

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

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4:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation:

That the agenda for the December 6th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. Minutes

a. [November 15th, 2023 Minutes of Council](#)

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the November 15th, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Public Meetings

a. Public Meeting under the Planning Act, Zone Change

i. [Application for Zone Change – ZN-23-15 \(Township of Blandford-Blenheim\)](#)

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the Zone Change Application submitted by the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, whereby lands described as Part Lot 18, Concession 7 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Institutional Zone (I)' to permit the expansion of an existing municipal cemetery.

8. Delegations / Presentations

- a. [April Nix, Planner – Policy Focus, Oxford County, re: Official Plan Review, Environmental Policies](#)

Recommendation:

That the presentation regarding the OP Update for the environmental policies be received as information; and

Further, that the Council of Blandford-Blenheim advises Planning staff to proceed with preparing the consultation draft of the environmental policies based on consideration of the comments received and initiating the formal Official Plan Amendment process and related public and agency consultation.

- b. [Dave Cripps and Leeanne Hopkins, Thames Valley District School Board Oxford County Trustees with, Re: Oxford County Update](#)
- c. Nic Ross, Resident, Re: Issues with Nails in the Gravel Roads

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

- i. [Marcus Ryan, Chair, Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee Re: Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Gender Based Violence.](#)

Recommendation:

Whereas County Council approved a request to establish a Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee as recommended in the joint Safe and Well Oxford: Community Safety and Well-being Plan, on behalf of area municipalities, to oversee the implementation of the goals and objectives established in the Plan on July 14th, 2021;

And whereas the key priority risk themes identified within the Safe and Well Oxford Plan include:

- Mental Health;
- Affordable Housing;
- Substance Misuse;
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

And whereas the purpose of Safe and Well Oxford: Community Safety and Well-being Plan is to improve the safety and well-being of community members, by defining and addressing priority risks through proactive, integrated system-wide strategies, the responsibility of which falls within the jurisdiction of the County within Oxford;

And whereas the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee considered a resolution passed by County Council at their July 13th, 2023 meeting to refer a presentation received by County Council from Ingamo Homes in relation to gender-based violence locally for consideration throughout the implementation of the Safe and Well Oxford: Community Safety and Well-being Plan;

And whereas the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee received a presentation and request from the Domestic Abuse Response Team Oxford at their meeting held on September 14th, 2023 in relation to the need for support with resources, advocacy, education and awareness to address gender-based violence locally.

And whereas gender-based violence has been highlighted and acknowledged as a significant concern within Oxford County;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve an amendment to the Safe and Well Oxford: Community Safety and Well-being Plan to recognize gender-based violence as an additional priority risk area in the Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan and endorse the goals and objectives as outlined in the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee's correspondence, dated November 3rd, 2023.

b. General

i. [Chuck Farmer, Chief Energy Transition Officer and Vice-President, Planning, Conservation & Resource Adequacy, Independent Electricity System Operator, re: Eliminating Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Ontario](#)

Recommendation:

That the general correspondence be received as information.

10. Staff Reports

a. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

i. [DS-23-20 – Petition for Drainage Appointment of Engineer \(Mitchell Drain\)](#)

Recommendation:

That Report DS-23-20 be received as Information; and,

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Clerk/Council of the Township North Dumfries have not registered any comments to the two petitions for drainage works for the S1/2 Lot 1 Concession 13 from Colman Equipment and Bev Fried, and for the SW1/4 Lot 38 Concession 11 from Dave Cleave.

Be It resolved that Council appoints K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a new drainage report as per the petition accordance with Section 4 of the Drainage Act and that this report be included as part of the petition report of John Follings of Follingdale Farms Limited at Lot 1 Concession 12 and the Section 78 report for repair and improvement of the Mitchell Drain Road Authority for the intersection of Trussler Road and Region Road 97 (Cedar Creek Rd.) and Oxford County Road 8 in the Mitchell Drain watershed requiring an improved drain outlet for the proposed construction of a roundabout from the Region of Waterloo and the County of Oxford.

ii. DS-23-21 – Section 78 Appointment of Engineer, Drumbo Drainage Works 1993

Recommendation:

That Report DS-23-21 be received as Information; and,

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority have not registered any concerns for the appointment of an Engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the Drumbo Drainage Works 1993 Harmer Stormwater Management Pond.

Be It resolved that Council appoints K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a new drainage report as per Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

iii. DS-23-22 – Monthly Report

Recommendation:

That Report DS-23-22 be received as information

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-23-21 – Monthly Report

That Report PW-23-21 be received as information

c. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

i. FC-23-17 – Tanker Truck for Drumbo Station

Recommendation:

That Report FC-23-17 is received as information;

And further that council accept the quoted price of \$865,759.74 from Darch Fire Incorporated for the delivery of a 2026 E-ONE Tanker.

And further that staff amend the 10-year capital plan to show the purchase of the 2024 tanker be moved to be shown in 2026.

d. Sarah Matheson – Deputy Clerk

i. DC-23-06 – ARU Process Update

Recommendation:

That Report DC-23-06 be received as information.

ii. DC-23-07 – Update to January 2024 Council Meeting Schedule

Recommendation:

That Report DC-23-07 be received as information; and,

That and the following meeting be added for the month of January 2024:

January 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., Regular Council.

e. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

i. CAO-23-23 – Asset Naming Policy (Princeton)

Recommendation:

That Report CAO-23-23 be received; and,

That Council accept the following names to be added to the names registry for Township assets:

Honey, Hughes, Anderson, McAnsh, Blacksmith, Baskett, Hysert, Davis, Daniel, Kipp, Wells, Kibble, Veit, Home, Parkhill, Galbraith, Townsend, Brouwer

ii. CAO-23-24 – Asset Naming Policy (Drumbo)

Recommendation:

That Report CAO-23-24 be received; and,

That Council accept the following names to be added to the names registry for Township assets:

Cook, Given, Kilgour, Law, Lodge, McTague, Clayton, Robson, Wallace, Rounds, Harrison, Binkley, Cullen, Mitchell, Turner, Enticknap, Stevenson, Burgess.

11. Reports from Council Members

12. Unfinished Business

13. Closed Session

14. Motions and Notices of Motion

15. New Business

16. By-laws

- a. 2400-2023, Being a By-law to appoint a Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
- b. 2401-2023, Being a By-law to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer for the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
- c. 2402-2023, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Township of Blandford-Blenheim);
- d. 2403-2023, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Telephone City Aggregates); and,
- e. 2405-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Recommendation:

That the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2400-2023, 2401-2023, 2402-2023, 2403-2023, 2405-2023.

Recommendation:

That the following By-laws be now given a third and final reading: 2400-2023, 2401-2023, 2402-2023, 2403-2023, 2405-2023.

17. Other

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Recommendation:

That Whereas business before Council has been completed at _____ pm;

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their second Regular Meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury, Barnes, Demarest and Young.

Staff: Borton, Davidson, Harmer, Krug, Mordue and Matheson.

Other: Robson, Planner.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the November 15th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. November 1st, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the November 1st, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

b. November 7th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the November 7th, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Public Meetings

a. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act, Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Committee of Adjustment at 4:01 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Barnes

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Committee rise at 4:05 p.m. and that the Open Council meeting resumes.

.Carried

The Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment are on the November 15th, 2023 Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment. The decision for MVA-08-23 was signed as approved.

b. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act, Zone Change

i. Application for Zone Change – ZN-23-14 (Ross Roth Sand & Gravel Inc.)

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Council rise and go into Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider an application for Zone Change:

ZN1-23-14 (Ross Roth Sand & Gravel Inc.);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the report, recommending denial. The applicants and applicant's agent were present. The Committee Member Banbury asked a question that was answered by the applicant's agent. Committee Member Demarest asked questions that were answered by the Planner. Committee Member Banbury asked further questions that were answered by the Planner. The applicant's agent spoke in favour of the application. Dean Janscar, potential neighbour, spoke in favour of the application. Committee Member Demarest asked a question that was answered by the applicant. Committee Chair Peterson asked questions that were answered by the applicant and made comment. No member of the public spoke against the application.

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Meeting be adjourned and that the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim defer a decision on the Zone Change Application submitted by Bender Contracting on behalf of Ross Roth Sand and Gravel Inc.

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

None.

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

None.

10. Staff Reports

a. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

i. FC-23-16 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-23-16 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official

i. CBO-23-11 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-23-11 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-23-20 – Tandem Truck with Plow Equipment

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-23-20 be received as information;

And further that Council accepts the quoted price of \$363,358.00 from Viking Cives for the delivery of a 2025 Tandem Truck with plow equipment.

And further that staff amend the 10-year capital plan to show the purchase of the 2025 Freightliner 114SD cab and chassis for the amount of \$197,878.00 to be shown in the year 2024.

And further that staff amend the 10-year capital plan to show the balance of the 2025 Freightliner, \$165,480.00 for winter equipment be shown in the year 2025.

.Carried

d. Denice Krug – Director of Finance

i. TR-23-15 – 2024 Municipal Insurance

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-23-15 be received as information;

And further that Council instructs the Treasurer to bind the renewal for the Township's municipal insurance with Marsh Canada.

.Carried

ii. TR-23-16 – 2023 3rd Quarter Variance Report

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-23-16 be received as information.

.Carried

e. Sarah Matheson – Deputy Clerk

i. DC-23-05 – January 2024 Council Meetings

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-23-05 be received; and,

That the Council meeting for January 3, 2024 be cancelled and the following meetings be established for the month of January 2024:

- January 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., Regular Council; and,
- January 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Operating Budget presentation.

.Carried

f. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

i. CAO-23-22 – Plattsville Estates Stage 3A Letter of Credit

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-22 be received as information;
and,

That Council authorize the following Letter of Credit reduction on the
recommendation of the Township's Consulting Engineer:

- Plattsville Estates Stage 3A Subdivision from \$66,088.73 to
\$36,505.50.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Young noted special events upcoming in the Township: Blenheim & District Public School Christmas Market is on November 24th, 2023 in the evening, Breakfast with Santa in Drumbo at the Agricultural Hall on November 26th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Santa Claus Parade in Bright on December 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., Santa Claus Parade in Plattsville on December 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., Santa Clause visit to Princeton on December 9th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Councillor Young also reported the Pumpkin Parade was a successful event, as well as the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Plattsville was well attended. Councillor Young also reported that she attended a Human Trafficking Awareness event and that it was very informative. Mayor Peterson reported he placed the wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Princeton and the event was well executed and attended. Mayor Peterson also reported that he placed a wreath at the Blenheim & District Public School and it was a great event.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

- a. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Re: CAO Recruitment Update.

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 4:53 p.m. to discuss:

- a. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Re: CAO Recruitment Update.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 5:12 p.m.

.Carried

16. Other Business

None.

17. By-laws

- a. 2397-2023, Being a by-law to establish the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Fees and Charges;

- b. 2398-2023, Being a By-law to assume and name lands as a public highway (English Crecent, Fulcher Street) located in Part of Lot 17, Concession 13, Township of Blandford-Blenheim (former Blenheim);
- c. 2399-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2397-2023, 2398-2023, & 2399-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final time: 2397-2023, 2398-2023, & 2399-2023.

.Carried

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:13 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

To: Mayor and Members of Township of Blandford-Blenheim Council

From: Dustin Robson, Development Planner, Community Planning

Application for Zone Change ZN1-23-15 – Township of Blandford-Blenheim

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- This is a Zone Change application that seeks to rezone the subject lands from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Institutional Zone (I)' to permit the expansion of an existing municipal cemetery.
- Planning staff are supportive of the proposed rezoning, as it is generally consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and maintains the intent and purpose of the Official Plan with respect to the expansion of existing institutional uses within the Agricultural Reserve designation.

DISCUSSION

Background

APPLICANT/OWNER: Township of Blandford-Blenheim
47 Wilmot Street South, Drumbo, ON N0J 1G0

LOCATION:

The subject lands are described as Part Lot 18, Concession 7, in the former Township of Blenheim, now in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. The lands are located on the north side of Oxford Road 29, between Highway 401 and Harmer Crescent, and are municipally known as 806761 Oxford Road 29.

COUNTY OF OXFORD OFFICIAL PLAN:

Schedule "B-1"	Township of Blandford-Blenheim Land Use Plan	Agricultural Reserve
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Existing Zoning: General Agricultural Zone (A2)

Proposed Zoning: Institutional Zone (I)

PROPOSAL:

Plate 1 – Location Map and Existing Zoning indicates the location of the subject lands and the existing zoning in the immediate vicinity.

Plate 2 – Aerial Photography (2020), shows an aerial view of the subject lands.

Plate 3, Applicant's Sketch, identifies the lands that would host a future expansion to the existing municipal cemetery on the subject lands.

Application Review

2020 Provincial Policy Statement

The applicant proposes to expand an existing cemetery in an area identified for prime agricultural use. The policies of the PPS permit lot adjustments, and by extension, expansions in prime agricultural areas for legal and technical reasons.

Official Plan

The subject lands are designated 'Agricultural Reserve' according to the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Land Use Plan, as contained in the County Official Plan.

The proposed rezoning will facilitate the expansion of an existing cemetery. In accordance with the policies regarding existing institutional uses in the Agricultural Reserve, Council may consider minor expansion of such facilities provided that the said expansion meets the technical criteria contained in the plan and the use will be compatible with surrounding uses with respect to noise, odour, vehicular traffic, and visual intrusion.

Zoning By-law

The 'Institutional Zone (I)' permits a cemetery, provided a minimum lot area of 3,700 m² (39,828 ft.²) is provided. The lands subject to the Zone Change Application are approximately 1,918 m² (20,645 ft.²) in size while the rest of the lands, which are already zoned I, are approximately 1 ha (2.6 ac) in size.

The general intent and purpose of the minimum lot area requirement is to ensure that the property is large enough to accommodate the intended use, including sufficient space for buildings, structures, septic systems and parking.

Agency Comments

The Township Chief Building Official, Township Drainage Superintendent, Southwestern Public Health, and the Township Director of Public Works have indicated no concerns or objections regarding the proposed zoning amendment.

Public Consultation

Notice of the proposal was provided to the public and surrounding lands owners in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. At the time of writing this report, no comments or concerns had been received from the public.

Planning Analysis

Staff are satisfied that the proposed rezoning to 'Institutional Zone (I)' is sufficiently compatible with agriculture and existing land uses in the area. Notwithstanding that the proposed use is not related to agriculture, Planning staff are of the opinion that the application does not offend the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement as the proposed rezoning will allow the expansion of a long-standing use (municipal cemetery) that has proven to be compatible with surrounding agricultural operations.

Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposed cemetery expansion will not have any adverse impacts on abutting properties and, further, the Township Chief Building Official has not indicated any concerns regarding the relevant Minimum Distance Separation provisions of the Township's Zoning By-law.

The subject lands exceed the minimum lot size requirements and there are no concerns from staff in relation to the ability to provide sufficient space for the proposed use.

Based on the foregoing, Planning staff are recommending approval of the Zone Change Application, as the proposal is generally consistent with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement and maintains the intent and purpose of the County Official Plan, with respect to expanding an existing municipal cemetery within the agricultural area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the Zone Change Application submitted by the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, whereby lands described as Part Lot 18, Concession 7 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Institutional Zone (I)' to permit the expansion of an existing municipal cemetery.

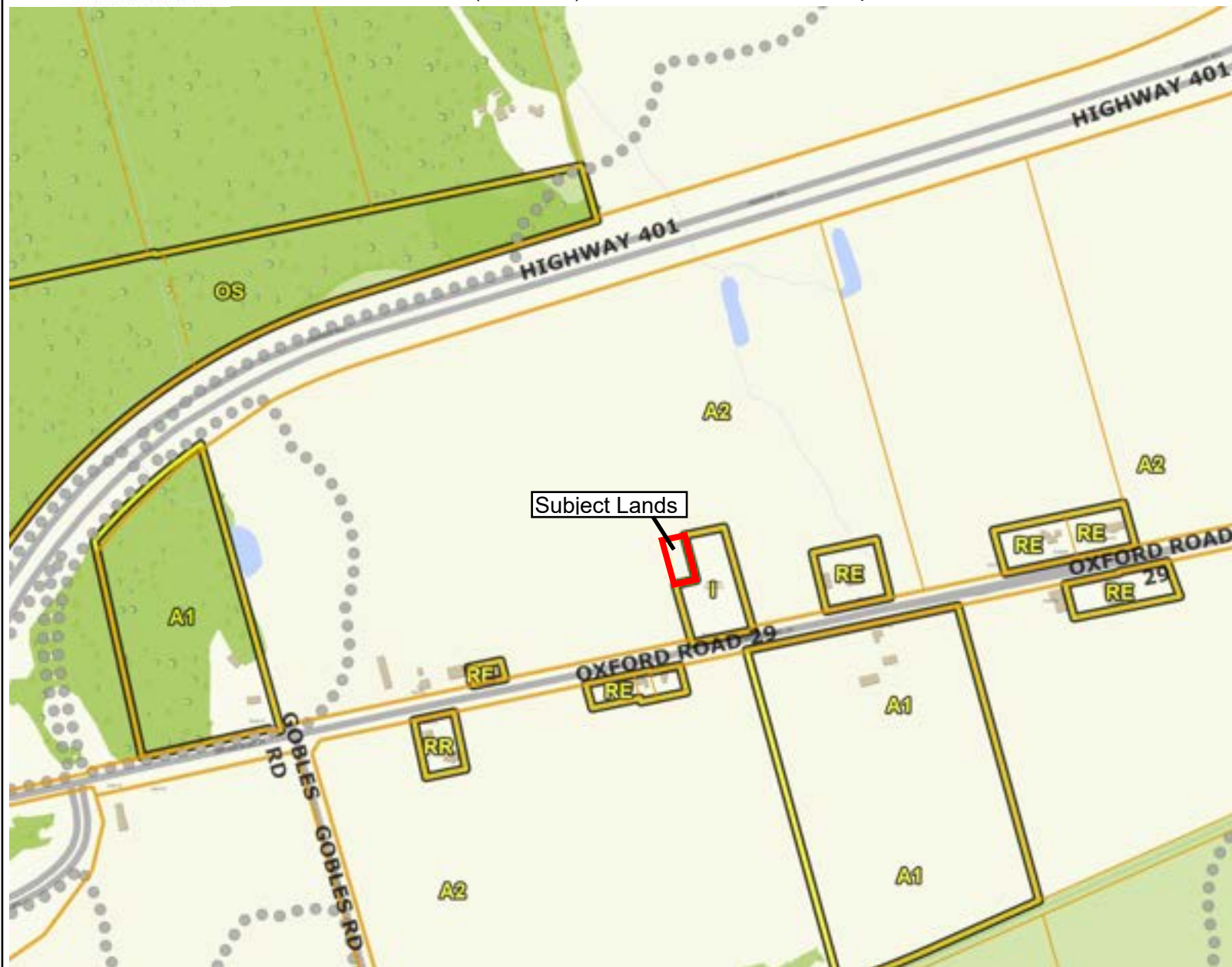
SIGNATURES

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Development Planner

Approved for submission by: *'original signed by'*

Eric Gilbert, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Development Planning
Community Planning



Legend

Parcel Lines

- Property Boundary
- Assessment Boundary
- Unit
- Road
- Municipal Boundary

Zoning Floodlines

Regulation Limit

- 100 Year Flood Line
- 30 Metre Setback
- Conservation Authority Regulation Limit
- Regulatory Flood And Fill Lines

- Land Use Zoning (Displays 1:16000 to 1:500)

Notes



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Legend

Parcel Lines

- Property Boundary
- Assessment Boundary
- Unit
- Road
- Municipal Boundary

Zoning Floodlines

Regulation Limit

- ++ 100 Year Flood Line
- = 30 Metre Setback
- == Conservation Authority Regulation Limit
- == Regulatory Flood And Fill Lines

- Land Use Zoning (Displays 1:16000 to 1:500)

