kent; and

**That** a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried



## **Committee of Adjustment Minutes**

**Thursday, January 9, 2020, 4:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street**

Members Present	D. Kendrick, Vice Chair S. Dykstra D. Gundrum L. Janis K. Meads J. Smith
Members Absent	K. Ash, Chair
Staff Present	B. Bond, Zoning Inspector J. da Silva, Council and Committee Assistant S. Daniel, Engineering Technologist T. Di Lullo, Secretary-Treasurer K. Patzer, Planner L. Sulatycki, Planner D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

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### **Call to Order**

Vice Chair D. Kendrick called the hearing to order. The position of Chair was handed over to the Secretary-Treasurer for the purpose of conducting the annual election.

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020**

Secretary-Treasurer T. Di Lullo called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee of Adjustment for 2020.

Member D. Kendrick nominated member K. Ash for the position of Chair. Secretary-Treasurer T. Di Lullo noted that due to her absence, the nomination will become final pending her acceptance at the next hearing.

Moved by D. Kendrick

Seconded by D. Gundrum

That in accordance with Section 44(7) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, K. Ash be elected the 2020 Chair for the City of Guelph Committee of Adjustment.

**Carried**

Member S. Dykstra nominated member D. Kendrick for the position of Vice Chair. Member D. Kendrick accepted the nomination.

Moved by S. Dykstra

Seconded by K. Meads

That in accordance with Section 44(7) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, D. Kendrick be elected the 2020 Vice Chair for the City of Guelph Committee of Adjustment.

**Carried**

The position of Chair was handed over to Vice Chair D. Kendrick.

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by S. Dykstra

Seconded by D. Gundrum

That the minutes from the December 12, 2019 Regular Hearing of the Committee of Adjustment, be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

### **Requests for Withdrawal or Deferral**

There were no requests.

### **Current Applications**

#### **A-1/20 - 433 Stone Road West**

Owner: Primaris Retail Real Estate

Agent: Jeff Martin

Location: 433 Stone Road West

In Attendance: J. Martin

Vice Chair D. Kendrick questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. J. Martin, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received. J. Martin briefly explained the application.

Zoning Inspector B. Bond acknowledged that the indoor capacity is being reduced by the applicant and therefore staff were no longer recommending deferral but were in a position to recommend approval of the application.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by S. Dykstra

Seconded by D. Gundrum

That in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Section 4.17.1 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 433 Stone Road West, to permit a maximum capacity of 80 persons on the outdoor patio of the licensed establishment, when the By-law requires that the total number of persons permitted on all outdoor patios associated with the restaurant or licensed establishment shall not exceed 50 percent of the indoor licensed capacity, be **approved**.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**



**A-2/20 - 20 Edwin Street**

Owner: Susanne and Robert Desantels

Agent: N/A

Location: 20 Edwin Street

In Attendance: S. Desantels, R. Desantels

Vice Chair D. Kendrick questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. R. Desantels, owner, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received. R. Desantels provided a brief overview of the current application and background surrounding the previous decision from 2004.

Member K. Meads suggested that the remaining four conditions from the 2004 decision be included if the application was approved. The applicant and staff indicated they had no concerns with including these conditions.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by K. Meads

Seconded by S. Dykstra

That in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Table 5.1.2 Row 8 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 20 Edwin Street, to permit a minimum rear yard setback of 1.55 metres for the existing addition to the rear of the existing dwelling, when the By-law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 7.5 metres or 20 percent of the lot depth (being 4.83 metres), whichever is less, be **approved**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the addition has a maximum height of 1 storey.
2. That the variance for the rear yard applies only to the proposed addition as outlined in the application to the Committee of Adjustment.
3. That the owner maintains a 1.8 metre high fence along the rear lot line.

4. That the windows along the rear wall of the addition be obscured glass.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

### **A-3/20 - 2 Edgehill Drive**

Owner: Rochelle and James Murray-Cako

Agent: Tom Keating, James Keating Construction Ltd.