Notes



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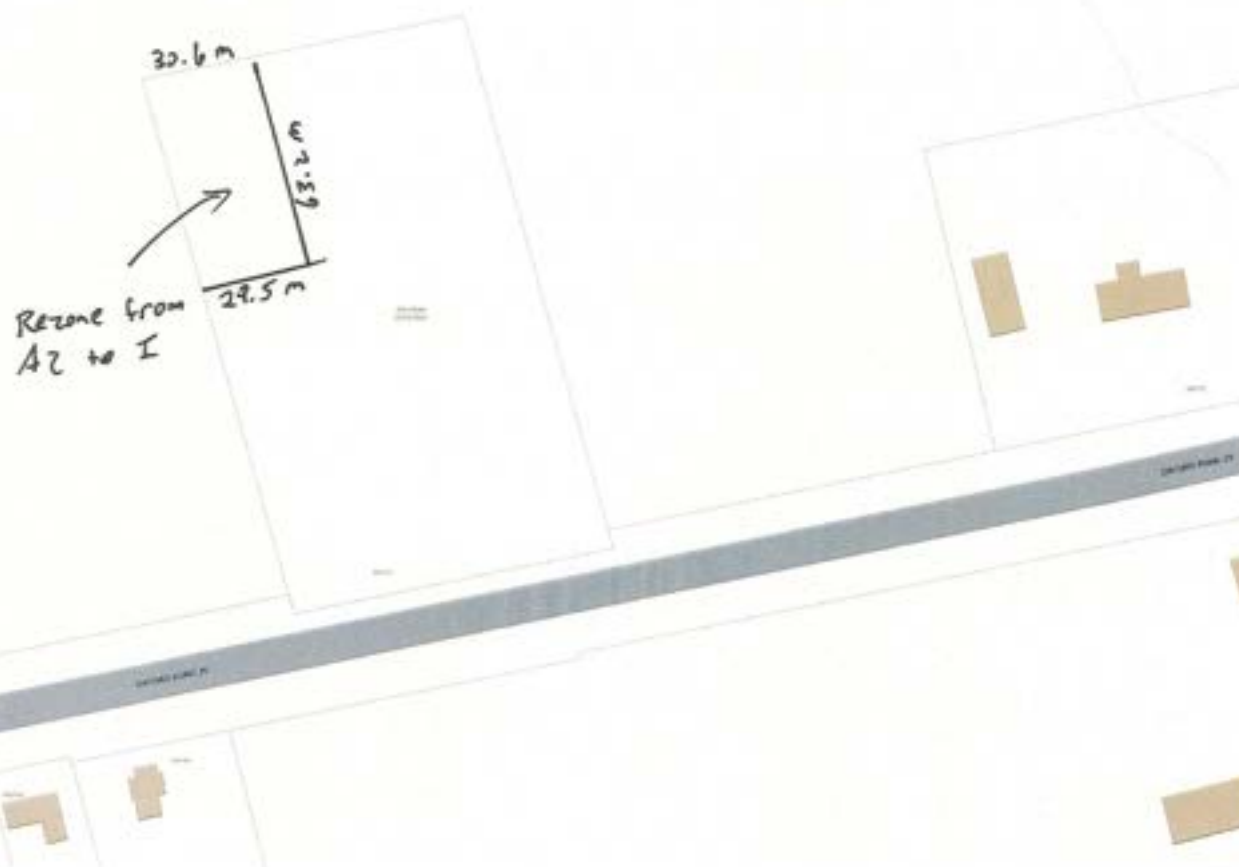
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Plate 3: Applicant's Sketch
File No. ZN1-23-15 (Township of Blandford-Blenheim)
Pt Lot 17-18, Concession 7 (Blenheim), Pt 1, RP 41R547, Township of Blandford-Blenheim, 806761 Oxford Road 29



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October 26, 2023



REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Phase 2 Official Plan Review (Environmental Policies) – Suggested Policy Directions

To: Warden and Members of County Council

From: Director of Community Planning

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That County Council direct Planning staff to proceed with engagement on the Suggested Environmental Policy Directions that have been developed to further inform Phase 2 of the County's Official Plan review, as generally outlined in Report CP 2023-289;

2. And further, that Report CP 2023-289 be circulated to the Area Municipalities for information.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The purpose of this report is to present Council with the Suggested (Environmental) Policy Directions paper that is proposed to serve as the general basis for community engagement and input on potential updates to the County's environmental policies as part of Phase 2 of the County's Official Plan review process (i.e., Phase consisted of updates to the County's Agricultural Policies).
- The primary purpose of updates to the environmental policies is to ensure they are consistent with current requirements under the Planning Act, and ensure they continue to reflect local planning goals and objectives.
- This report includes a number of background documents which provide the more detailed technical basis and land use planning rationale for the various environmental policy directions currently being suggested. This report and related attachments are intended to form the basis for further community and stakeholder engagement.
- Pending Council's approval of the report recommendations staff will proceed with the next steps (as generally set out in this report) to obtain further community and stakeholder input on the suggested directions for policy development.

IMPLEMENTATION POINTS

The review and update of the County's environmental policies constitutes the second phase of the current Official Plan review process. The primary purpose of this review is to identify any updates to the policies that may need to be considered to ensure they are consistent with relevant Provincial legislation, plans, policies, and guidelines, as required by the Planning Act, including the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020. However, revisions to improve overall intent, clarity, and implementation, and to better reflect local strategies/plans and related goals and objectives are also being considered.

There are a number of directions being considered as part of the Official Plan update which would go somewhat beyond the minimum requirements set out in the PPS in order to help better achieve Oxford's goal of preserving and enhancing the natural environment, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, as expressed through the County's strategic plan.

Financial Impact

No immediate implications beyond this year's approved budget. Any additional funding that may be required for future phases will be considered as part of the annual budget process.

Communications

Community engagement is an important component of the Official Plan review process, including the proposed review and update of the County's environmental policies. Staff have considered the feedback received in June 2022 from the Area Municipalities, the Agricultural and Planning Advisory Committee, Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), along with other groups and the public, which is detailed further in the background section below.

As part of the next round of engagement, planning staff will be seeking further input on suggested policies/directions to help inform the development of draft policies. This round of engagement is proposed to include a mix of in-person and on-line engagement opportunities and consultation/engagement with:

- The Province and the various agencies prescribed under the Planning Act (e.g. conservation authorities, utility providers, railways, abutting municipalities etc.);
- County and Area Municipal Staff and Councils;
- Indigenous communities; and
- Other identified stakeholder groups, interested parties and the broader public.




Additional information on the planned engagement opportunities is provided under Next Steps.

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Oxford County Council approved the **2023-2026 Strategic Plan** on September 13, 2023. The Plan outlines 39 goals across three strategic pillars that advance Council's vision of working together for a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable future. These pillars are: (1) *Promoting community vitality*, (2) *Enhancing environmental sustainability*, and (3) *Fostering progressive government*.

The recommendations in this report supports the following strategic goals.

Strategic Plan Pillars and Goals

PILLAR 1	PILLAR 2	PILLAR 3
		
Promoting community vitality	Enhancing environmental sustainability	Fostering progressive government
<p>Goal 1.2 – Sustainable infrastructure and development</p> <p>Goal 1.3 – Community health, safety and well-being</p>	<p>Goal 2.1 – Climate change mitigation and adaptation</p> <p>Goal 2.2 – Preserve and enhance our natural environment</p>	<p>Goal 3.2 – Collaborate with our partners and communities</p>

See: [Oxford County 2023-2026 Strategic Plan](#)

DISCUSSION

Background

The Planning Act requires that municipalities adopt an Official Plan (OP) to serve as the primary legal document for implementing provincial land use planning direction at the municipal level.

As described in report [CP 2021-336](#), the County OP provides that direction for both the County and the eight area municipalities that comprise the County. The policies and land use schedules contained in the OP establish the overall vision and land use strategy for growth and development in the County. This is accomplished by setting out locational, development review and other requirements for a full range of land uses (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, parks and recreation, agriculture, etc.) and providing direction with respect to matters such as the provision of infrastructure and public services, the protection of agricultural land and natural and cultural heritage features, and avoiding or mitigating the potential impacts from natural and man-made hazards.

As discussed in [CP 2022-48](#) this second phase of the OP update is focused on Section 3.2 of the OP which currently provides policy direction on:

- Natural Heritage System (including implementation tools, and environmental study requirements and management policies);
- Water Resources (including watershed and sub-watershed planning and source protection);
- Open Space;
- Soil Resources;

- Natural Hazards; and,
- Energy Efficiency and Air Quality

It is noted that, unlike other amendments to the OP that are approved by County Council, the Province (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) is the approval authority for any amendments to the County's OP that are undertaken as part of an OP review process under Section 26 of the Planning Act. As such, following adoption by County Council, all amendments that form part of the County's OP review process will need to be sent to the Province for approval

As part of their approval, the Province has the authority to impose any modifications to the County's adopted policies that it determines to be necessary to ensure they are consistent with Provincial legislation and policies.

Background Review and Preliminary Engagement

Input from engagement in June 2022 included feedback from the Area Municipalities, the Agricultural and Planning Advisory Committee, Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), along with other groups and the public. The results from the feedback received indicated a number of common areas of interest/concern by respondents, including:

- A desire and general support for improving/increasing protection of natural spaces, rivers and streams;
- General support for planning for watershed health, restoration, and improvement of rivers, streams, and water resources;
- Protect natural spaces to support species that inhabit those areas, including species at risk;
- Ensure the farming community is involved in policy development and be clear on how policies and recommendations will, or will not, impact and support farmers;
- Incorporate and reflect parts of the community's sustainability plan into Oxford in the OP
- Recognize that the rivers and valleys in the County provide important recreational opportunities with many trails, canoeing opportunities, and more;
- Improve and provide clarity regarding environmental study requirements, as generally implemented through development processes, and develop technical guidance to support implementation;
- Public parks and community green spaces are highly valued and provide opportunities for recreation, supporting health and wellness, and access to nature. These values should be recognized and these areas protected for long-term public use; and
- A desire for increased number and amount of parks and greenspace within Oxford.

In addition to the early input above, Staff have also reviewed relevant legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines and undertaken extensive background research and review of various documents, reports, data and other information in order to inform the potential environmental policy updates including, but not limited to:

- Updates to the Planning Act and associated regulations, the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020, and draft 2023 updates to the PPS;
- Provincial guidelines related to PPS implementation, including:
 - [Natural Heritage Reference Manual](#), and [Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide](#) and [Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E and Ecoregion 7E](#);
 - [Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Reference Manual](#);
 - [Draft Watershed Planning Guidance](#) and [draft Subwatershed Planning Guidance](#);
- Other provincial or federal legislation including the Conservation Authorities Act, Species At

- Risk Act, Endangered Species Act, the Fisheries Act, Excesses Soil regulations, etc.;
- Official plans from other municipalities with similar land use contexts (e.g. prime agricultural areas with a mix of urban and rural settlements), with a focus on those currently under review or recently approved by the Province;
- Relevant planning applications and related decisions (local and Ontario Municipal Board/Land Tribunal);
- Review of various related studies, research, reports, and other supporting materials;
- GIS analysis of spatial data and related information; and
- Review of County and Area Municipal studies, strategies and master plans relating to parks, open space and trails, renewable energy and climate change, water protection (e.g. source water) and infrastructure (i.e. transportation, water and wastewater etc.).

Comments

Through the strategic plan, County Council has expressed a desire to improve the environmental sustainability of Oxford, including the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Opportunities to implement this direction through land use planning and other potential measures will be included as one of the many considerations in this phase of the OP review.

This report includes the following attachments to help establish the technical basis and land use planning rationale for the various environmental policy directions currently being suggested.

- Suggested Policy Directions (Attachment 1)
- Draft Oxford Natural Heritage Systems Study (ONHSS) 2023 (Attachment 2)
- ONHSS Recommendations Summary (Attachment 3)

This report and the above attachments are intended to form the basis for further community and stakeholder engagement. Further discussion of these attachments is provided as follows:

Oxford Natural Heritage Systems Study (ONHSS) 2023

The Oxford Natural Heritage System Study (ONHSS) provides a science-based approach for understanding the existing inventory of natural heritage features and areas within Oxford, and how these features work together as part of a landscape level terrestrial system which also connects to neighbouring municipalities and their watersheds and sub-watersheds. First initiated in 2006, the ONHSS has been reviewed and updated several times, and has served as primary background document for identifying the current inventory of natural heritage features and areas in the County. Updates have generally occurred on a five-year basis in order to monitor natural succession, as well as human influenced changes on the landscape (e.g. vegetation loss through development and other human activity), and have also benefited from steady improvements in technology, including the quality of aerial imagery. The 2023 update uses aerial imagery from 2020 to provide the most current inventory for the County. This updated data also provides a unique opportunity to assess longer term trends and changes on the landscape, given the generally consistent methodology with past updates.

The ONHSS data is also used to help inform secondary planning, master planning and other County and Area Municipal projects (including development proposals/review) with respect to natural heritage related considerations and the potential need for more detailed studies.

A copy of the updated draft ONHSS 2023 study is included as Attachment 2 to this report. The inclusion of information from the ONHSS, as a background technical document, will be used to help inform the updates to the natural heritage policies in the OP as well as other policy updates, where applicable (e.g., natural hazards, water resources, etc.). As a starting point in this regard, the ONHSS 2023 has been used to inform the Suggested Policy Directions document in Attachment 1.

The ONHSS recognizes that the protection of natural areas for the long term through land use planning (e.g. Official Plan policies and development review process) is one tool to help assist with the protection and restoration of biodiversity (i.e. all living things and how they interact) and overall environmental sustainability, there are a number of other potential tools and measures beyond land use planning that likely also warrant consideration (e.g. expanding stewardship, partnership and education programs, establishing goals and targets for restoration and biodiversity initiatives, management directives for municipal programs, property and infrastructure, etc.). To this end there are a range of implementation recommendations in the ONHSS that will help inform the OP update and other related implementation initiatives.

A summary of the ONHSS recommendations are included in Attachment 3. This summary provides an indication of the recommendations that will be specifically considered through the current OP update, those that have been previously considered/addressed, and those that are expected to inform consideration of future implementation options. Updating the environmental policies in the Official Plan is the current priority, however, once those updates have been completed staff intend to bring a follow up report to Council to further discuss and consider various other potential implementation measures and related considerations/implications, including those recommended by the ONHSS.

Suggested Policy Directions

The paper entitled 'Suggested Policy Directions' included as Attachment 1 was prepared by planning staff based on extensive background review and feedback from initial public engagement in June of 2022. This paper provides a detailed discussion of the various Provincial requirements, technical considerations, and opportunities for updating the environmental policies in the OP. This includes discussion of the many related legislative requirements, Provincial standards and guidelines, and local goals and initiatives (i.e. County, Area Municipal and broader community).

Each section includes a discussion regarding various requirements, opportunities and related technical information and concludes with suggested policy directions. Feedback and discussion on these directions is intended to assist staff in improving, refining, and confirming these initial policy directions, so that information can be used to inform the development of a future consultation draft of new OP policies and related mapping updates (where applicable).

While the PPS establishes minimum requirements for planning for various matters of provincial interest related to the natural environment (e.g., natural heritage systems, water resource systems, natural hazards, etc.), the County may also choose to establish more protective policies than the PPS, based on the local circumstances and objectives, provided doing so would not conflict with any other policy of the PPS. In this regard, it is noted that the existing Official Plan

policies are already more protective and proactive than the minimum provincial requirements, in some cases.

There are a number of directions included in this paper which, as proposed, would continue to go beyond the minimum PPS requirements to help achieve Oxford's strategic goal of preservation and enhancement of the natural environment, including climate change mitigation and adaptation. More specifically these directions are intended to:

- Inform policy development that supports community biodiversity and climate goals;
- Help recognize the local context, vulnerabilities and opportunities related to environmental protection, management and enhancement;
- Incorporate and encourage conservation and restoration of natural areas and ecosystems;
- Support sustainable land use practices which can help reduce habitat fragmentation, promote green infrastructure, and enhance biodiversity;
- Incorporate approaches to support climate resilience into the OP, such as encouraging infrastructure improvements, enhanced flood mitigation, and adaptation strategies that protect communities and natural systems;
- Increase resilience, as biodiversity and climate planning can help improve and mitigate the impacts of climate-related disasters and ecological shifts;
- Contribute to improving health and well-being as improved air and water quality, access to green spaces, and reduced heat islands enhance residents' quality of life;
- Support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and promotion of renewable energy, sustainable development practices, and incorporation of green infrastructure; and
- Promote education and engagement, as increasing awareness and involving the community in conservation efforts are essential for long-term success.

The following represents a high-level summary of the key policy sections covered in the policy paper and suggested policy directions outlined in each section.

Natural Heritage System

Planning for natural heritage using a systems-based approach is a strategic way to help address biodiversity loss, potential negative impacts from land use change and the uncertainties of climate change. The intent being to ensure the County's natural heritage system can sustain present and future generations, while also working toward achievement of a 'net environmental gain' over time. As a minimum, the PPS requires that municipalities identify natural heritage systems and protect natural heritage features and areas for the long-term. Further, that the diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems, should be maintained, restored or, where possible, improved.

Protecting natural heritage systems is key to maintaining and enhancing environmental health and ecological integrity, long-term quality of life, and the various local economic benefits that are dependent on the ecological goods and services (e.g. food, water, timber, air purification, soil creation, and pollination, etc.) that the natural heritage system provides.

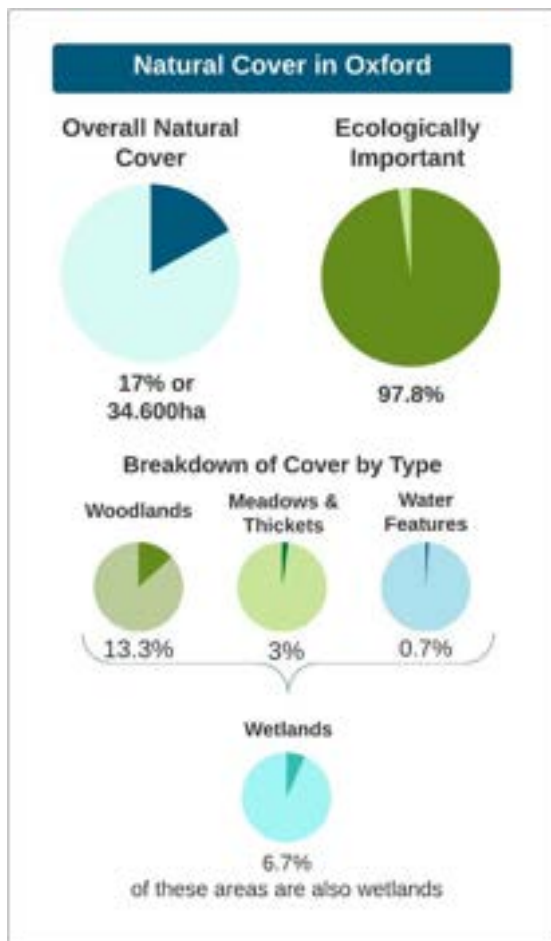


Figure 1. shows a summary of the current natural cover in Oxford, based on 2020 aerial imagery as assessed through the current ONHSS.

In many respects virtually all of the remaining natural cover, rivers and streams in Oxford can be considered ecologically important as their ecological and hydrological functions contribute to and support Oxford's overall ecological health and biodiversity (i.e. the variety and types of ecosystems and species). Further, these natural areas provide a range of ecological goods and services (e.g. groundwater protection, water treatment, flood control, air quality improvement, temperature moderation etc.) and also contribute to overall community health and well-being (i.e. by providing access to nature and opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation). Maintaining, enhancing and restoring these features and areas is key to ensuring they are able to continue to provide these environmental and community benefits.

Developing a new natural heritage system as part of the OP update will involve identifying and establishing policies for various natural heritage features and areas (e.g. woodlands, wetlands, valleylands etc.), as well as recognizing the linkages between and among these features and water resources (e.g. surface and ground water systems).

One of the purposes of identifying and protecting, enhancing and restoring natural heritage systems is to support their ecological functions (e.g. production of food and water; regulating temperature, flooding and filtering water; fixing nitrogen, oxygen production etc.) and biodiversity for the long term. Biodiversity generally refers to the variety of all living things and their interactions and is often broken into three groups: ecosystem diversity, species diversity and genetic diversity. Natural heritage systems planning focuses primarily on aspects of ecosystem diversity and to a lesser extent species diversity, with limited consideration of genetic diversity.

Land use planning tools and approaches can help to support and protect biodiversity by:

- Using various planning tools to identify and protect natural heritage features and areas for the long term (e.g. land use designations and zoning), including directing development away from ecologically important areas and/or requiring appropriate studies and measures to ensure development proposed within or adjacent to such areas will not have a negative impact;
- Establishing appropriate mitigation requirements (e.g., buffers, enhancement and restoration measures, water balance requirements, etc.) to help maintain and enhance natural heritage features and areas;
- Promoting incorporation of ecosystem considerations into community design/new development (i.e., using native species, incorporating pollinator species, managing invasive species, etc.); and,

- Serving as an education and integration tool for other municipal and agency requirements and processes/programs (i.e., CA regulations, by-laws, stewardship programs, etc.)

Recognition and inclusion of biodiversity in any updated OP policies, together with the updated natural heritage inventory in the ONHSS, would also help to inform other environmental related plans and initiatives (e.g. expanding stewardship, partnership and education programs; establishing goals and targets for restoration and biodiversity initiatives etc.). These could then potentially be further expanded upon through the development of a Biodiversity Strategy as identified in Future Oxford sustainability plan, if deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

Potential updates to the County's natural heritage policies will build from the existing OP policy framework and are currently suggested to include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Maintaining and expanding the 'net environmental gain' concept/principle in the current OP policies as part of a new natural heritage system framework;
- Establishing a new natural heritage system and related policies to protect all ecologically important features, not just those that are provincially significant' as virtually all of the remaining natural cover in Oxford is important for sustaining ecological and hydrological functions to support biodiversity and minimize the risks/impacts from a changing climate;
- Incorporating provincial and federal requirements to protect fish habitat, support the protection, restoration and enhancement of riparian areas (i.e. lands along the edges of rivers, streams, lakes, and other water bodies) and shorelines and improved fish passage, and reflect provincial and federal requirements for species at risk;
- Recognize the importance of terrestrial (i.e. land based) and hydrological (i.e. water based) linkages and connectivity and incorporate requirements to protect linkages in areas where significant land use change (e.g. settlement expansion, new non-agricultural use) is being proposed and support the identification of opportunities to restore and enhance connectivity throughout Oxford (e.g. secondary planning, stewardship activities etc.), where possible; and,
- Incorporate policies to support ecological and environmental related opportunities (e.g. urban forestry, promoting native species, pollinators, road ecology, invasive species management, etc.) as part of development and other programs, projects, and initiatives, where opportunities exist.

The updates to the natural heritage policies will also need to recognize and support the ability of agricultural land uses to continue, as required by the PPS. As such, the primary focus of identifying natural heritage systems in the agricultural landscape will be on recognizing existing features and areas and how they are connected and to ensure that new non-agricultural development is generally directed away from such areas or requires appropriate studies to ensure there will be no negative impacts.

That said, it is also recognized that the bulk of the remaining natural features and areas in Oxford are located within the County's agricultural area. As such, policies could be considered to recognize that these areas represent some of the greatest opportunities for the implementation of voluntary stewardship, enhancement and restoration initiatives to increase natural cover, ecological function and/or biodiversity, by working with farmers and rural residents where there is interest and support.

Other potential policy directions include updating environmental study (e.g. EIS) requirements to help provide greater clarity and consistency for establishing the scope of studies and improving the process associated with their review. This would include updated requirements for adjacent lands, mitigative standards and approaches based on Provincial and Federal requirements and

guidance, and providing greater direction to guide the implementation of the recommendations of environmental studies.

Water Resource System

As Oxford is an entirely ground water dependant community, it is critically important that the quality and quantity of the County's water sources be protected, improved and restored. Updating the water resource policies in the Official Plan provides an opportunity to consider appropriate measures to further protect both the County's municipal drinking water supplies and surface and groundwater features such as rivers and streams, wetlands, areas of ground water recharge and discharge (seeps and springs).

Any proposed updates would build from the existing OP policies which:

- Encourage watercourses and drainage systems to remain open and in a natural state and incorporating naturalized and vegetative buffers and meet other legislative requirements;
- Set out requirements for enhancement and protection of surface water features where development is adjacent to such features;
- Require studies to understand the potential cumulative impacts of development on water quantity; and
- Support and encourage municipal by-laws and other approaches to address water conservation and efficiency, in addition to education and outreach.

Following is a summary of the potential updates to this OP policy framework currently being suggested for consideration:

- Incorporating a water resource system into the OP that will help ensure that the County's water resources continue to be available to accommodate growth, sustain the natural heritage system, and have resilience to deal with the impacts from a changing climate;
- Recognizing that there are linkages and related functions among ground water features, natural heritage features and areas, and surface water features (e.g. streams, rivers, headwater areas), and that these linkages need to be maintained;
- Utilizing Source Water Protection Plans and related tools to implement restrictions, where they are necessary, on development and site alteration to protect all municipal drinking water supplies and designated vulnerable areas and to protect, improve or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features, and sensitive ground water features and their functions;
- Updating the existing stormwater management policies to reflect current PPS requirements with respect to minimizing or, where possible, preventing increases in contaminant loads, minimizing erosion and changes in water balance, and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate through the effective management of stormwater, including the use of green infrastructure;
- Encouraging education, outreach and stewardship to help support maintaining and improving water quality, as well as water quantity; and
- Encourage the consideration of water conservation and efficiency as part of various municipal programs, standards and projects (including municipal infrastructure and capital projects) and/or as part of new development, where opportunities exist.

Open Space

Provision of and convenient access to open spaces, including parks and trails, and associated recreational opportunities, is an essential part of building complete communities and supporting healthy and active communities.

The existing OP policies with respect to Open Space currently include references to parks and other areas for recreation, stormwater management facilities, areas of natural hazards (flooding) and a number of other open space areas and related considerations. In addition, the policies encourage the incorporation of pedestrian and cycling pathways into proposed and, where feasible, existing development to provide connections to areas of natural heritage/open space and areas of commerce and employment. However, the policies do not currently specifically recognize the various County or Area Municipal studies, goals or objectives with respect to trail development or the role of trails in supporting active transportation.

The current OP policies also include requirements for park/leisure planning within the Large Urban Centres (i.e. Woodstock, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll) and rural settlement areas. These policies would also benefit from review to ensure they will continue to work collaboratively with any updates to the open space policies and provide sufficient direction regarding the implementation of the park planning requirements under the Planning Act.

Following is a summary of the potential updates to this OP policy framework that are currently being suggested for consideration:

- Providing greater direction on encouraging the use of master planning and secondary planning for parks, in part to respond to changes resulting from Bill 23;
- Reviewing and, where necessary, updating the uses permitted in the open space designation;
- Providing greater emphasis on the role of and planning for trails, including recognition of County and Area Municipal standards and studies and the role of trails as part of the active transportation network;
- Greater recognition of opportunities to address food security, such as encouraging urban agriculture and community gardens, where appropriate and opportunities exist;
- Address the minimum requirements of the PPS to promote healthy, active communities by:
 - planning public streets, spaces and facilities to be safe, meet the needs of pedestrians, foster social interaction and facilitate active transportation and community connectivity,
 - planning and providing for a full range and equitable distribution of publicly accessible built and natural settings for recreation, including facilities, parklands, public spaces, open space areas, trails and linkages, and, where practical, water-based resources;
 - providing opportunities for public access to shorelines; and
 - recognizing provincial parks, conservation reserves, and other protected areas, and minimizing negative impacts on these areas.

Soils

Healthy soil provides many economic and environmental benefits including, but not limited to, improved crop growth, yield and quality, water and nutrient retention and biodiversity. The current OP policies would benefit from review and update to ensure they continue to focus on and promote healthy soils and soil management and integrate relevant legislative changes (e.g. excess soils), best management practices and stewardship opportunities (e.g. support for the clean water program, federal cover crop programs and similar initiatives).

The existing OP policies recognize the prevalence of high-quality soils within the County and speak to the importance of protecting soils and the removal of topsoil and peat extraction. Potential updates to the existing soils policies would focus primarily on reflecting recent Provincial legislative changes with respect to managing excess soil. Excess soils are those that are not required at an individual construction or development site and must be moved to a new location.

Natural Hazards

To ensure the safety of residents and property, as well as the environment, it is important to identify areas that may be at greater risk of unacceptable health and safety risks, particularly those that may be caused or aggravated by extreme weather events and changing weather patterns. This includes lands that are, or may be, impacted by:

- flooding
- erosion hazards, including areas of steep slopes
- unstable soils and bedrock
- hazardous forest types for wildland fire

Generally, the PPS requires that development be directed away from areas of natural hazards where there is an unacceptable risk to public health or safety or of property damage, and not create new or aggravate existing hazards. It includes some limited provisions to permit development and/or site alteration where appropriate mitigation/risk reduction can be achieved. Further, the PPS requires that municipalities prepare for the impacts of a changing climate that may further increase the risk associated with natural hazards.

The primary focus of the updates to the OP natural heritage policies will be on ensuring that mapping (where applicable) and associated policies are up to date and reflect Provincial requirements. However, it is suggested that potential revisions to better align with Conservation Authority processes and regulations and integrate local planning considerations also be considered, where appropriate.

Following is a summary of the potential policy updates being suggested for consideration in this regard, generally building on the existing OP policy framework:

- Updating policies for natural hazards to ensure development continues to be directed away from areas of natural hazards, where there is an unacceptable risk to public health or safety or of property damage, and not create new or aggravate existing hazards, by:
 - Incorporating updates to reflect the Conservation Authorities Act and Provincial standards for hazardous forest types;
 - Establishing new policies and mapping which address areas of unstable bedrock, building from the existing policy framework for unstable soils;
 - Prohibit certain sensitive land uses from locating within areas of natural hazards where risks are not mitigatable or sites are unsuitable, as required by the PPS (i.e. institutional and emergency service uses); and
 - Encourage the County and Area Municipalities to consider climate impacts and implications for municipal facilities located in areas of natural hazards (e.g. flood prone areas), including potential opportunities to mitigate risks as part of ongoing maintenance or other capital works.

Energy Efficiency, Air Quality and Climate Change

Climate change can result in more frequent and intense storm and weather events (including heat and drought), increased pressure on water resources, and increased impacts (e.g. damages resulting from heat, wind, ice, flooding, and fire) and health effects from extreme heat. Mitigating and adapting to the impacts of a changing climate requires a coordinated approach that considers ways to reduce and cease net carbon emissions, protect and restore carbon stores (e.g. natural heritage features), sequester greenhouse gases (e.g. carbon dioxide) including through the use of green infrastructure, and mitigate and reduce the risks and impacts from extreme weather events.

Land use planning is one important tool for addressing climate change. Planning in advance for long-term, sustainable growth is critical, since decisions about how communities grow and are serviced can have implications for many years to come, as it directly influences the amount of carbon generated from people living, working, and travelling in those communities.

Some examples of land use and infrastructure planning approaches that can improve energy conservation, promote carbon neutrality, and generally support more efficient and sustainable communities include:

- Increasing densities and promoting compact urban form, mix of uses (e.g. residential, employment and recreation/open space) and efficient design and building orientation to:
 - reduce the costs of transportation, improve walkability, more efficiently use of hard and soft services, improve energy conservation, promote net zero development, and reduce development pressure on surrounding agricultural and environmental features;
 - reduce the production and release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases as part of the development process; and
 - minimize the negative impacts from development on air, water and other natural resources.
- Encouraging best management practices for building and infrastructure construction that reduce waste generated and greenhouse gas emissions and increase the use of recycled material;
- Encouraging the development of 'green development standards' to support sustainable building and community design and provide a consistent evaluation framework for assessing the sustainability of development proposals; and
- Supporting and encouraging increased renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, carbon neutrality, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (e.g. by encouraging businesses and homeowners to participate in programs that incentivize investment in energy and resource efficient technologies).

Following is a summary of some of the potential updates to the OP energy efficiency and air quality policies that are currently being suggested for consideration, including the addition of a more climate focused policy lens:

- Supporting energy conservation and efficiency, improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate by:
 - Promoting compact built form and increased density and intensification;
 - Supporting the development of compact, transit-supportive, walkable communities through the use of active transportation and transit in and between residential, employment (including commercial and industrial) and institutional uses and other areas;

- Encouraging transit-supportive development and intensification and improve the mix of employment and housing uses to shorten/lessen commuting times and decrease transportation congestion, and,
- Promoting design and orientation which maximizes energy efficiency and conservation, and considers the mitigating effects of vegetation and green infrastructure;
- Provide planning direction for battery storage facilities, including how integration/coordination with other related non-planning requirements would be achieved, taking into consideration any related changes to the PPS that may result from the current Provincial review;
- Encourage increased vegetative cover within settlements to increase passive cooling, reduce urban heat island impacts, and improve air quality;
- Establish policies to encourage the development of green development standards' to support incorporation of sustainable building and community design and provide a consistent evaluation framework for assessing the sustainability of development proposals;
- Encourage the Area Municipalities to explore the potential implementation of other sustainability tools and develop related standards (e.g. green roof by-laws, bird-friendly building standards, etc.);
- Recognize and support the implementation of the Oxford Renewable Energy Action Plan and the County's energy management and renewable Plans as approved corporate and community plans intended to assist in achievement of 100% renewable energy goals; and,
- Facilitate and plan for renewable and other forms of energy generation (e.g. solar, biogas, battery storage facilities) at appropriate locations and scales with applicable and appropriate land use planning tools and direction.

Next Steps

Staff are proposing to initiate further community engagement following the October 25, 2023, meeting of County Council, and have it run through until mid December 2023, in order to obtain community input and feedback on the suggested directions for updating the OP. This engagement process is currently proposed to include:

- Notifications via email to required agencies and others who have requested notice or have specific interest;
- Follow up and further discussions with First Nations for additional input into the environmental policies;
- A public open house to provide an opportunity to learn more about the suggested policy directions and ask questions;
- Online engagement opportunities (i.e. Speak Up Oxford), including the ability to review related information and materials and submit comments and feedback;
- Meetings with Area Municipal staff and Councils;
- Meeting with County Agricultural and Planning Advisory Committee (APAC), and with local committees or groups (e.g. Woodstock EAC) where requested by the Area Municipality; and,
- Any other consultation and engagement opportunities that may be identified as being beneficial through the review process.

There is also the opportunity to submit comments to the County Planning office via regular mail and email (opupdate@oxfordcounty.ca) and to engage online through [Speak Up Oxford](#) (the online survey will be available until mid-December 2023).

Following the above noted consultation and engagement process and consideration of the feedback received, planning staff will prepare and release a draft set of proposed environmental

OP policies and associated mapping (where applicable) for further consultation and Council consideration. Figure 2 below shows the anticipated milestones and current proposed timing for advancing policies for adoption by County Council.



Figure 2. Milestones for Environmental Policy Updates

Unlike other Official Plan amendments for which the County is the approval authority, the Province is the approval authority for any amendments undertaken as part of a comprehensive OP review process. As such, any proposed amendments to the environmental policies that are ultimately adopted by County Council as part of this process, will still be subject to subsequent Provincial review and approval. As part of their approval, the Province has the authority to impose any modifications to the County's adopted policies that it determines to be necessary to ensure they are consistent with Provincial legislation and policies. However, one of the benefits is that such policies would not then be subject to appeal.

In an effort to try to advance the Provincial review and approval process, staff have already been in contact with Provincial staff regarding the proposed OP review process, and will be following up to determine if there is any clarification and/or updates with respect to the on-going PPS review and related technical questions. As a future next step, a proposed draft of the environmental policies will also be circulated to the Province for initial feedback, as required under the Planning Act.

CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the Suggested Environmental Policy Directions paper and background technical studies (i.e. ONHSS) that are intended to form the

general basis for broader community discussion and input to help inform the development of draft policies for the second phase of the County's broader Official Plan review process.

The primary purpose of the proposed updates to the environmental policies is to ensure they are consistent with current Provincial legislation, plans, policies, and guidelines, as required by the Planning Act. However, this process will also provide an opportunity to improve the overall intent, clarity and implementation of the policies and ensure they continue to reflect local planning goals and objectives.

Pending Council's approval this report, staff will proceed with the next steps in the process (as set out in this report) to obtain community and stakeholder input on the suggested directions for the development of proposed updates to the County's environmental policies.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Suggested Environmental Policy Directions, October 25, 2023

<https://webresources.oxfordcounty.ca/Documents/Council/Attachments/Attachment%201%20Suggested%20Policy%20Directions%20FINAL.pdf>

Attachment 2 - Draft Oxford Natural Heritage Systems Study (ONHSS) 2023, October 25, 2023

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Attachment 3 - ONHSS Recommendations Summary, October 25, 2023

OXFORD COUNTY

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

Suggested
Policy Directions
Fall 2023



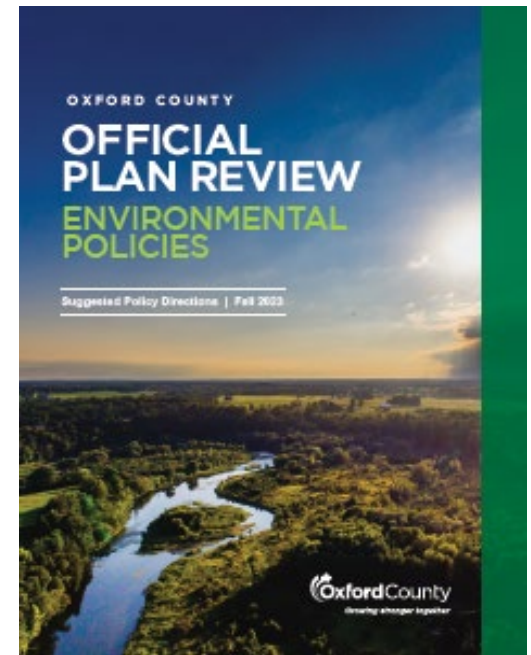
Project Overview

- Focus is on the topics within Section 3.2 of the Official Plan
- Many existing policies are still relevant but may also benefit from updated terminology, greater clarity and/or revised standards for implementation
- Legislative context includes focus on the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), related Provincial guidance as well as other Provincial and Federal legislation and requirements



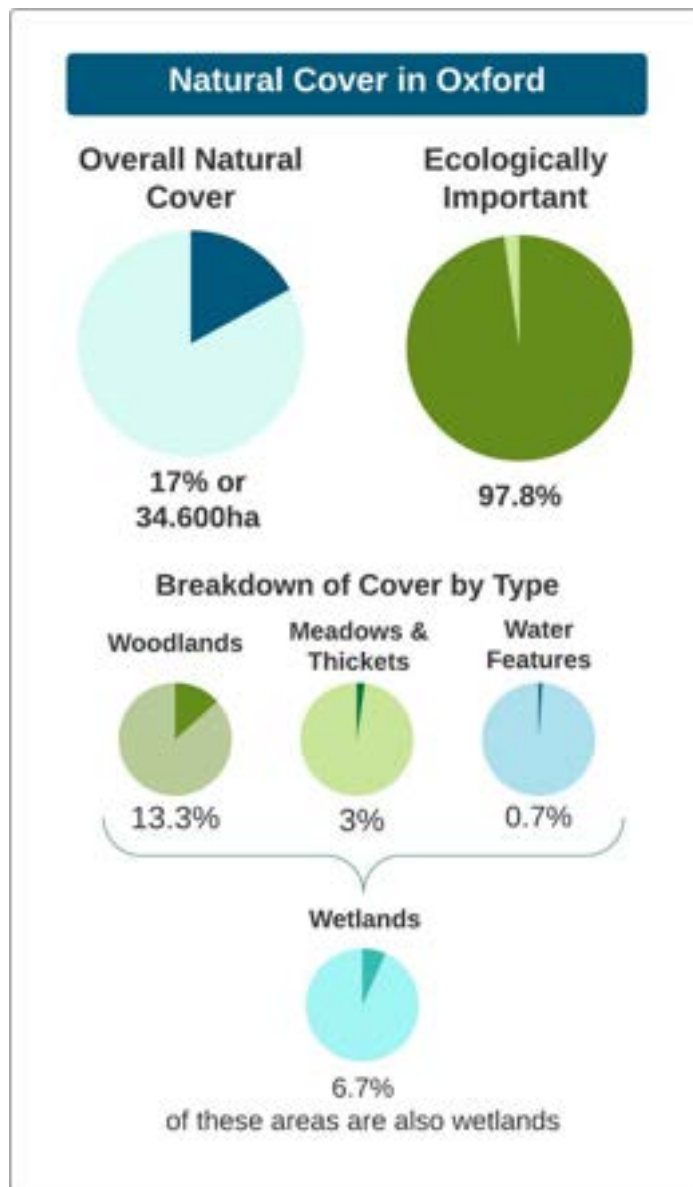
Suggested Policy Directions

- The [policy paper](#) provides suggested directions for each of the environmental topic areas along with related discussion and rationale
- Directions are intended to help provide a sense of potential intent and scope that could be included in draft policies and mapping
- Feedback received will be used to help refine policy directions



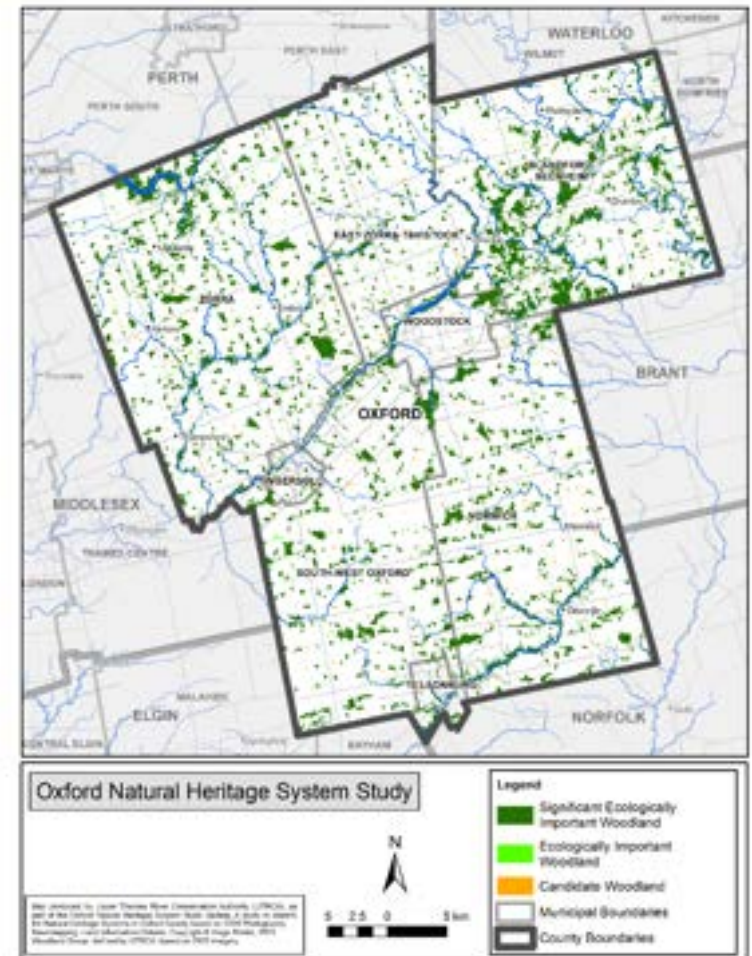
Natural Heritage

- Creating a new natural heritage system in the OP
- Using the draft Oxford Natural Heritage System Study (ONHSS, 2023) as a source of background information
- Virtually all remaining natural cover is important



Natural Heritage - Directions

- Establishing a new natural heritage system and related policies to protect all ecologically important features, not just those that are 'provincially significant'
- Support the identification of opportunities to restore and enhance natural areas and connectivity throughout Oxford
- Incorporate policies to support environmental/nature related opportunities
- Support the ability of agricultural land uses to continue (e.g. policies would not apply to drainage works, woodlot management, maple syrup production, etc.)
- Updating environmental study (e.g., EIS) requirements to help provide greater clarity and consistency



Water Resources

- PPS requires municipalities to plan for ‘water resource systems’:
 - Includes using watersheds/sub-watershed planning as part of the basis for the system
 - Includes requirements for protection of water quality and quantity for surface water and groundwater features
 - Policies will need to address current provincial direction on stormwater management
 - Also includes water conservation and efficiency and source water protection

Water Resources - Directions

- Focus is on identifying areas around water quality and quantity protection that are 'gaps' with other regulatory/legislative tools
 - Looking at recognizing specific types of water features (e.g., ground water recharge areas) as part of a water resource system
 - Incorporate existing source water protection requirements
 - Encouraging education, outreach and stewardship to help support maintaining and improving water quality and water quantity
 - Encouraging the consideration of water conservation and efficiency as part of various municipal programs

Stormwater Management - Directions

- Updates will build from the existing policies including those which currently speak to requirements for stormwater management (SWM) reports, design and location of retention/detention ponds.
- Recognizing Asset Management for ensuring that systems are optimized, feasible and financially viable over the long term
- Encourage maximizing the extent and function of vegetative and pervious surfaces, as well as the use of Low Impact Development (LID), as part of SWM design
 - LID measures would need to consider and be designed to suit the specific site conditions (e.g., soils) and should be informed by appropriate studies and standards
- Encourage consideration of stormwater management master planning and secondary planning processes as a means of enhancing standards and identifying areas for improvement and opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure.