Location: 2 Edgehill Drive

In Attendance: T. Keating, R. Cako

Vice Chair D. Kendrick questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. T. Keating, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received. T. Keating briefly explained the application.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by S. Dykstra

Seconded by D. Gundrum

That in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Table 5.1.2 Row 7 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 2 Edgehill Drive, to permit a minimum right side yard setback of 1.25 metres for the proposed addition to the

existing dwelling, when the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.5 metres, be **approved**, subject to the following condition:

1. That the side yard setback of 1.25 metres apply only to the proposed addition on the west side (right side) of the property as shown on the public notice sketch.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted condition of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

#### **A-4/20 - 492 Victoria Road North**

Owner: Shellie and Terence Sawyer

Agent: N/A

Location: 492 Victoria Road North

In Attendance: T. Sawyer

Vice Chair D. Kendrick questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. T. Sawyer, owner, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received. T. Sawyer indicated he agreed with the recommended conditions.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by S. Dykstra

Seconded by J. Smith

That in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Section 4.20.9 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 492 Victoria Road North, to permit a fence in the front yard between 1.7 metres and 2.25 metres in height as shown on the public notice sketch, when the By-law requires that fences located in the front yard shall not exceed 0.8 metres in height, be **approved**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the variance shall only apply to the portion of the existing fence located in the front yard as shown on the public notice sketch. This variance does not apply to the portion of the fence that is to be removed (as noted on the public notice sketch and recommended by Engineering).
2. That prior to May 1, 2020, that Owner(s) agree to remove the entire fence encroaching within the City's Right Of Way on Islington Avenue and Victoria Road.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

Member L. Janis arrived at 4:24 p.m.

**B-1/20, B-2/20, A-5/20 and A-6/20 - 98 Alice Street and 125 Huron Street**

Owner: The Roman Diocese of Hamilton in Ontario and the Wellington Catholic District School Board

Agent: Nancy Shoemaker, Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson Limited

Location: 98 Alice Street and 125 Huron Street

In Attendance: N. Shoemaker

Vice Chair D. Kendrick questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. N. Shoemaker,

agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received. N. Shoemaker outlined the background of the applications.

No members of the public spoke.

**B-1/20 - 98 Alice Street**

Having had regard to the matters under Section 51(24) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended, and having considered whether a plan of subdivision of the land in accordance with Section 51 of the said Act is necessary for the proper and orderly development of the land,

Moved by D. Gundrum

Seconded by S. Dykstra

That in the matter of an application under Section 53(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, consent for the creation of a 19.7 square metre easement for access and maintenance in favour of 125 Huron Street (shown as part 3 on the public notice sketch) over Part Lots 98 and 99, Registered Plan 161, currently known as 98 Alice Street, substantially in accordance with a sketch prepared by Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson Limited, dated December 9, 2019, project number 18-14-642-00-A, be **approved**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That minor variance applications A-5/20 and A-6/20 are approved at the same time as the consent application and become final and binding.
2. That all required fees and charges in respect of the registration of all documents required in respect of this approval and administration fee be paid, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official.
3. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment be provided with a written undertaking from the applicant's solicitor, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official, that he/she will provide a copy of the registered instrument as registered in the Land Registry Office within two years of issuance of the Certificate of Official, or prior to the issuance of a building permit (if applicable), whichever occurs first.
4. That prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official, a Reference Plan be prepared, deposited and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer which shall indicate the boundaries of the severed parcel, any easements/rights-of-way and building locations. The submission must also include a digital copy of the deposited Reference Plan

(version ACAD 2010) which can be forwarded by email  
(cofa@guelph.ca).

5. That upon fulfilling and complying with all of the above-noted conditions, the documents to finalize and register the transaction be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment along with the administration fee required for the issuance of the Certificate of Official.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets the criteria of section 51(24) of the Planning Act to which all consent applications must adhere.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

**B-2/20 - 125 Huron Street**

Having had regard to the matters under Section 51(24) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended, and having considered whether a plan of subdivision of the land in accordance with Section 51 of the said Act is necessary for the proper and orderly development of the land,

Moved by D. Gundrum

Seconded by S. Dykstra

That in the matter of an application under Section 53(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, consent to create the following lot addition and easements over Part Lot 92 to Part Lot 99 of Registered Plan 161, and Part Lot 1 to Part Lot 5, and Part Lot 9 of Registered Plan 231, currently known as 125 Huron Street, substantially in accordance with a sketch prepared by Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson Limited dated December 9, 2019 project number 18-14-642-00-A:

- a. severance of a parcel of land with an area of 186.3 square metres (shown as parts 1 and 4 on the public notice sketch) as a lot addition to 98 Alice Street (shown as parts 2 and 3 on the public notice sketch);

- b. the creation of a 21.7 square metre easement for access and maintenance in favour of 125 Huron Street (shown as part 4 on the public notice sketch); and
- c. the creation of a 117.7 square metre access easement (shown as part 5 on the public notice sketch) in favour of 98 Alice Street,

be **approved**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That minor variance applications A-5/20 and A-6/20 are approved at the same time as the consent application and become final and binding.
- 2. That all required fees and charges in respect of the registration of all documents required in respect of this approval and administration fee be paid, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official.
- 3. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment be provided with a written undertaking from the applicant's solicitor, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official, that he/she will provide a copy of the registered instrument as registered in the Land Registry Office within two years of issuance of the Certificate of Official, or prior to the issuance of a building permit (if applicable), whichever occurs first.
- 4. That prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official, a Reference Plan be prepared, deposited and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer which shall indicate the boundaries of the severed parcel, any easements/rights-of-way and building locations. The submission must also include a digital copy of the deposited Reference Plan (version ACAD 2010) which can be forwarded by email (cofa@guelph.ca).
- 5. That upon fulfilling and complying with all of the above-noted conditions, the documents to finalize and register the transaction be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment along with the administration fee required for the issuance of the Certificate of Official.
- 6. That the Owner shall consolidate the severed parcel with the abutting lands to which the severed parcel is to be added as a single parcel ("the consolidation") and that the Owner's solicitor shall provide a firm undertaking in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Guelph that the solicitor will attend to the consolidation and will provide

within 30 days of the date of registration in the Land Registry Office for Wellington (No. 61), or prior to the issuance of a building permit [if applicable], whichever occurs first, a copy of the registered electronic Transfer document including the Certificate of Official and the registered application Consolidation Parcels document.

7. That the Transferee take title of the severed lands in the same manner and capacity as he or she holds his or her abutting lands; and that Section 50(3) or Section 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, shall apply to any subsequent conveyance or any transaction involving the parcel of land that is subject of this consent.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets the criteria of section 51(24) of the Planning Act to which all consent applications must adhere.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

**A-5/20 and A-6/20 - 98 Alice Street and 125 Huron Street**

**A-5/20 - 98 Alice Street**

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by D. Gundrum

Seconded by S. Dykstra

That in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, variances from the requirements from Table 8.2 Rows 2, 5 and 6 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 98 Alice Street,



- a. to permit a minimum lot area of 650.3 square metres, when the By-law requires a minimum lot area of 700 square metres;
- b. to permit a minimum side yard setback of 0.65 metres, when the By-law requires a minimum side yard of 6 metres or one-half of the building height, whichever is greater; and
- c. to permit a minimum rear yard setback of 0.84 metres, when the By-law requires a minimum rear yard of 7.5 metres or one-half of the building height, whichever is greater,

be **approved**, subject to the following condition:

1. That consent applications B-1/20 and B-2/20 receive final certification of the Secretary-Treasurer and be registered on title.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted condition of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

#### **A-6/20 - 125 Huron Street**

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by D. Gundrum

Seconded by S. Dykstra

That in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Table 8.2 Row 5 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 125 Huron Street, to permit a minimum side yard setback of 0.8 metres, when the By-law requires, a minimum side yard of 6 metres or one-half of the building height, whichever is greater, be **approved**, subject to the following condition:

1. That consent applications B-1/20 and B-2/20 receive final certification of the Secretary-Treasurer and be registered on title.

Reasons:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted condition of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

**Carried**

### **Staff Announcements**

Secretary-Treasurer T. Di Lullo provided a demonstration of the City's new digital agenda management tool.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by S. Dykstra

Seconded by J. Smith

That this hearing of the Committee of Adjustment be adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

**Carried**

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D. Kendrick, Vice Chair

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T. Di Lullo, Secretary-Treasurer