Open Space

Parks

- OP policies already establish a park hierarchy and minimum parkland dedication requirements per Planning Act
- Open Space designation helps implement these policies

Directions:

- Encourage use of park master planning and secondary planning to help inform park locations, types and facility needs
- Encourage consideration of opportunities for urban agriculture, gardens, and other forms of using open space to help address food security, where appropriate
- Encourage green infrastructure in facility design and maintenance when managing areas of open space and parks

Open Space

Trails

- Limited recognition of trails and the role of trails in OP currently
- Many forms and levels of trail planning happening in the community

Directions:

- Encourage master planning for trails/secondary plans and recognize the role and importance of the existing trail networks to the community
- Clarify how trails are to be addressed from a land use perspective (i.e., land use designations, including those for natural heritage and open space)
- Providing greater emphasis on the role of and planning for trails, including recognition of County and Area Municipal standards and studies and the role of trails as part of an active transportation network
- Recognize how local trails interconnect with trails in Provincial Parks and Conservation Areas and other community destinations,

Soils - Directions

- Focus of policy updates will be on incorporating/aligning with legislative changes, including:
 - Recognize best management practices and stewardship opportunities, including the existing Clean Water Program
 - Reflect the Provincial regulatory requirements for excess soil in accordance with Ontario Regulation 406/19 under the Environmental Protection Act
 - Encourage best management practices for excess soil generated and fill received during development, site alteration, and infrastructure projects, surrounding land uses and cultural heritage resources
 - Encourage Area Municipalities to develop or update municipal site alteration and fill by-laws

Natural Hazards

PPS includes multiple types of natural hazards:

- Flooding
- Hazardous Forest Types
- Unstable Soils and Unstable Bedrock
- Erosion hazards and steep slopes



Natural Hazards - Directions

- Clarify policies for unstable soils, erosion hazards and steep slopes and flood prone areas to reflect the PPS, as well as other applicable legislative requirements.
- Establish new policies and mapping which address areas of unstable bedrock building from the existing policies framework for unstable soils.
- Update permitted uses in floodplains to reflect PPS requirements
- Maintain the existing flood policy framework (mostly one-zone with area specific two zone flood policies, where applicable), incorporating updates based on revised natural hazard information from Conservation Authorities.
- Establish policy requirements based on the PPS and the Provincial Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Reference Manual with regards to the identification of areas of known and potential hazardous forest types for wildland fire and establish clear and reasonable mechanisms for assessing and mitigating risks at the secondary planning and/or development application stage.

Air Quality, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change

PPS, 2020 speaks to mitigating and adapting to a changing climate, this includes:

- Requiring municipalities to plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate,
- Supporting achievement of compact, transit-supportive, walkable communities,
- Supporting energy conservation and efficiency,
- Promoting green infrastructure, low impact development and active transportation,
- Protecting the environment and air quality, and
- Considering any additional approaches that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build community resilience to the impacts of a changing climate.

Air Quality, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change - Directions

- Encouraging increased density and promoting compact urban form, mix of uses (e.g. residential, employment and recreation/open space) and efficient design and building orientation to facilitate:
 - transit-supportive development and intensification and improve the mix of employment and housing uses
 - Improve walkability, encourage more efficient use of hard and soft services, improve energy conservation, promote net zero development, and reduce development pressure on surrounding agricultural and environmental features
 - reduce the production and release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases as part of the development process
- Encouraging the development of 'green development standards' to support sustainable building and community design and provide a consistent evaluation framework for assessing the sustainability of development proposals

Next Steps



Suggested Directions

County Council Direction
October 25, 2023

Area Municipal Council
Meetings (Nov-Dec)

Community Open House
November, 23 2023, per
Planning Act requirements

Committee and Community
Group meetings/discussion

First Nations Engagement
(ongoing)

Draft Policies

Presentation of draft
policies to County Council
(2024)

Engagement on draft
policies will also include
draft mapping.

Events and opportunities to
participate will build from
suggested directions
engagement.

Revised Policies

Presentation of Revised
policies to County Council
(Q4 2024)

Will include statutory public
meeting per Planning Act
requirements

Adoption of official plan
amendment

Questions

For more information: <https://speakup.oxfordcounty.ca/official-plan-environmental-policies>



Thames Valley District School Board **Oxford County Update**





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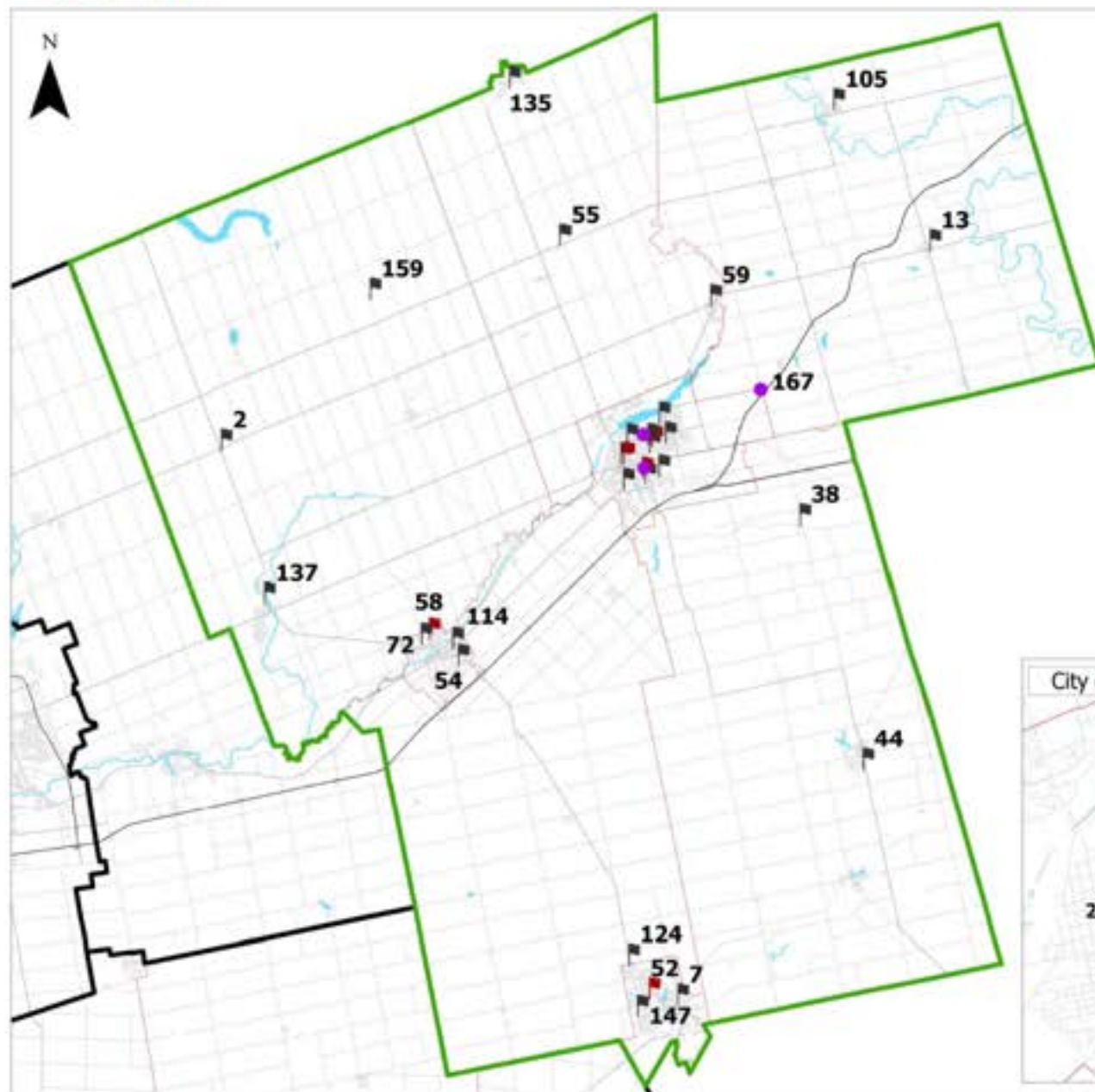
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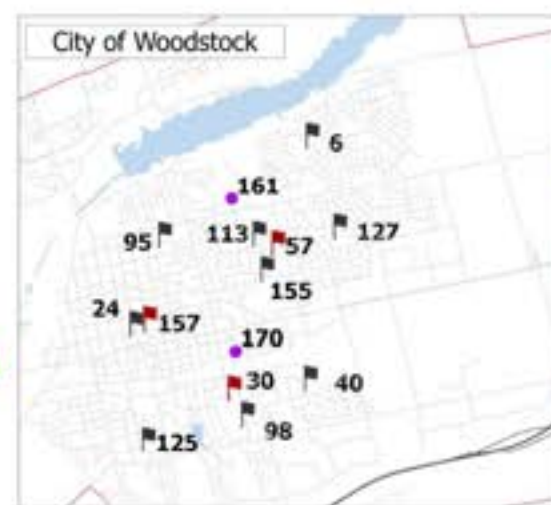
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This system generated map was prepared by the Planning Department for the Board of Directors. The data contained within this map are current as of June 2023.
Data Sources: Statistics Canada, Thames Valley District School Board, City of London, City of St. Thomas, Oxford County, Elgin County, Middlesex County, National Resources Canada.

Supporting Literacy & Numeracy

- Math Achievement Action Plan
- Right to Read Inquiry Report
- Using EQAO data to support student achievement
- Preparing students for EQAO questions and procedures

**Education Quality and
Accountability Office**



Program opportunities

- Adult and Continuing Education
- School within a College/University
- Aviation School (SHSM)
- H3 Environmental Leaders' Project
- One World International Welcome Centre
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- BealArt

School	Sector	SHSM Lead	Principal
College Avenue	Agriculture	Jack Verrips	Ian Charlton
College Avenue	Arts & Culture	Shelley Corriveau	Ian Charlton
College Avenue	Construction	Rob Van Dasler	Ian Charlton
College Avenue	Hospitality & Tourism	Andrew Linton, Marc Gauvin	Ian Charlton
College Avenue	Manufacturing	Jason Campbell	Ian Charlton
Glencoe	Construction	Jonathan Pirard	Tom Maloney
Glencoe	Transportation	Jim Rops	Tom Maloney
Glendale	Transportation	Chuck Peterson	Dave Chisholm
Huron Park	Health & Wellness	Monique Telfer	Tiffany Birtch
Huron Park	Manufacturing	Henry Letkeman	Tiffany Birtch
Ingersoll District	Construction	Mike Pelton, Jonathan Postma	Kerry Everitt
Ingersoll District	Manufacturing	Adam Vincent	Kerry Everitt
Ingersoll District	Sports	Tila Cassone	Kerry Everitt
Ingersoll District	Transportation	Gord Smith, Brian Nagle	Kerry Everitt
Montcalm	Aviation	Nathan From	Jeff Beynon
Woodstock	Arts & Culture	Sue Stevens	Brendon White
Woodstock	Information & Communication	Scott MacIntosh	Brendon White
Woodstock	Sports	Martha Trepanier, Jason Poole	Brendon White

Community Collaborations

- Thames Valley Education Foundation
- Family Well-being Community Workshops
- Community Engagement Session Series
- Tu Puento and Bridges program
- Annual Community Planning & Facility Collaboration Meetings

Accommodations Overview

- **Woodstock French Immersion & Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review** in 2021 resulted in more balanced enrolment across the City, as well as the creation of a dual-track French Immersion school (Oliver Stephens PS)
- New school approved in Woodstock
- Planned New Schools in Oxford (require Provincial funding) include:
 - New Ingersoll Elementary School
 - New Thamesford Elementary School
- Future accommodation reviews through 2026 in South Oxford, East Oxford and Woodstock

Current Capital Projects

- 110 projects completed or underway in Oxford schools
- Over \$23.5M in tendered work, investments made or to be made

Notable Projects

- College Avenue SS Rubberized Track replacement - Underway
- College Avenue SS Library Learning Commons renovations - Underway
- Ingersoll DCI Library Learning Commons renovations - Completed
- Oliver Stephens Library Learning Commons Renovations - Underway
- Roch Carrier FI PS School Renovations - Underway
- Woodstock Collegiate Institute - Auditorium Renovations - Underway



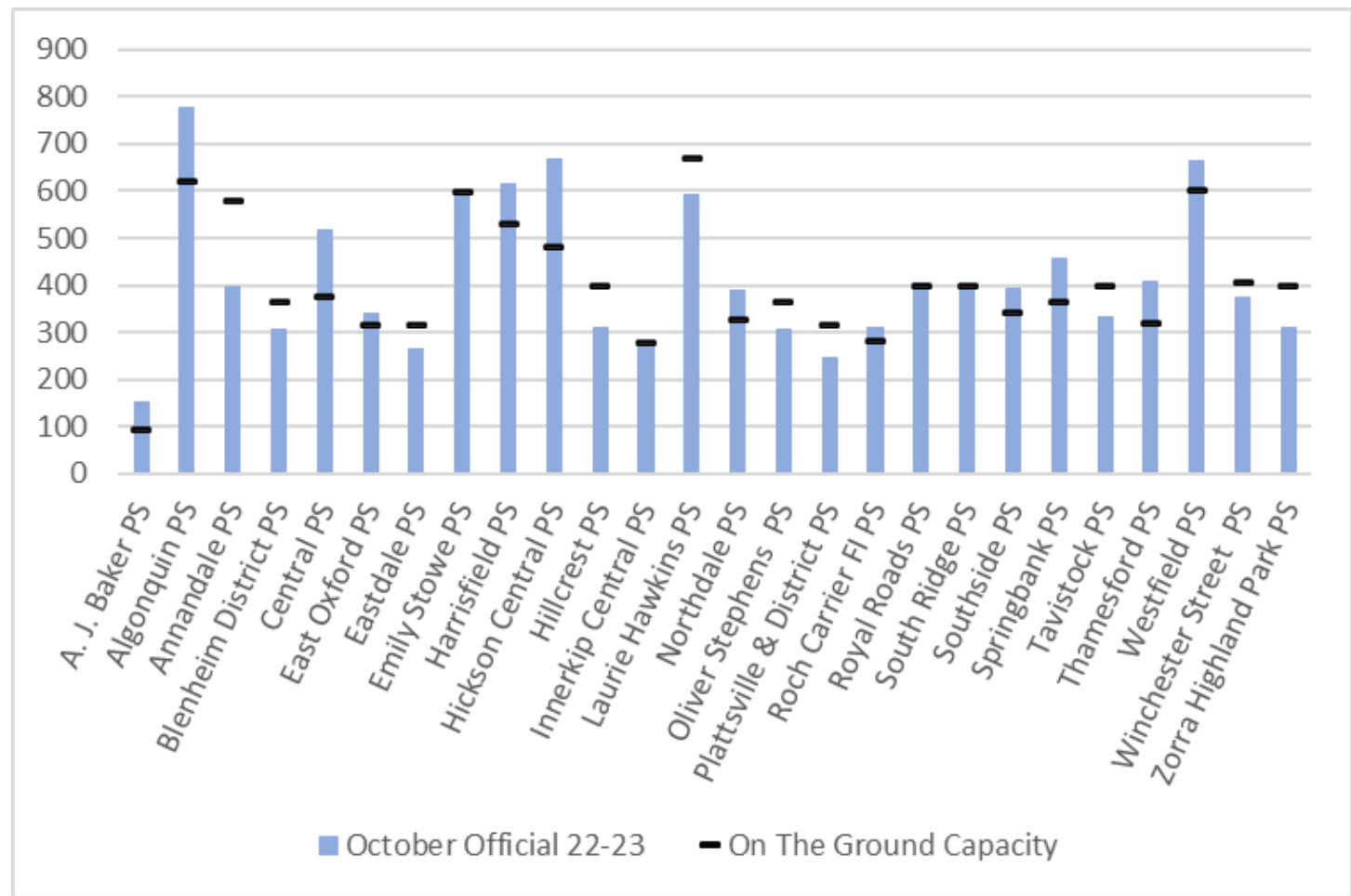


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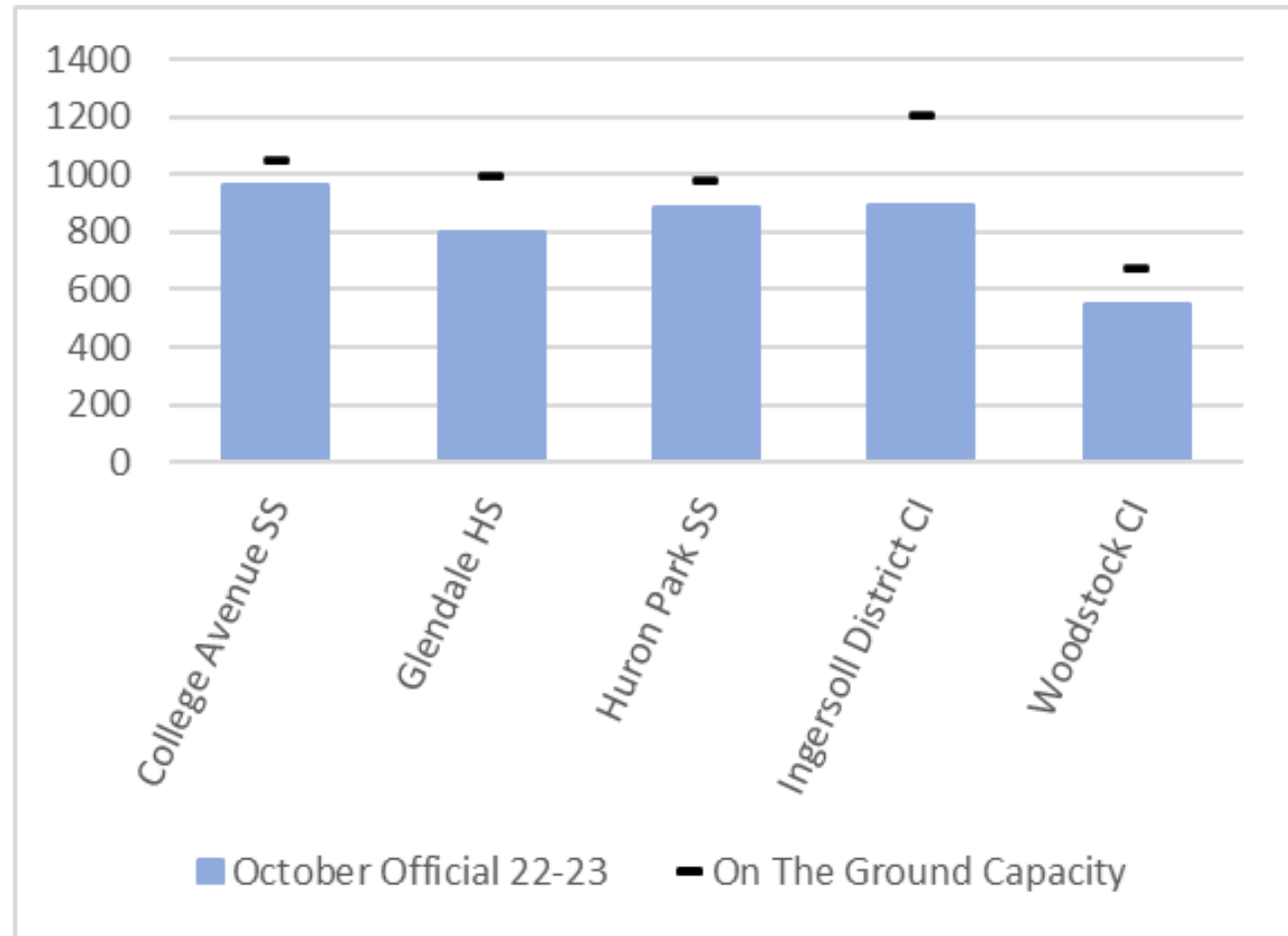
New North Woodstock PS

- The Ministry of Education (MOE) has approved \$8 million in additional funding to increase the size of the future north Woodstock elementary school.
- Submitted an approval to proceed to tender to MOE
- Expected opening September 2026 (Pending tender approvals from the Ministry)

Elementary Enrolment



Secondary Enrolment



Oxford North Attendance Area Review (ONAAR)

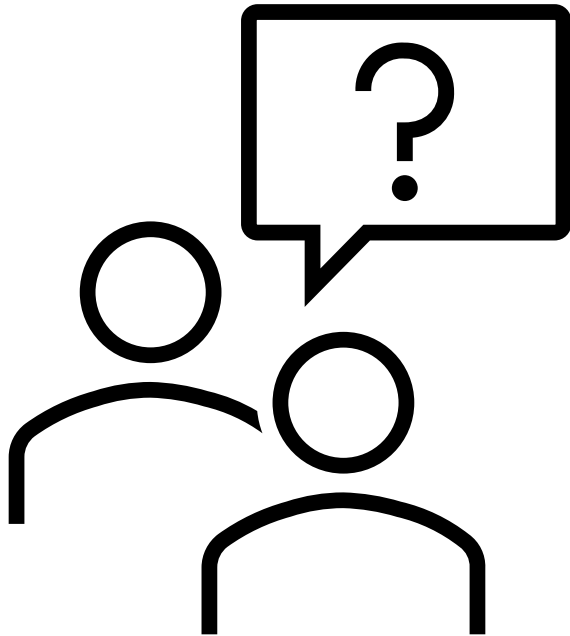
Objectives

- Create attendance area for new North Woodstock elementary school
- Balance enrolment across North Oxford so that schools can be well-utilized
- Ensure the long-term viability of all area schools

Timing

- Attendance Area Review Committees to be established in Fall 2023
- Recommendations to be brought forward to Trustees in Spring 2024
- Changes to be implemented upon opening of new north Woodstock elementary school

Resources



[A.J. Baker 2023 'Safe and Inclusive School Plan Community \(tvdsb.ca\)](https://www.tvdsb.ca/2023/03/23/safe-and-inclusive-school-plan-community/)

[DRAFT Equity Action Plan - TVDSB](#)

[H->ELP \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/)

[Right to Read inquiry report | Ontario Human Rights Commission \(ohrc.on.ca\)](https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report)

[Specialist High Skills Major SHSM - TVDSB](#)

[Curriculum \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.gov.on.ca/)

[Student Transportation Services | My Big Yellow Bus](#)



Thank you.

November 3rd, 2023

Oxford County Council
Oxford County Area Municipalities and Councils

Re: Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Gender Based Violence

At the July 31st, 2023 Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee meeting, the committee considered a resolution passed by County Council as follows:

RESOLVED that the information provided in the delegation from Ingamo Homes be received as information;

AND FURTHER, that the County of Oxford declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND FURTHER, that the County refer the presentation to the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee for consideration throughout the implementation of the Oxford Community, Safety, and Well-being plan to address the recommendations made by the delegation.

The Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee received a presentation from Diane Harris, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO) at their June 19th meeting. Diane shared the following information with the committee in relation to intimate partner violence within Oxford County:

- Domestic Abuse Services Oxford is the first stage emergency 24/7 shelter for women fleeing intimate partner violence, which offers short term shelter which usually can be from 2 weeks to 6 months, depending on the needs and risk levels of the individuals. Stats indicate that women often stay an average of 42 days in shelter. DASO also operates the only 24/7 crisis line in Oxford County.
- Ingamo Homes is second-stage transitional support and housing program assisting women who leave the shelter, or who side-step the shelter after leaving a violent relationship. Applications are received from community agencies, support, and self-referrals. The current length of stay is 1 year to 4 years, with an average of 20 months. Both facilities offer one-to-one counselling, group work,



court support and advocacy, children and youth programs, and recreational activities.

- Intimate partner violence/gender-based violence contributes negatively to all aspects of health, whether it is physical, emotional, mental and shows up in several different ways. Violence can lead to mental health problems such as Depression and Anxiety, Eating Disorders, PTSD, Suicide Ideation, and death. Violence can lead to physical disease in the body, which may present itself in a variety of ways, including stroke, heart disease, cancer, alcohol disorders as well as a myriad of other serious health consequences. It can lead to risky behaviours in youth and adulthood and lead to missing important life opportunities like unemployment, education dropouts, poverty, and homelessness. And finally, violence against women can lead to femicide, which is broadly defined as the killing of women and girls due to their gender by an intimate partner or another man known to them.
- The 401 corridor has been well documented as a primary route for sex traffickers to transport and sell victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Oxford County is situated at the intersection between highways 401 and 403, with a large number of hotels and motels based on servicing the 401 corridor. The combination of Oxford's rurality and isolation along with significant traffic along the series of highways, make Oxford County particularly vulnerable.
- The OPP and Woodstock Police receive over 1,500 calls annually regarding domestic related disturbances.
- Oxford County Community Health Centre has identified 796 individuals that required/could have benefited from specialized sexual violence supports. Waitlists are expected to continue to grow as current capacity within Oxford does not come close to servicing the population needs.

With respect to challenges that Domestic Abuse Services Oxford faces, Diane Harris advised as follows:

- Oxford operates a sheltered facility which is full mostly every night. A full bed means 12 heads in beds so many families with children and singles they are housed. Women and children in the fiscal year they receive calls or help on the crisis line which translates to 1 call a day they must turn away women with or without children every day.
- Women are not having the choice to leave abuse due to the ongoing housing crisis. There is a serious lack of adequate affordable housing. No one has the option of moving out and starting anew in apartments or townhomes. Most women must face homelessness to leave an abusive relationship. The housing crisis means longer stays at the shelter and second stage resulting in a lack of food, hygiene or families or a better future when financial barriers don't allow for shelter, clothing and food.
- There is a serious lack of transportation between the different municipalities. Within Oxford isolation on farms and rural areas make it difficult to reach out due to poor or no internet or cell phones.



- There is a lack of specialized supports in our agencies for mental health, addictions, and human trafficking exploitation, as well as in our community.
- Lack of legal support for women who must enter the family law system. Only one lawyer in the county takes legal aid certificates, leaving women to self-represent in court. The fact that court has opened in person appearance from virtual means that women can no longer find representation from another county jurisdiction.
- Education systems, boards of education, do not allow or mention programs by their sector or youth to work on recognizing and establishing healthy relationships.
- Human trafficking and sexual exploitation cases are on the rise, and the community does not have the capacity for these required specialized supports.
- Violence against women agencies are grossly underfunded. They must fundraise between \$100,000 and \$200,000 to maintain current programs. The shelter operates with one staff in the house on five ends and evenings. This is unheard of in any other support agency in other communities.

The requests made by the delegation at County Council on July 12th included:

1. To push the Province of Ontario to officially recognize intimate partner violence as an epidemic;
2. That an epidemic of intimate partner violence be declared at the federal level;
3. Advocate for femicide to be added as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada;
4. Advocating to the provincial and federal government to provide the appropriate supports necessary to address the epidemic;
5. That this request be circulated to all municipalities within Ontario.

The Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee is seeking endorsement from all area municipalities to include goals and objectives within the Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being plan to address gender-based violence within the County as an additional priority risk area. Support in relation to advocacy, education and awareness is required. The Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee received a presentation from the Domestic Abuse Response Team Oxford at their meeting held on September 14th, 2023. The following are recommended changes to the Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan:

- Establish Gender-Based Violence as an additional priority risk area within the Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan;



- Identify specific goals and objectives as outlined below, to be included in the Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan;
- Designate the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Oxford as the Gender-Based Violence Action Coalition under the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee.

Goal #1- Strengthening Prevention Opportunities Through Training

Objectives

1. Explore expanding current programs that offer support to survivors and perpetrators.
2. Conduct a reassessment of current training models to identify gaps and opportunities for more specific education needs which are survivor centered and trauma informed.
3. Partner with stakeholders and service providers to assess existing training for justice system personnel, as well as any personnel who provide support to individuals who have experienced or are perpetrating gender-based violence. This would also include a review and enhancement of training for medical professionals including hospitals, midwife services, clinics, etc. to offer education on spotting and addressing instances of violence.
4. Explore and facilitate further training and public education opportunities. Leverage and expand early detection and prevention programs to promote a community where families can live free from violence. These include educational programs for youth, training opportunities for justice partners, and increased membership within the DART committee.

Goal # 2: Social Development Focus and Awareness

Objectives:

1. Promote participation in authentic conversations by listening to the voices of survivors and establishing a survivor network, to inform solutions and actions.
2. Leverage a variety of mediums (including social media) to disseminate key messages about gender-based violence and its risk factors.
3. Promote an inclusive, empathetic community that understands the intersections of gender-based violence as a public health issue.
4. Engage justice and children's mental health members in enhancing community understanding and responses to high-risk youth.
5. Engage in broad, multisector public education initiatives.



Thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours truly,

Marcus Ryan
Chair, Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee
Warden, Oxford County

cc. Premier Doug Ford
Oxford MP Arpan Khanna
Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman
Ministry of Community and Social Services
All Oxford Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities





December 1, 2023

Mayor and Members of Township Council
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Dear Mayor and Council:

Please find enclosed materials for submission on behalf of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). We kindly request that this correspondence and additional background material be shared with members of Council for information.

The materials include:

1. A backgrounder on the IESO's response to the Clean Energy Regulation (CER); and,
2. A Toronto Star op-ed by our President and CEO, Lesley Gallinger: "*How Ontario is Working Towards a Net-Zero Emissions Energy Grid*" (October 10, 2023).

Ontario is on a path toward eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity grid during a period of strong economic development, population growth and increasing demand for electricity over the next two decades. As the government agency responsible for ensuring that Ontarians have access to reliable and affordable electricity where and when they need – both in real time and into the future – the IESO is preparing for an orderly transition from natural gas generation to other forms of non-emitting supply. This approach will balance the need to maintain the reliability, affordability and sustainability of Ontario's electricity system.

As described by Lesley Gallinger, President and CEO of the IESO in the abovementioned op-ed, eliminating emissions from the grid will require a concerted effort on a number of fronts. We need a dependable alternative supply to be readily available that can take the place of natural gas to support this transition. Currently, natural gas provides a fundamental flexibility for Ontario's electricity system by delivering energy quickly when demand is high or when other supply is lost because of unexpected events or extreme weather. It is capable of ramping up and down constantly and quickly, and on short notice.

Given these unique characteristics, the IESO will require different forms of flexible supply working together over the coming years to fill the role that gas generation currently plays in order to maintain reliability. Until then, natural gas generation must continue to play a key role in the province's journey toward a zero-emissions grid; it will allow us to continue to reliably power homes, businesses, and communities while enabling electrification and decarbonisation across other sectors in support of an orderly energy transition.

There is an urgent need to secure new supply. Ontario will need additional natural gas output in the near-term to bridge the gap between increasing electricity demand and a potential energy supply shortfall while the economy continues to decarbonize.

In parallel, the federal government's proposed Clean Electricity Regulations (CER), released in August, outline steps to mandate the decarbonization of electricity systems across the country and represent a starting point for discussions on a Canada-wide transition to a net-zero electricity sector. The IESO's recent [formal response to the draft CER](#) illustrates why the regulations as drafted are unachievable in Ontario by 2035 without risking the reliability of our electricity system, electrification of the broader economy and economic growth. It contains recommendations that reflect the scale of this transformation, as well as the complexity of managing Ontario's grid while accounting for the uncertainties that the early retirement of natural gas will bring.

Together these materials provide important context and information about the role of electricity projects in ensuring Ontario's electricity system is in a strong position to support the growth, economic development and decarbonization priorities of all communities across Ontario. I would appreciate your consideration of these materials and their inclusion in the December 6, 2023 agenda as written material for information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Farmer".

Chuck Farmer

Chief Energy Transition Officer and Vice-President, Planning, Conservation & Resource
Adequacy
Independent Electricity System Operator



Phasing Out Natural Gas Generation in Ontario

The IESO's response to the draft Clean Electricity Regulations

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Ontario is on a path toward eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity grid. The Independent Electricity System Operator, the province's grid operator is preparing an orderly transition from natural gas generation to other forms of non-emitting supply while at the same time meeting our growing energy needs.

Part of this effort includes working with the federal government on its Clean Electricity Regulations (CER) that aims to impose emissions restrictions on fossil fuel generators starting in 2035.

Yet these regulations, as they are currently drafted, are not feasible and would compromise the reliability of Ontario's grid. This would undermine electrification and the ability of other sectors of the province's economy to decarbonize. The IESO shares the goal of achieving a net-zero emissions grid and will continue to collaborate closely with the federal government as it finalizes the regulations.

A Leader in Clean Energy

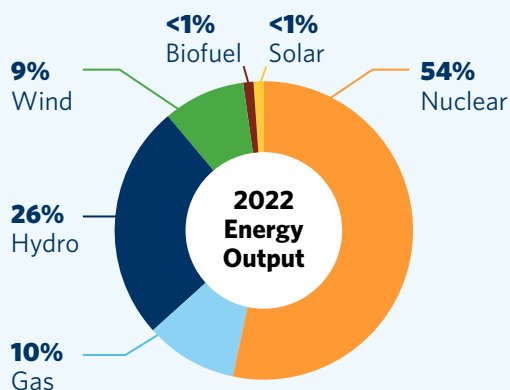
Last year, roughly 90 per cent of electricity produced in Ontario came from non-emitting generation, making our electricity system one of the cleanest in North America. The system has developed and evolved over the past 100 years, growing with the province to include new forms of supply and technology: from hydro, to coal, to nuclear, and in the last 20 years – natural gas and renewables.

What's new is the pace and scope of change impacting the system in response to growing needs. Communities across the province are growing rapidly both in terms of population and economic development. Many of them are implementing climate change action plans that include electrification projects. Homeowners and businesses are also counting on a reliable grid to charge their EVs, electrify transportation, power heavy industry and support new manufacturing facilities.

We need to reorient the electricity grid – and bring more renewables, nuclear power, conservation, and new technologies onto the system. As we do that, natural gas will play a key role by ensuring the system stays reliable and affordable while we bolster it with non-emitting alternatives.

Ontario's Electricity Supply Mix

Today, natural gas provides approximately 10 per cent of the electricity we use – even though it represents 28 per cent of total capacity in the province. This capacity is a critical piece of the reliability puzzle as it ensures the grid is reliable at all times.



The Transitional Role of Natural Gas

There is presently no form of generation on the grid that provides the same level of flexibility that natural gas does. Its ability to ramp electricity output up and down in a very short period of time and be available on standby to respond to sudden changes in demand is unique in the system.

Today, natural gas generators operate at roughly 20 per cent of their capacity. At night or weekends, when demand is low, natural gas isn't used or produces at very low levels to keep the system balanced. It's only when demand is very high that natural gas generators typically operate at higher capacity.

Over the next few years, as nuclear units are taken out of service for retirement or for refurbishments, natural gas generation will be essential to reliability until more non-emitting supply is available and new transmission lines are built – which takes time. Given the sheer scale of the effort, replacing natural gas generation by the time the CER emissions restrictions begin to take effect in 2035, is not feasible.

In the meantime, natural gas generation ensures that Ontario can continue on the path toward a zero-emissions grid without putting system reliability at risk which is key to other decarbonization projects taking place in businesses and communities across the province.

Lessons Learned from Coal

It can't be overstated how complex and enormous the task of decarbonizing the grid will be while maintaining a reliable supply of electricity. When Ontario phased out coal generation in the 2010s, it required a great deal of time and careful planning.

Replacing coal generation required a co-ordinated effort to bring new nuclear, wind and natural gas generation to the system. As new supply connected to the grid and operated reliably, the IESO phased out coal generation, step by step.

This, however, took place at a time when demand for electricity was relatively stable and replacement options with similar operating characteristics – including natural gas – were readily available. Phasing out natural gas generation will be a more complex process. It will require the careful addition of new forms of supply while at the same time managing growing demand.

Ensuring an Orderly Transition

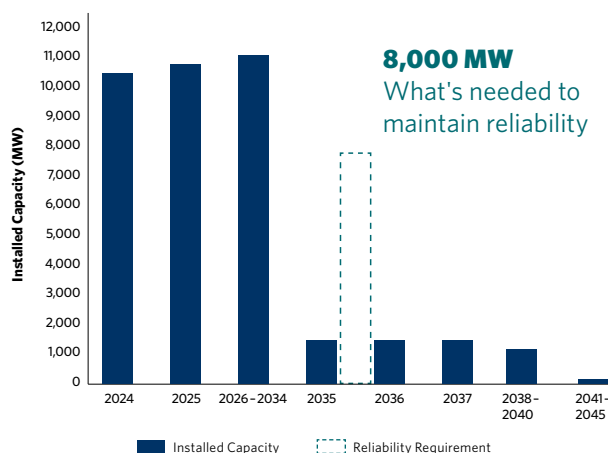
The CER's emissions restrictions starting in 2035 are not achievable without putting at risk the reliability of the electricity system, electrification of the broader economy and economic growth.

The IESO is recommending three amendments to the draft regulations:

- **Allow more of Ontario's natural gas generators to operate without restrictions beyond 2035.** Ontario built the majority of its natural gas generators in the 2000s to replace coal generation. Many will have been in operation for 20 years as of 2035, with significant remaining useful life, but will be faced with severe limitations in their ability to support grid reliability before sufficient replacement supply can be built. The IESO recommends changing the prescribed life threshold to 30 years for generation built before 2025.
- **Modify approach to the 450 annual operating hour exception for gas turbines that reach their prescribed life threshold.** The IESO is assessing this requirement as additional hours will be essential to manage the risk of blackouts. The reliance on natural gas will be dependent on the availability of new supply and transmission – which will take time and careful planning.

- **Update the CER to conform with North American reliability standards.** Electricity system operators are much like air traffic controllers overseeing all activity on the grid, and have the authority to direct generators and other suppliers to meet real-time system needs. The CER provisions would require “after-the-fact” approvals that would interfere with the ability of operators to respond in emergency situations.

Unabated Natural Gas Capacity Under Proposed Regulation



Given their age, most generation units under this proposed regulation would need to drastically reduce output in 2035. As a result, only a small number of generators would be available to operate outside those limitations, well below what is needed to operate the system reliably.

Ontario's Legacy Natural Gas Fleet

As demand can change by one third throughout a day, the grid needs some flexible generation capacity available to turn on and off quickly, increase and decrease output, and to be on standby in case of sudden system changes.

With the loss of some of our nuclear generation later this decade, Ontario will need all resources available, including some additional natural gas generation in the short term.

This extra supply is expected to be used in a limited way, increasing emissions by only two to four per cent over original projections.

While natural gas capacity will be needed for the foreseeable future, the actual output (and by extension, emissions) from these facilities will start to decline in the early 2030s as new supply connects to the grid.

Building an Emissions-Free Grid

Eliminating emissions from the grid will require a concerted effort on a number of fronts – and it will all need to happen in close co-ordination. Given the unique characteristics of natural gas generation, the IESO will require different forms of flexible supply working together to fill the role gas generation currently plays in order to maintain reliability. More work will be needed. Here's a snapshot of what is currently planned in Ontario:

2024-2025



New commitments to small hydro facilities



New capacity exchange agreement with Hydro Quebec



First large battery facility comes online



New market opportunities for local energy projects



Launch expanded energy efficiency programs



New transmission lines bring power to Southern and Northeast Ontario (2025 - 2030)

2032



Darlington and Bruce nuclear refurbishments largely complete

2026-2028



Battery fleet grows, contributing to Ontario's system needs

2029



First small modular reactor powers up

2030-2034



Proposed Pickering refurbishment



Non-emitting generation fleet continues to grow

2040



Most Ontario natural gas generation reach end of life

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How Ontario is working towards a zero-emissions energy grid

OPINION



R.J. Johnston / Toronto Star

Lesley Gallinger Contributor
Tue Oct 10 05:30:00 EDT 2023

Since the release of our groundbreaking [Pathways to Decarbonization report](#) last year, the conversation about eliminating emissions from the province's electricity system has evolved from "how do we get started?" to "how will we get there?" As president and CEO of Ontario's grid operator and planner, this is an important discussion that we need to have.

Our province already has the advantage of a diverse, low-emissions supply mix. At just under 90 per cent emissions-free generation, our system accounts for only three per cent of the province's total greenhouse gas emissions. When all put together, we have nuclear, Hydro, wind, solar and natural gas generation working in sync to provide a reliable and affordable energy service for Ontarians.

Currently, natural gas accounts for 11 per cent of the electricity produced in the province, up slightly from last year while nuclear refurbishments are underway. Natural gas provides crucial flexibility; it delivers energy quickly to meet summer peaks and balances supply when the system loses supply unexpectedly. It adjusts output constantly, ramping up as we rise in the morning and ramping down in the evening as demand decreases.

This is the crux of the natural gas dilemma. When Ontario retired coal generation, natural gas stepped in to provide flexibility with lower emissions. Now, however, there is no immediate replacement option for natural gas. We need a reliable alternative supply to be ready before we phase out natural gas completely. Until then, additional natural gas output is needed in the near term to ensure we can continue to power homes, businesses, and communities.

Electricity demand is expected to grow at a rate of two per cent a year over the next 20 years due to significant economic and population growth across the province. Today, natural gas plays a critical role in ensuring the lights stay on, and that communities can continue to grow.

We can't lose sight of the transformational effort underway to fully eliminate emissions from the grid in future. Grounded in our Pathways report, the Independent Electricity System Operator has a plan in place to achieve that transformation.

Through our competitive procurements, we will be adding roughly 2,500 megawatts of battery storage to the grid by 2028 — a real game changer. Soon, we will also be moving forward with procurements for new renewables and are preparing for the expansion of the province's nuclear fleet.

We have expanded and fine-tuned our energy-efficiency programs to include offerings such as Peak Perks to better meet system needs. Recently, we came to an agreement with Hydro-Québec to share capacity, supporting reliability during peak periods in both provinces.

We also continue to work with communities to prepare for local demand growth from electrification. This includes supporting Ontario's steel manufacturers as they shift to electric arc furnaces, ensuring Ontarians can confidently make the switch to electric vehicles, and preparing the grid for new battery manufacturing facilities.

We are opening the door to much greater participation from small-scale resources on the grid and investing in hydrogen and low-carbon fuels to see how they can provide flexibility. Most importantly, because of these actions, we no longer face the supply shortfalls forecasted to emerge this decade that would have compromised reliability.

This change is sweeping; it reorients the fundamental structure of the electricity grid as we know it. Natural gas plays a key role in helping Ontario transition to a decarbonized future — ensuring the system stays reliable and affordable while we bolster it with non-emitting alternatives.

In the coming weeks, the Independent Electricity System Operator will provide our perspective on the federal government's proposed [Clean Electricity Regulations](#), focusing on how a well-planned and orderly transition is critical to achieving decarbonization, reliably and affordably. We believe there is a positive and productive way forward as we prepare for the wind down of gas generation. And, as the path ahead to replace natural gas is taking shape, we will also provide an updated view of future emissions from the grid.

In many ways, this transition is like solving a Rubik's Cube. We have a complex, multi-dimensional puzzle to tackle and we need to align all sides to ensure a reliable, affordable and sustainable end state for Ontario's electricity system. Attaining a zero-emissions grid is no small feat, but I am confident we are on the right path.

Lesley Gallinger is president and CEO at the Independent Electricity System Operator.



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Jim Harmer Drainage Superintendent
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	November 29, 2023
Subject:	Petition for Drainage Appointment of Engineer	Council Meeting Date:	December 6, 2023
Report #:	DS-23-20		

Recommendation:

That Report DS-23-20 be received as Information; and,

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Clerk/Council of the Township North Dumfries have not registered any comments to the two petitions for drainage works for the S1/2 Lot 1 Concession 13 from Colman Equipment and Bev Fried, and for the SW1/4 Lot 38 Concession 11 from Dave Cleave.

Be It resolved that Council appoints K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a new drainage report as per the petition accordance with Section 4 of the Drainage Act and that this report be included as part of the petition report of John Follings of Follingdale Farms Limited at Lot 1 Concession 12 and the Section 78 report for repair and improvement of the Mitchell Drain Road Authority for the intersection of Trussler Road and Region Road 97 (Cedar Creek Rd.) and Oxford County Road 8 in the Mitchell Drain watershed requiring an improved drain outlet for the proposed construction of a roundabout from the Region of Waterloo and the County of Oxford.

Background:

Have received two signed petitions for drainage works for the S1/2 Lot 1 Concession 13 from Colman Equipment and Bev Fried, and for the SW1/4 Lot 38 Concession 11 from Dave Cleave.

The GRCA and North Dumfries have been notified of council intention to proceed with the petition that was accepted at the August 7, 2019 council meeting.

Also, Council has not received any request for cost benefit statements or environmental appraisal as per Section 6 and 7 of the Drainage Act.

Analysis/Discussion:

Therefore, in accordance with Section 8 of the Drainage Act Council may appoint an Engineer to prepare a report in accordance with Section 4 of the Act.

Financial Considerations:

The costs of all municipal drain are assessed to effected landowner in the area of the drainage works.

Attachments:

None

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Harmer



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Jim Harmer Drainage Superintendent
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	November 29, 2023
Subject:	Section 78 Appointment of Engineer Drumbo Drainage Works 1993	Council Meeting Date:	December 6, 2023
Report #:	DS-23-21		

Recommendation:

That Report DS-23-21 be received as Information; and,

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority have not registered any concerns for the appointment of an Engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the Drumbo Drainage Works 1993 Harmer Stormwater Management Pond.

Be It resolved that Council appoints K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a new drainage report as per Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

Background:

The original stormwater pond extension was constructed in 1998 (approximately) as per the Ministry of Environment certificate of approval number 3-0096-98-006.

The subdivision agreement that required the stormwater pond extension was signed December 22, 1998 by the subdivider, which agreed to fulfill 18 Draft Plan of Subdivision Conditions for file 32T-95001 dated May 8, 1996. This draft plan required, under condition 11, a detailed storm water management report, and that the subdivision agreement shall include provisions for the owner to carry out or cause to be carried out any necessary works in accordance with the approved plans and reports. K. J. Behm's final stormwater management report was filed in 1997 and includes the plans for the stormwater management pond extension that was constructed allowing for increased capacity to accommodate the new subdivision.

During the process to incorporate the new drainage works of the subdivision into the Drumbo Drain System in 2013 the Township, the Engineer, and the Subdivider approved the final report with oversight of the constructed extension.

The GRCA has been notified of council's intention to proceed with the appointment of an Engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the Drumbo Drainage Works 1993 Harmer Stormwater Management Pond, that was accepted at the October 18, 2023 council meeting.

Analysis/Discussion:

Therefore, in accordance with Section 78 of the Drainage Act Council may appoint an Engineer to prepare a report in accordance with Section 78 and Section 8 of the Act.

Financial Considerations:

The cost of the report will be determined by the engineer, assume that the Township will cover the majority of the cost.

Attachments:

Map of area that requires drainage improvements

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Harmer

Jim Harmer Drainage Superintendent



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TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Jim Harmer Drainage Superintendent
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	November 28, 2023
Subject:	Monthly Report	Council Meeting Date:	December 6, 2023
Report #:	DS-23-22		

Recommendation:

That Report DS-23-22 be received as information

Background:

Monthly activities of the Drainage Department to November 28, 2023

Analysis/Discussion

- Working on drain maintenance and various site meeting to review work required with ratepayers.
- Working with lawyer on compliance letters.
- Commenting on planning applications
- 17 locates for ON 1 Call in October 2023 including 0 emergency locates.
- Mitchell Drain: County and Region have submitted petitions for drainage works, for the construction work being proposed at Trussler Road and Oxford Road 8. Council has accepted petition from County and Region for improved outlet, Engineer appointed on September 4 2019. Kenn Smart (Project Engineer). Had meeting with Engineer, Folling and Hurlbut about next step. Site meeting January 29 2020 for the road petition. Engineer working on concept plans and cost estimates. Reviewed site with Curtis (P.ENG) and working on the next site meeting for Ratepayer to review option for new report with second site meeting summer of 2023. Review existing file with Kenn and Curtis. Site meeting on September 5 2023 with assessed property in the watershed to review option. Additional petition received October 18 and appointment of Engineer by council December 06, 2023 (see Report DS-23-20)

- Princeton Drainage System 2022 Engineer has filed final report. Report dated July 29/22 filed with the Township on August 8, 2022. Consideration of report was September 7th, 2022. Court of revision at October 5th, 2022 council meeting, By-law 2313-2022 passed October 19 2022 3rd reading. Working on Construction of Romano SWMP with TWP forces and local contractors. Contractor GHN work starting week of March 27 with proposed completion October 2023. CN boring completed October 10-20 2023. Pond is 95% complete.
- Princeton Drain Section 78 report has been approved by GRCA and council and will be add to the new Engineer's Report for Princeton Drainage System 2022 report filed as part of Princeton Drainage System 2022 consideration of report September 7th 2022 COR at October 5th 2022 council meeting, By-law passed October 19 2022 3rd reading. This project will be tender with Princeton Drainage System 2022 Phase 3 tender.
- Hanchiruk Drain (Magda) petition received and P Eng. appointed at December 18 2019 council meeting, GRCA have been informed of the appointment. Site meeting with Magda and Engineer February 4 2020 engineer has been reviewing option with Magda. Drain is temporary on hold for Magda to review route options. ON HOLD
- Hughes Drain major settlement and major repair will be required See Section 78 report DS 22-03 appointment of Engineer. John Kuntze has accepted appointment as project Engineer from K Smart & Assoc site meeting fall 2023 Have review next step with John Kuntze may need meeting with MTO
- Hotson Drain drainage petition received by Council June 15 2022. Engineer appointed August 3, 2022, project Engineer will be Curtis MacIntyre of K Smart & Assoc. Onsite meeting was September 6th @10.00am at Township Road 8 and Blandford Road, working on survey. Had second site with ratepayer on June 27th 2023. Section 78 report approved by council on August 2 2023 and P. Eng appointed. Report filed August 8, 2023. By Curtis MacIntyre P. Eng. Report was accept on September 6, 2023, COR on October 4 2023. 3rd reading of By-law October 18. Work began the week of November 20, 2023.
- Holt Drain, Brant County have accepted Section 78 request. Brant have appointed K Smart & Assoc. (Curtis MacIntyre) Onsite meeting was on September 20th 2022 in Princeton engineer working on design options and survey
- HUBBARD KING DRAIN Township Road 8 and Hubbard Road petition by Jim Borton Director of Public Works received by Council June 1 2022 council appointed Engineer August 3 2022, project Engineer will be Curtis MacIntyre of K Smart & Assoc. Site meeting November 3rd 2022, working on Survey and design.
- Baker Drain Council accepted petition on September 7th 2022 for repair and improvements. Engineer was appointed on October 19th 2022 project Engineer will be Curtis MacIntyre of K Smart & Assoc. Site meeting April 26 2023. Engineer working on survey and design
- Working on Plattsville Development Phase 3 and 4 drainage report with Kenn Smart. Kenn has proposed that the revised assessment schedule for the area that is affected

by the existing BLOCK ASSESSMENT be extended to the area of Plattsville Estates Phase 3A, 3B and Phase 4 that outlet into the SWMP on Fennel St. reviewing draft report. Had public meeting June 14 2023. Report file June 30, 2023. Final report was accepted on September 6 2023, COR October 4 2023 3rd reading of By-law October 19 2023 invoiced November 2023

- Working on CLI-ECA (Consolidated Linear Infrastructure – Environmental Compliance Approval) MECP issued final approval on March 7th, 2023. (ECA Number 334-S701) receive new Storm sewer and Storm water management standard from MECP
- Attended 2 council meetings
- ROMA webinar CN railway payments of drainage assessment
- Safety Dig / On 1 Call seminar
- Meeting with Drumbo Development re future development options
- Working on Drumbo SWMP this project to proceed with a Section 78 report appointment of Engineer at December 06, 2023 council meeting (Report DS-23-21)
- Working on updates on the Municipal Service Standards
- Update of drainage mapping for ON 1 Call / OMAFRA / Township Web site and asset management, 100-year storm review, update SWMP mapping

Financial Considerations:

None

Attachments:

none

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Harmer

Jim Harmer Drainage Superintendent



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Jim Borton Director of Public Works
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	November 29, 2023
Subject:	Monthly Report	Council Meeting Date:	December 6, 2023
Report #:	PW-23-21		

Recommendation:

That Report PW-23-21 be received as information.

Capital

- Gobles CN Bridge – On hold till spring 2024. (March/April start)
- Princeton Pond Expansion project – The new Romano Pond is now complete. There is still a lot of fill that needs to be moved, this will be done by Township forces.
- Princeton Road Construction – GHN has completed the work, staff, the engineer and Drainage Superintendent have done a walk through for deficiencies. GHN have completed the deficiencies. The Township is now in the 1-year warranty phase.
- Princeton Drain Phase 3 – The Township engineer, Oxford County staff and Township staff have met to discuss phase 3 being the north part of the village. Drawings are completed and have been submitted to the County for final review and approval. Once approved, a letter will be sent out to Princeton residence informing them of the change in phase and work will begin on getting the tender ready to post in the new year.

County Shared Service/Road Association/Training

- Shared Services meeting – The service sharing committee met in Ingersol. We discussed Surface treatment methods and techniques, work site training and other training requirements needed in 2024.
- Road Association – The OCRSA next meeting is December 14.
- AORS – Has been advocating for its members and municipalities in regards to a user fee proposed for Locates. Locates are mandatory for any dig and this could potentially cost Municipalities thousands of dollars annually. With the support of AORS a private members bill has been tabled in parliament that would stop any utility from charging a fee for a locate.

Other

- November has been a mild and fair-weather month. This has allowed staff to continue grading, cutting roadside grass, brushing and removal of some high shoulders. Staff has been working on winter preparation, trucks have been cleaned, safety checked and are ready to go. The sidewalk machine and parking lot plow have been gone over and are also ready.
- Staff continues to grade the roads and follow behind with the magnet when the weather has permitted. Each time it is done we are seeing progress of less debris being picked up.
- Working with MESH and the Drainage Superintendent to add asset management programs to our road patrol and winter patrol program.
- Cressridge subdivision has completed the underground work and curbs and asphalt have been put on the roads. The Township engineer and I have done a walk through and identified some deficiencies that need to be addressed.
- Working on Capital and Operating budgets.
- Met with suppliers to discuss prices for 2024 budget and availability.
- Working with the Drainage Superintendent on finding suitable dump sites for the excess soil from the Princeton Drain project.
- Working with KSmart and Drainage Superintendent on the next phases of the Princeton project.
- Staff is continuing to meet with land owners at outdoor sites to discuss ditch or road issues.

Attachments Service sharing minutes from November.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jim Borton CRS-I
Director of Public Works

Service Rationalization

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 9, 2023

LOCATION: Ingersoll

PRESENT: Jim Borton, Shawn Vanacker, Doug Wituik, Tom Lightfoot, Ken Farkas

REGRETS: Steve Oliver, Adam Prouse, Daaniel Locke, Richard Sparham

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Doug Wituik

SECRETARY: Tom Lightfoot

ITEM	ACTION	ASSIGNED TO
1. Meeting called to order	10:05 AM	
2. Minutes of Last Meeting:	Reviewed- Moved by Jim Seconded by Ken	
3. Correspondence/ Speaker	none	
4. Old Business	Adam- OCRSA Christmas dinner canceled, no available venues. Jim- Road occupancy permit discussion, will carry this item forward to another meeting.	
5. New Business	Shawn- Construction site training, discussion was held on training for students and new hires. We will revisit this item in the spring, there might be the opportunity to join with the County staff training. Tom- Budget numbers Grader Approx \$600,000 (if any one can confirm this #) John Deere 524 including broom \$375,000. Single axle plow \$365,000 Tandem plow \$385,000	
6. Round Table	Discussion held on surface treatment types and applications. Discussion on gravel application. Jim- AORS college training for municipal work, partnering with Fanshaw College. Jim will send out a support template, it had to be back last week. Ken- will be reaching out in the new year to start organizing for the truck rodeo. - Storm water pond discussion, fragmitte issues Shawn- looking for chainsaw training. Discussion was held on the new MTO load restriction period program. Sign theft discussion.	
7. Health & Safety	Ken- First aid training for staff, discussion on who trains all staff.	
8. Next Meeting	December 13, 2023 - 10:00 am Zorra	
9. Adjourned	11:59 AM	

Service Sharing Meeting Dates 2023

January 12 EZT

February 9 Zorra

March 16 Oxford County

April 13 Blandford Blenheim

May 11 Norwich

June 15 SWOX

September 13 Tillsonburg

October 12 Woodstock

November 9 Ingersoll

December 13 Zorra



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Drew Davidson Director of Protective Services
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	November 28 th 2023
Subject:	Tanker Truck for Drumbo Station	Council Meeting Date:	December 6 th 2023
Report #:	FC-23-17		

Recommendation:

That Report FC-23-17 is received as information;

And further that council accept the quoted price of \$865,759.74 from Darch Fire Incorporated for the delivery of a 2026 E-ONE Tanker.

And further that staff amend the 10-year capital plan to show the purchase of the 2024 tanker be moved to be shown in 2026.

Background:

In the Township's 10-year capital plan the Fire department has the replacement of one tanker in 2024. This new tanker would be stationed at the Drumbo hall with the current tanker moving to Bright with Bright's 1995 tanker being removed from service.

Analysis/Discussion:

The fire service is experiencing longer wait times in respect to delivery of new apparatus with expected delivery times updated every three months. Unfortunately, across the board we are seeing wait times of approximately 37 months. By using the LAS Canoe program and Darch Fire Incorporated, an authorized E-ONE dealer, staff has received pricing for the delivery of one E-ONE tanker with the timeline of 37 months.

The following apparatus will be on a 2026 Freightliner 114SD chassis. Once the unit is built it will be tested and certified at the 1200° Darch Fire location just outside of Ayr Ontario.

This new apparatus will be able to handle 2500 US Gallons of water which is comparable to Drumbo's current tanker but, unlike the current unit, this tanker will have the ability to properly seat five firefighters and pump water while in motion, supported by an onboard pump. The existing unit currently has a bench seat that holds three personnel only, with zero storage for air packs within the seat itself. Firefighters must connect and use a portable pump when they are required to push or draft water.

As per the terms of the proposal, payment is due upon delivery of the apparatus, which is anticipated late 2026.

Financial Considerations:

Staff had \$800,000 allocated for this apparatus in the capital budget for the replacement of one tanker in 2024.

Please see attached document for cost breakdown.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Drew Davidson', is positioned above the printed name.

Drew Davidson
Director of Protective Services



Ayr, November 22 2023

Drew Davidson
Blandford Blenheim Emergency Protective Services
47 Wilmot St S
Drumbo, Ontario, N0J 1G0

Regarding: Canoe Proposal – E-ONE Wetside Tanker

Dear Chief Davidson,

Please find attached our official proposal for one new E-ONE Wetside 2500USG Commercial Tanker based on the attached drawing and specifications. The proposal pricing is based on a payment on delivery of the apparatus. The invoice will be provided approximately 21 days prior to the delivery of the apparatus to allow you to process it. The following terms apply to this proposal:

- As this is based on a commercial chassis and subject to unavoidable price increases from the chassis manufacturer. If such an increase occurs, a formal letter of approval will be emitted for you to sign and the final invoice will reflect the increase. This clause would be applicable throughout the contract.
- The proposed delivery delay is of 37 months after the order. This also might depend on the commercial chassis supplier if certain shortages were to occur on their end.
- The proposal is based on the 114SD chassis from Freightliner and equipped with an X12 engine per the attached specifications. An option pricing to change to an M2-112 with a DD13 engine can be provided at the prebuild meeting to the department.
- This proposal is valid for 30 days from the date atop of this letter

The proposal pricing includes the following items from the dealer/supplier (not listed in the attached specifications:

- Prebuild meeting at the department's location and final inspection for 2 representatives of the department at our Hamburg, NY Facility
- Local inspections (PDI, PMCVI and OMVIC) for the apparatus at our Ayr, ON facility.
- Thread adapter package to the department's standard
- Delivery and 8-hour familiarization training at the department's location
- Two (2) lengths of 10 feet of 6" NH hard suction hose
- One (1) Portable tank for a 3000 USG Aluminum folding tank
- Modification of some warning lights to blue lights
- Lettering and logos to match the department's fleet.

For any questions and clarifications throughout your revision of our proposal, you can refer to your assigned representative, Mr. Bruce Griffin (bgriffin@1200-degrees.com).

We would like to thank you for this opportunity and we are looking forward to working with the Blandford Blenheim Emergency Protective Services on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bertrand Bouchard'.

Bertrand Bouchard
Apparatus Sales Manager
1200 Degrees Trucks

bbouchard@1200-degrees.com



This quote sheet is based on conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract #113021-RVG and current E-ONE Product Catalog MSRP as filed with Sourcewell 04/08/2022.

Dealer Information:

Name: Darch Fire Incorporated
Address: 9-402 Harmony RD
City: Ayr
Prov: Ontario
Postal: NOB 1E0
Contact:
Quote or Stock #: 128075

Customer Information:

Name: Blanford Blenheim Emergency Prote
Address: 47 Wilmot St. S
City: Drumbo
Prov: Ontario
Postal: NOJ 1G0
Contact: Drew Davidson
Member #: LAS1071

Please note: Pricing as required by Sourcewell is based on a percentage off MSRP based on the model offered.
Discounting applies to the E-ONE portion of the selected apparatus.

Quoted Model:	wtts-comm	E-ONE Portion:	\$ 646,142.65
Discount %:	0%	Discount Amount:	\$ -
Multi-Unit Discount (if applicable)		Discount Amount:	\$ -
		Sub Total:	\$ 646,142.65
Non E-ONE (Comm Chassis, chassis prep, training, etc):			\$ 271,791.04
		Sub Total:	\$ 917,933.69
Priced to Market Discount in lieu of % discount (if applicable):			\$ (21,150.00)
		Truck Sub Total:	\$ 896,783.69

Adjustments to driveway, PDI, dealer delivery and training:	\$ (4,300.50)
Total trips pre-build, mid-term, and final inspection (if applicable):	\$ 3,948.00
Total for extended coverages (if applicable):	\$ -
Dealer Supplied Equipment:	\$ 25,732.50
Other Misc:	\$ -
Sub Total:	\$ 922,163.69

Taxes (if applicable) based on Sourcewell discounted price: \$ -

Number of units:	1	Sourcewell Sub Total:	\$ 922,163.69
		*Quoted Total:	\$ 865,759.74
		Additional Savings:	\$ (56,403.95)

Performance Bond: (Optional)	\$ -
Sub Total:	\$ 865,759.74

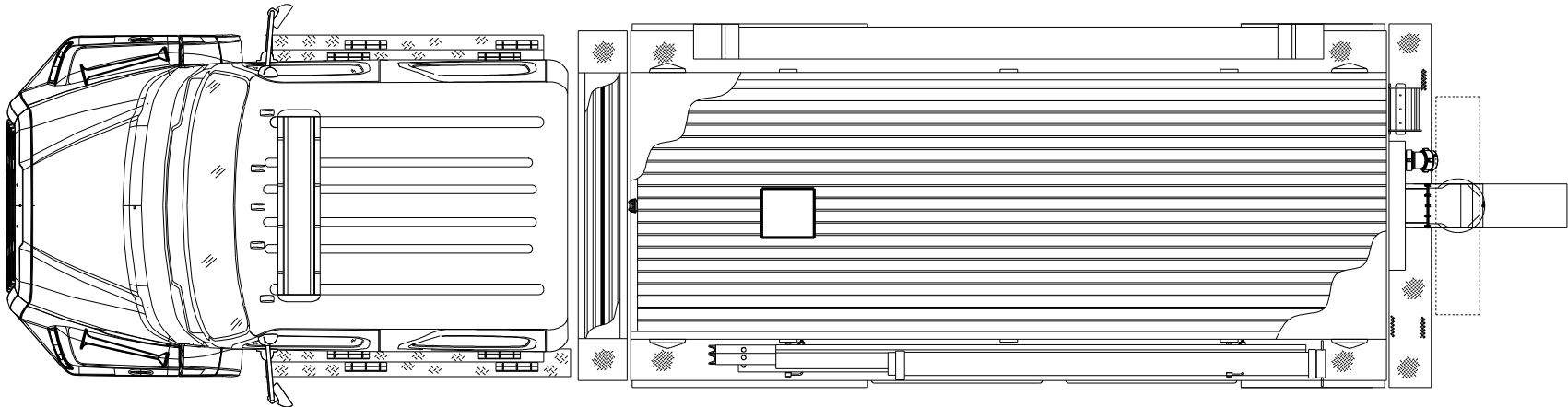
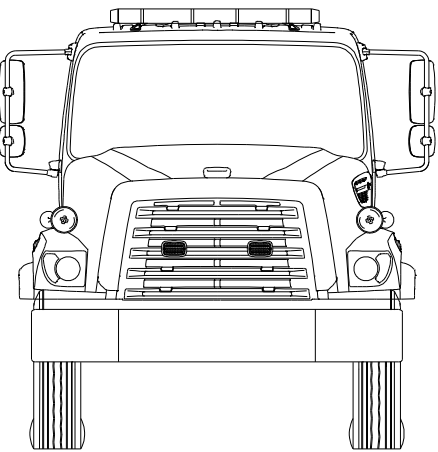
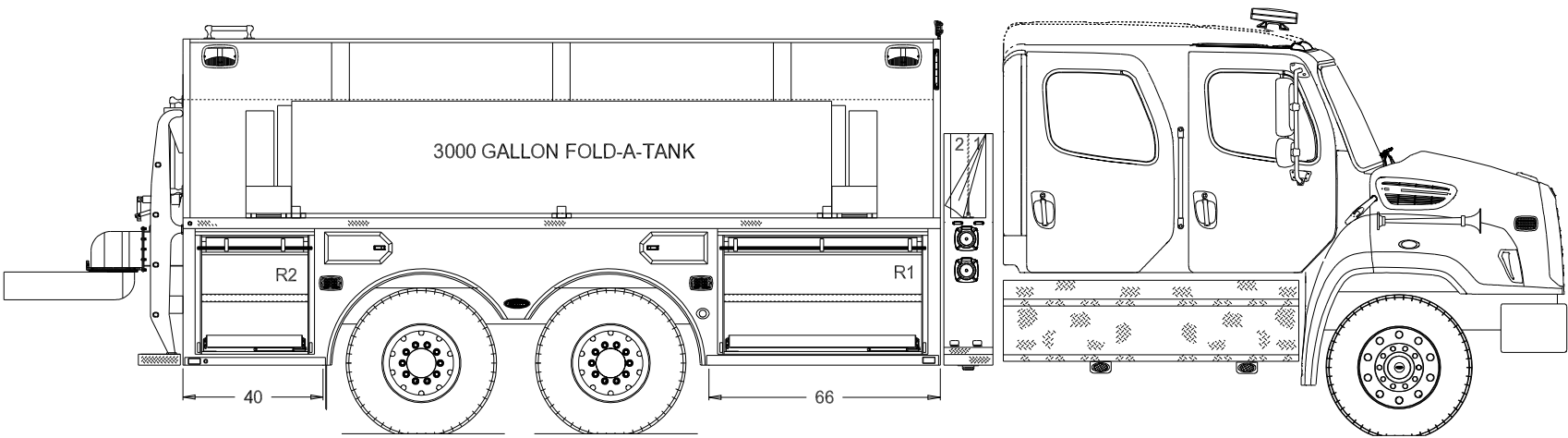
Pre-pay discounts (if applicable):	\$ -
Trade-In allowance (if applicable):	\$ -

Total: \$ 865,759.74

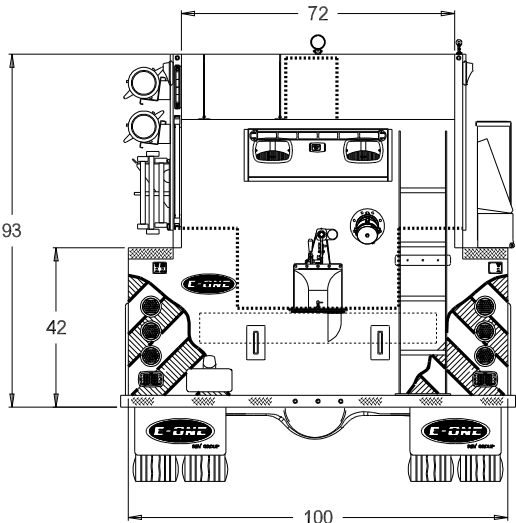
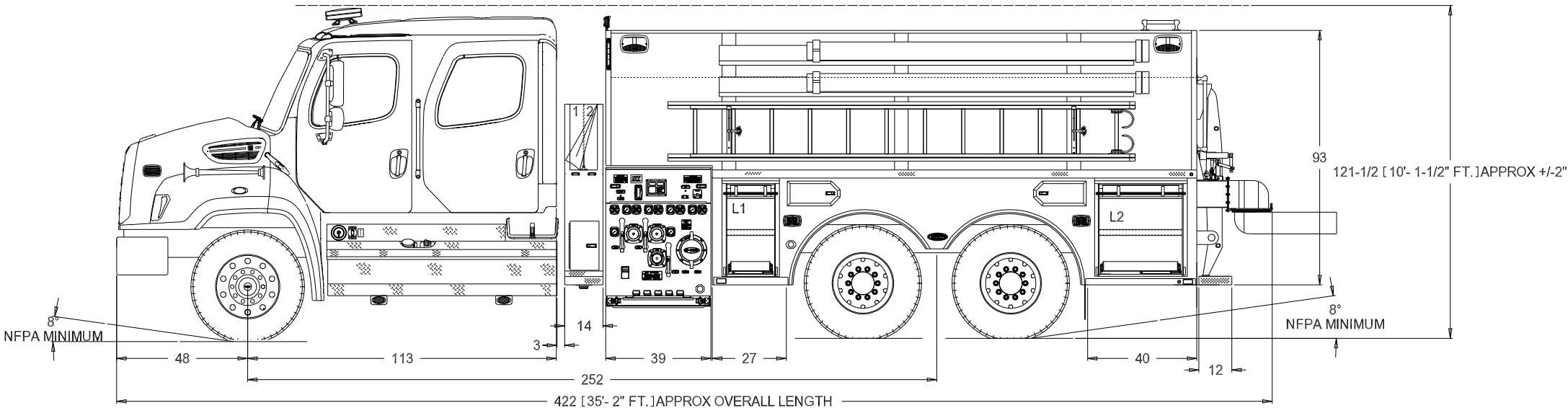
**If Quote Total includes pre-pay discounts, deposits must be made within proper time limits.*

Quote Date: 2023-11-22

Quote expires after 30 days unless alternate conditions are approved and documented.



COMPARTMENT DIMENSIONS		
COMPT.	CLEAR DOOR OPENING (W x H):	COMPARTMENT INTERIOR (W x H xLD/UD):
L1	17-1/2"W x 27-3/4"H	20"W x 38"H x 28"D
L2	30-1/2"W x 27-3/4"H	33"W x 38"H x 28"D
R1	56-1/2"W x 27-3/4"H	59"W x 38"H x 28"D
R2	30-1/2"W x 27-3/4"H	33"W x 38"H x 28"D



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TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

To: Members of Council
Ray Belanger, CBO
Reviewed By: Dustin Robson, Planner
Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk
Subject: ARU Process Update
Report #: DC-23-06

From: Sarah Matheson, Deputy Clerk
Date: November 10, 2023
Council Meeting Date: December 6, 2023

Recommendation:

That Report DC-23-06 be received as information.

Background:

At the June 21, 2023 Meeting of Council, the following resolution was passed:

“Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve-in-principle the proposed Zoning By-Law amendment (File No. ZN1-23-05) to introduce amendments to Township Zoning By-Law No. 1360-2002 and that the By-law be brought back to a subsequent Council meeting.

And further, that Council direct Township staff to work with County staff to implement a process to confirm servicing capacity, which is acceptable to both the County and Township, prior to approval of any Building Permit to establish an Additional Residential Unit.

And further, that Council direct Township staff to review and report back to Council regarding implementation of a licensing/registration system or other process to confirm compliance with all municipal requirements.

And further, that Planning staff be requested to report back to Council once the amended By-law provisions have been in effect for at least six months to identify any implementation or interpretation issues and the number and nature of Minor Variance applications submitted to facilitate Additional Residential Units.”

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the administrative side of the ARU process in the Township.

County Planning staff are bringing a report mid-2024 that will address a more detailed review of any zoning-specific issues that recommendations for corrections, where necessary.

Analysis/Discussion:

Since implementation, the Township Building Department has issued 3 permits for ARUs, none of those required a minor variance and 3 of those required a zone change. All are in the building stages, and have not been completed.

Township staff have added a section for information regarding ARUs to the Township website which can be found under Services, on the Building Planning & Development page. This includes thorough information and references the ARU Zoning By-law so that residents may educate themselves on ARUs and their property's ability or inability to have one.

When permits are issued for ARUs, Township staff use an internal procedure to ensure the proper process is followed. This includes a standard form and filing procedure along with alerting Fire and Emergency Services.

Registration – no fees, fill out a form, keeps track of units and assists emergency services when responding to call.

County Planning completed an information sheet that will be provided to residents through the office and on the website.

Financial Considerations:

There are no development charges for ARUs, however, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) may increase the assessment on the property, possibly resulting in increased tax revenue.

Attachments:

- Accessory Residential Unit Registration Application

Respectfully submitted by:

Sarah Matheson,
Deputy Clerk



Township of Blandford-Blenheim

LICENCE FEE: \$0.00

Accessory Residential Unit Registration Application

Personal information is being collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, for the purposes of reviewing this application. Questions regarding the collection of personal information should be directed to the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Municipal Clerk, 47 Wilmot St. S. Drumbo, ON, 519-463-5347.

Date Submitted:

Location of Accessory Residential Unit Information

Roll No.			
Address	Street Name & Number	P.O. Box	Postal Code
Property Description	Lot. #	Concession	Plan

Applicant Information

Full Name	Last	First	Middle Initial
Address	Street Name and Number	P.O. Box	Apartment/Unit #
	City	Province	Postal Code
Home Phone:	Business Phone:		
E-Mail Address:	Fax Number:		

Owner(s) of Property Information

Name(s)	Last	First	Middle Initial
Company Name			
Address	Street Name and Number	PO Box	
	City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Home Phone:	Business Phone:		
E-Mail Address:	Fax Number:		

Consent of Property Owner (If Applicant is Not the Registered Owner(s))

I/We _____ being the registered owner(s) of the subject lands, hereby authorize _____ to submit the enclosed application to the Clerks Division and to provide any information or material required by the Clerks Division relevant to the application.

Dated at the Township of Blandford-Blenheim

this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature of Owner

Signature of Co-Owner

Additional Information

Is the accessory apartment existing or proposed? Existing ☐ Proposed ☐

If existing, provide the date of construction:

Type of Dwelling	Location of Dwelling Units	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Detached Dwelling <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-detached Dwelling <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse Dwelling <hr/> Is the dwelling connected to municipal sewer and water services? <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer	Main Dwelling Unit	Accessory Apartment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Floor	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Floor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Second Floor	<input type="checkbox"/> Second Floor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	_____	_____

Number of Bedrooms: _____ Main Dwelling Unit _____ Accessory Apartment

Is there an existing home-based business on the property: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Declaration of Applicant/Agent

I, _____ of the Township of _____

In the County of _____ solemnly declare that:

All of the above statements and the statements contained in all of the exhibits submitted herewith are true and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

As of the date of this application, I am (circle one of the following) the *Applicant* or the *Agent*, I have examined the contents of this application, I certify as to the correctness of the information submitted with the application insofar as I have knowledge of these facts, and I concur with the submission of this application to the Municipality.

I understand that all the information, documents and drawings and plans provided with this application will be made available to the public, as required but the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

Signature of Applicant/Agent

OFFICE USE ONLY

Roll Number			
Address			
<p>If the accessory apartment was created prior to Nov. 16, 1995, was acceptable documentation submitted to confirm the accessory apartment existed prior to Nov. 16, 1995?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A _____ Initials </p>			
<p>Ontario Fire Code compliance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p> _____ Date of Compliance Letter _____ Initials </p>			
<p>Ontario Electrical Code compliance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p> _____ Date of Compliance _____ Initials </p>			
<p>Ontario Building Code compliance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Building permit required for compliance with Ontario Fire Code.</p> <p> _____ Building Permit No. _____ Completion Date _____ Initials </p>			
<p>Ontario Building Code compliance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Building permit required to create or alter an existing accessory apartment.</p> <p> _____ Building Permit No. _____ Completion Date _____ Initials </p>			



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

To:	Members of Council	From:	Sarah Matheson, Deputy Clerk
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk	Date:	November 29, 2023
Subject:	Update to January 2024 Council Meeting Schedule	Council Meeting Date:	December 6, 2023
Report #:	DC-23-07		

Recommendation:

That Report DC-23-05 be received; and,

That the following meeting be added for the month of January 2024:

- January 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., Regular Council.

Background:

The Township's procedural By-law states that each "...regular meeting of Council shall be held on the first Wednesday and third Wednesday of each month at 4pm, unless, Council selects an alternate meeting date, and time by way of resolution." During the months of July and August Council meets only on the first Wednesday of the month.

Council passed a resolution at the November 15, 2023 meeting that the first meeting in January be moved to the second Wednesday of the month, on January 10th, 2024.

January 17th meeting begins at 10:00 am in order to allow for discussions on the 2024 budget.

Analysis/Discussion:

Staff are recommending adding a second regular meeting in the month of January, on Wednesday January 24th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

There are five Wednesdays in the month of January. If Council does not wish to add the meeting on the 24th of January, there will be a wait of four weeks between the January 10th Regular Meeting of Council and the first February meeting.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Attachments:

- N/A

Respectfully submitted by:

Sarah Matheson,
Deputy Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To: Members of Council

From: Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

Reviewed By: Department Heads
County Planning

Date: November 15, 2023

Subject: Asset Naming Policy

Council Meeting Date: December 6, 2023

Report #: CAO-23-23

Recommendation:

That Report CAO-23-23 be received; and,

That Council accept the following names to be added to the names registry for Township assets:

Honey, Hughes, Anderson, McAnsh, Blacksmith, Baskett, Hysert, Davis, Daniel, Kipp, Wells, Kibble, Veit, Home, Parkhill, Galbraith, Townsend, Brouwer

Background:

In March of 2021 an asset naming policy was adopted by Council. The intent of this policy is to have a list of names ready to be used for Township assets (roads, parks, trails, etc.) when the need arises.

Subsequent to the passing of this policy staff contacted the three historical groups in the Township to request their input and to provide some names of significance for the names registry. The Drumbo & District Heritage Society recently submitted names for consideration.

Analysis/Discussion:

Staff contacted the three historical groups in the Township and requested that they submit names to be considered for inclusion in an asset name registry. The Princeton Museum Board recently submitted the attached letter with names for Council's consideration.

These names were reviewed by staff and there appears to be no duplication with any other asset names used in the Township.

Financial Considerations:

- There are no direct financial impacts.

Attachments:

- Information on each name submitted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rodger Mordue
CAO/Clerk

FYI - BB Council

History of the old & new street namings of Princeton

I did a small history on the 18 chosen streets names
and they are numbered in importance & the present streets.
The board agreed with my suggestions.

Gayle Gurney
Volunteer researcher
Princeton Museum.

① Samuel Lewis HONEY . This young man was omitted on the Plaque of Veterans killed in WW1 , actually no mention at all in any of the Princeton History books. Lewis was born Feb 1894 in Conn. He moved to the village in 1908 and attended Princeton school graduating July 1910 . His father was the Methodist Minister in Princeton (George E. Honey). Samuel Lewis was school teacher at Six Nations and at Windfall 1910-1911. Lewis enlisted Jan 1915 in the Canadian Over Seas Expeditionary Force . He served in the 38th Battalion, 4th Canadian Division .He received three medals , Military Medal 1917 for gallantry during a raid on German trenches , Distinguished Conduct Medal 1917 for gallant leadership during the Battle of Vimy Ridge , and the Victoria Cross 1918. The Canadian Corps was given the task of dislodging the enemy from a maze of defensive positions considered to be almost impregnable. Through a series of determined attacks the Canadians pierced the first three systems . They crossed the Canal du Nord , overran the heavily fortified German positions in Bois de Bourlon and beat off every counter attack . It was in this operation that Honey won the Victoria Cross . After all other officers of his company had become casualties, Honey took command and skilfully reorganized under severe fire. He continued the advance and finding his company was suffering casualties from machine gun fire he located the machine gun nest and rushed it single handed , capturing the guns and ten prisoners. After repulsing four counter attacks he went out alone after dark , located a German post and took a party to capture it . He died of wounds received on the last day of attacks . Honeys commanding officer wrote to his family " Nowhere have I seen such gallant work as this boy of yours displayed .. he was the first to reach the final objective during the first day and throughout the days that followed , he was an example of grit and determination that was the talk of the whole command. The men idolized him and as they bore him by me that morning there was a tenderness in their care that only strong men can show " The Victoria Cross is the British Empires highest decoration for military valour . Samuel Lewis Honey was killed at age of 24 in France. In his short military career he had risen to the rank of Lieutenant in the Canadian Army

| A poppy placed on street sign in honour of S. Lewis HONEY



Photo of Samuel Honey



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NAME
AMUEL S. LEWIS
(V.C., D.C.M., M.M.)

RANK.	NUMBER.	UNIT.	HONOUR OR
<i>Lieut.</i> Sgt	602174.	78th. Can. Inf: Bn.	MILITARY MEDAL.

AUTHORITY.	DATE.
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MEDAL	72
LEDGER	118
FOLIOS	
RECEIPT	2128
NOS	2719

DETAILS.

MENTIONED IN DE
AUTHORITY.

1129. Byng	20-3-17.
30036.	26-4-17.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Platoon Commander was wounded he assumed command, leading his men forward in face of terrific fire, until compelled by casualties to dig in, He held his position for three days, encouraging his men by his splendid example. **L.G. 30234 16-8-17.**

OTHER AWARDS.

SIGNATURE.	AUTHORITY.	DATE.
<i>cf.</i>	<i>L.G. 30234</i>	<i>16. 8. 17.</i>
<i>000</i>	<i>L.G. 31108.</i>	<i>6-1-19.</i>

Deceased

MILITARY MEDAL.

For conspicuous gallantry during a successful raid on the enemy's trenches 22nd Feb; 1917. He did most excellent work in clearing an enemy's communication trench and establishing a

P.T.O.

block inspite of heavy opposition.

He personally covered the withdrawal of his own and another squad, under a heavy grenade fire, and but for his action they would have suffered severely. He handled his squad and the whole situation in a very efficient manner.

This N.C.O. had done good work in a similar Raid only three days previously. **A.F.W.3121.**

VICTORIA CROSS.

For most conspicuous bravery during the BOURLON WOOD operations 27th Sept. to 2nd Oct. 1918. On 27th Sept when his company commander and all other officers had become casualties, Lt. HONEY took command and skilfully re-organised under severe fire. He continued the advance with great dash and gained the objective. Then finding that his company was suffering casualties from enfilade machine gun fire he located the machine gun nest and rushed it single-handed, capturing the guns and ten prisoners. Subsequently he repelled four enemy counter-attacks, and after dark again went out alone, and having located an enemy post, led a party which captured the post and three guns. On the 29th Sept. he led his company against a strong enemy position with great skill and daring and continued in the succeeding days of the battle to display the same high example of valour and self-sacrifice. He died of wounds received during the last day of the attack by his battalion. **X**

L.G. 31108 d/- 6.1.19.

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Lloyd , Eric , Albert and Thomas HUGHES. Thomas Hughes was a telegrapher in Princeton b 1893 , son of William and Bertha (Lamb)Hughes , enlisted 1915.

Albert HUGHES. was born 1895 , son of William and Bertha Hughes . Albert was a telegraph operator and enlisted as a Canadian engineer . He married Helen Misener.

Eric German HUGHES was born 1898 , son of William and Bertha , enlisted 1916 in Woodstock . He was a farmer when he enlisted and was killed at Vimy Ridge August 1917. His mother was presented with the memorial Cross and his father with a plaque and scroll

(Daughter of William and Bertha was Gladys Hughes b 1913 , she married Kenneth Bell)

Lloyd Hugh HUGHES was son of Joseph . He was born 1867 in Drayton. He was the school principal in Princeton . In 1915 he enlisted to serve with 71st Battalion . Lloyd transferred to the 54th Battalion in England and reached France in 1916. . In March of 1917 he was fatally wounded at Vimy Ridge .

The LLOYD HUGHES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was presented at the Continuation School in his memory . In the 1929 Purple and Gold Year Book from Princeton continuation school this article was written by Walter H Kipp , chairman of the School Board .

" Lest we forget , I thought it might be wise to sketch again briefly for you tonight the purpose of this scholarship. Your board gives this ten dollar gold piece for the dual purpose of perpetuating the memory of a former Principal, the late Lloyd Hughes and to stimulate a kindly rivalry among the pupils of our school . Born in Drayton , the late Mr Hughes received his education at Moorefield Public School , Drayton Continuation School , Guelph Collegiate and Toronto University and he came to Princeton as Principal in 1912 and answered the call of King and Country with the 71st Canadian Infantry Jan 4 1916 . The following spring he went overseas but in order to reach the front more speedily he was transferred to the 54th

Kootenay Battalion which went to France in August 1916. He was seriously wounded in the raid on Vimy Ridge on March 1 1917 and died in the hospital five days later .He lies buried in Berlin cemetery in France. The Honour Roll for the Province of Ontario contains the names of 848 male teachers who gave their service in the Great War. Of this number 101 gave their lives that you and I might enjoy the liberty which is the heritage of Canadians and members of the British Commonwealth . "

This one should be possibly something other than Hughes Street , maybe Hughes Road , Avenue , Lane , Drive etc.

A poppy placed on street sign in honour of Lloyd HUGHES and Eric HUGHES



Photo of Hugh Lloyd Hughes – Uncle Lloyd Hughes in uniform of the 71st Battalion taken prior to leaving Canada for training in England

Details



HUGH LLOYD HUGHES Aug. 4, 1887—March 6, 1917

Private, Fifty-fourth Battalion.


Son of Joseph Hughes; b. Drayton; ed. Moorefield p.s., Fergus Contn. School, Guelph c.i.; Education 1911-12; Principal, Princeton Continuation School.

In December 1915 he enlisted in the 71st Battalion. He was transferred to the 54th Battalion in England, and reached France in August 1916. Though he was offered a commission he preferred to remain in the ranks. Through the autumn of 1916 he served in the Somme campaign. On March 1st, 1917, he was fatally wounded at Vimy Ridge, and succumbed to his injuries five days later. Buried at Barlin. A scholarship has been founded in his memory at the Princeton School.

Roll of Service – From the "University of Toronto / Roll of Service 1914-1918", published in 1921.

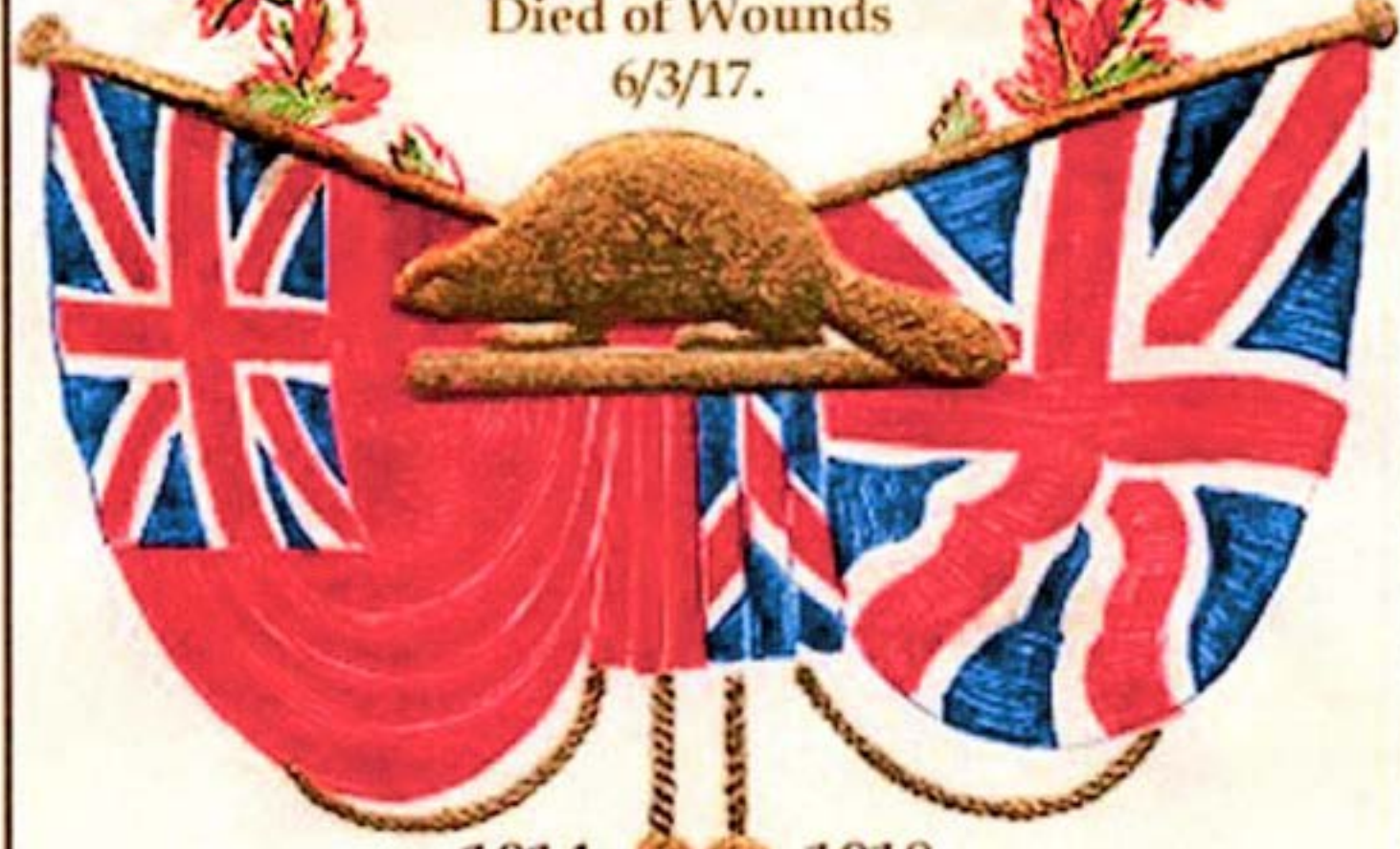
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HUGHES, Hugh Lloyd

Drayton;
I (First Class Certificate),
Principal Princeton C.S.;
Enlisted 4/1/16,
Pte., 54th Bn.,
Served in France,
Wounded, Vimy, 5/3/17,
Died of Wounds
6/3/17.



1914
Roll of Honour

1918
Ontario Teachers

ALBERT CORNELUS HUGHES: WWI Canadian Engineers

1895-1971

Princeton Methodist Church

Buried in Princeton Cemetery



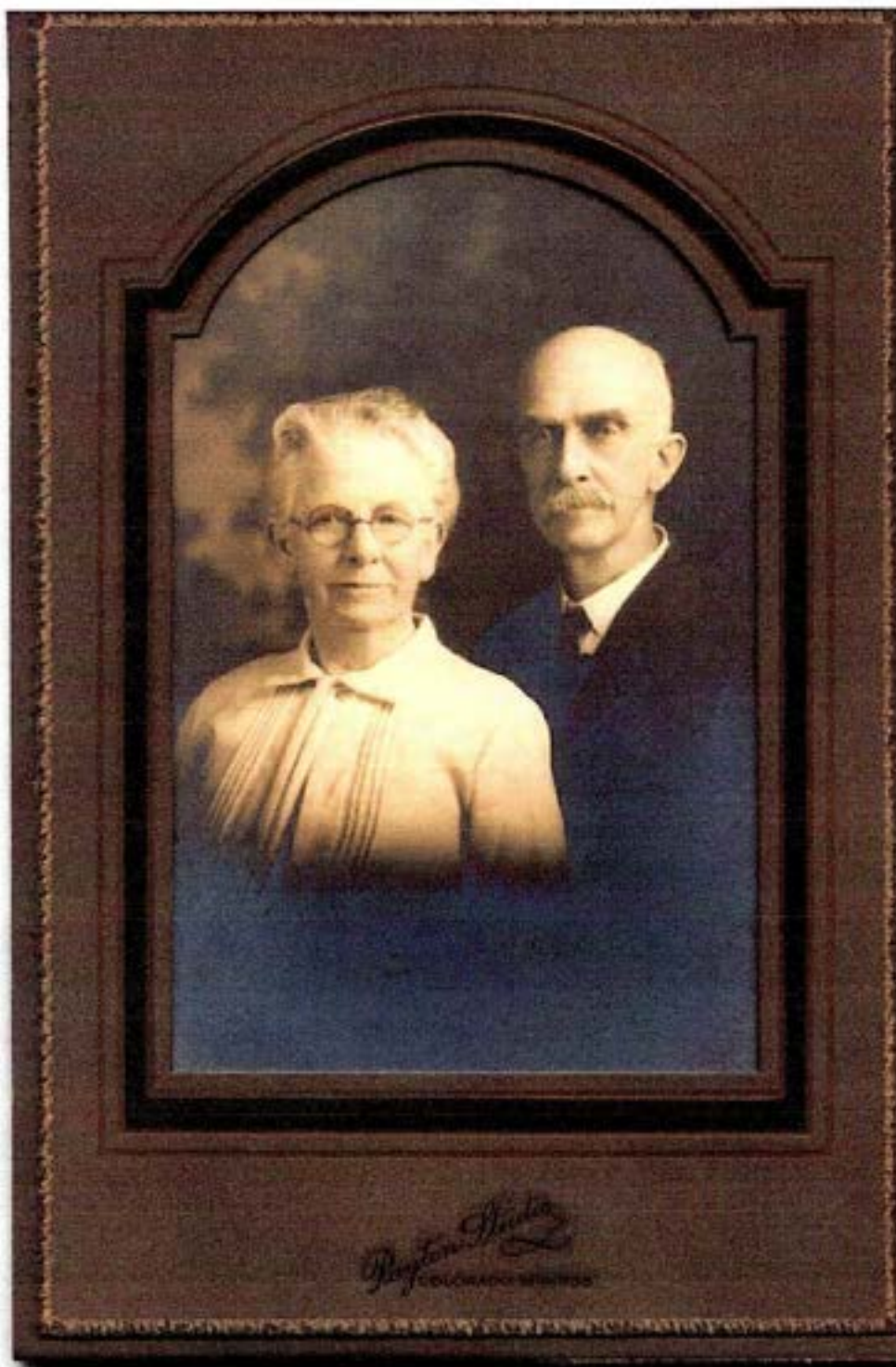
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ANDERSON . This family lived and worked in the village from 1890 to 1999. Four generations Adam , Glenn , Ross and Glenn Jr. Anderson. General storekeepers were purveyors of food and clothing and the lenders of money. General stores sold and traded a variety of goods for cash payment and offered credit to farmers that traded goods that were worth more than the merchandise they purchased from the store . General stores were the hub of village life , They sold food , clothing , tobacco , hardware and appliances. Drawers and bins held spices , ground sugar , coffee , flour and seeds. Many people in the community charged their groceries etc with this family business until milk cheque arrived or customers sold their pigs etc . They worked with the community . This was truly a family business with wives working with husbands and sons .

ANDERSON STREET or ? Lane etc



Adam
+
Mary
Anderson



G. R. ANDERSON

General Merchant

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, FOREIGN and DOMESTIC FRUITS

CHINAWARE, SHOES and RUBBERS

WINDOW SHADES, OILCLOTHS and LINOLEUMS

HARDWARE, PAINTS, OILS and GLASS

"THE STORE WITH THE STOCK

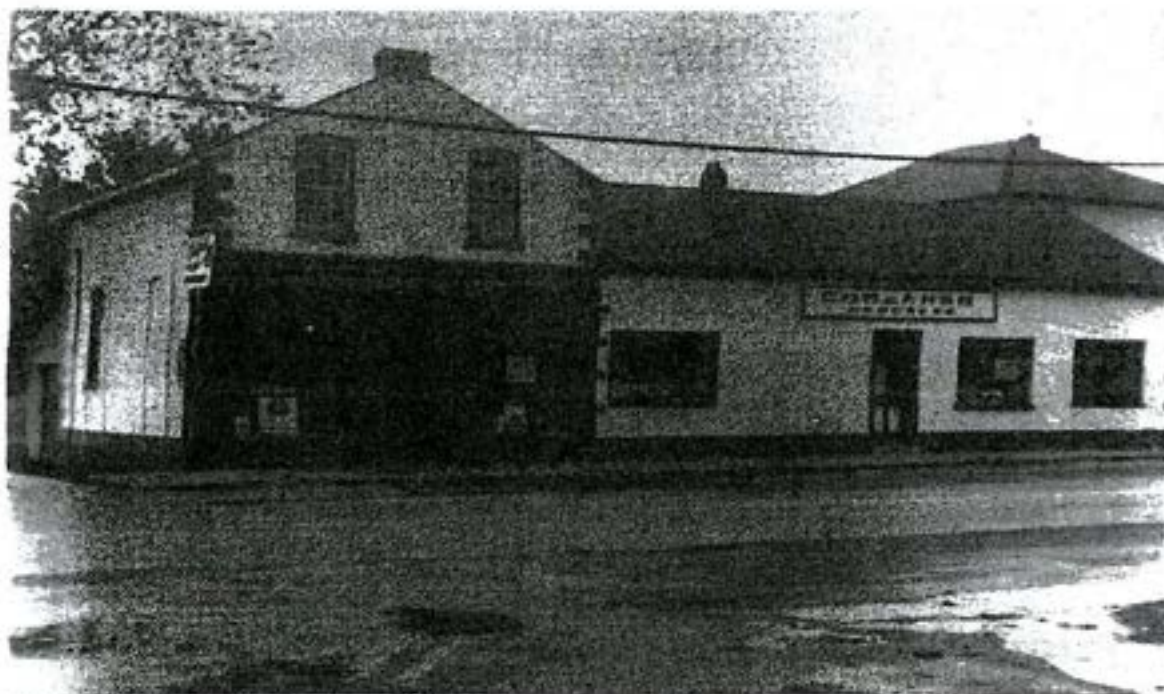
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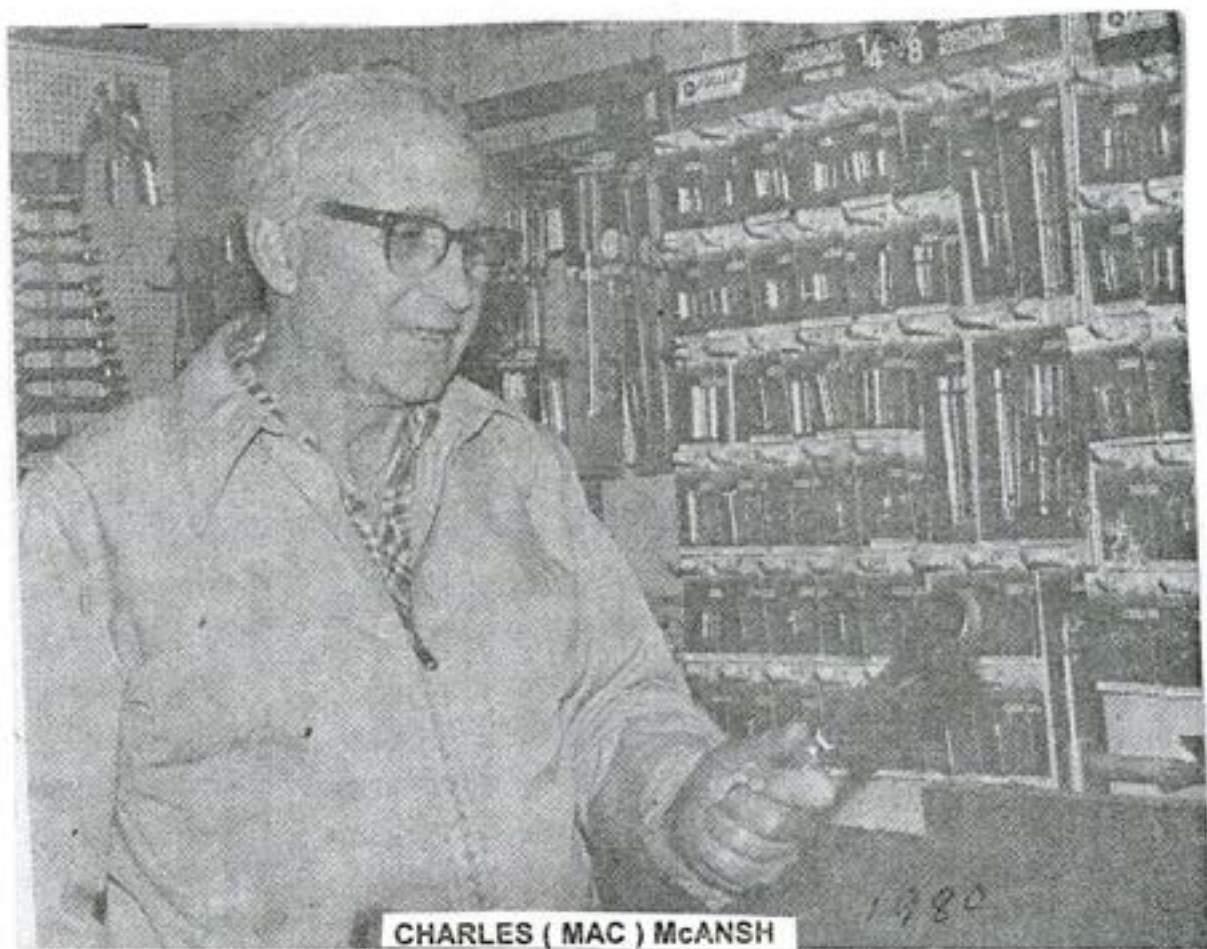
McANSH . Charles " Mac" served as a radar mechanic in the Royal Canadian Airforce during WW 2 . He had a hardware business in the village from 1955-1988. His practice was based on trust and honesty . He loaned tools , gave free advice and had a " pay for what you use and return the rest " philosophy Mac wanted to better serve the farm community . He was an ever present great contributor to the village and surrounding area .It was said that if Mac didnt have it then you didnt need it . A memorial service was held in 1962 and a stone cairn unveiled.

McANSH STREET or DRIVE etc.
AVENUE

- ★ 1944 -- Mac marries Trixie in England. He is discharged from the RCAF in 1945. They settle in Toronto, where he sells radios and electronics equipment.
- ★ 1955 -- Mac is interested in buying a small village hardware store; because he is tired of the City life, travelling and the various different jobs that he has had. He hears of such an opportunity for sale in Princeton. He sets up the "C.H. McAnsh Hardware" store at the corner of Elgin and Main Streets.
- ★ Mac would drive many of the young boys in Princeton to the "Cow Palace" ice rink in Drumbo, where they played hockey every week (each boy, of course, dreaming of becoming an N.H.L. star!).



The C.H. McAnsh Hardware Store.



5 HOWES. Benjamin and Herbert Percy. Benjamin was first recorded as being a blacksmith in Princeton in 1892. He bought a blacksmith shop in 1903 . Upon his death in 1915 in the will he left his shop , tools and building to his son . Herbert Percy Howes carried on the business until 1957 , being the last blacksmith in the Princeton area . Herbert had a blacksmith shop dismantled in Paris and rebuilt on concession 2 on Howes property . It still stands there .
This would be for the Howes development area

We were wondering since this area could be for larger homes and developer may advertise with a classy name ,,, how about **BLACKSMITH Court or WAY or CRESCENT** etc ??? Since this is to do with Benjamin Howes and his son being blacksmiths ... and not sure if old blacksmith shop being left there . It still has the furnace in it. We thought it might be nice to not have a name for this area but still honour the fact that the Howes family were blacksmiths in Princeton since 1892 until 1957 . Could be the developer will call this subdivision by that name if they know the history ?? If so then change to **HOWES Lane**

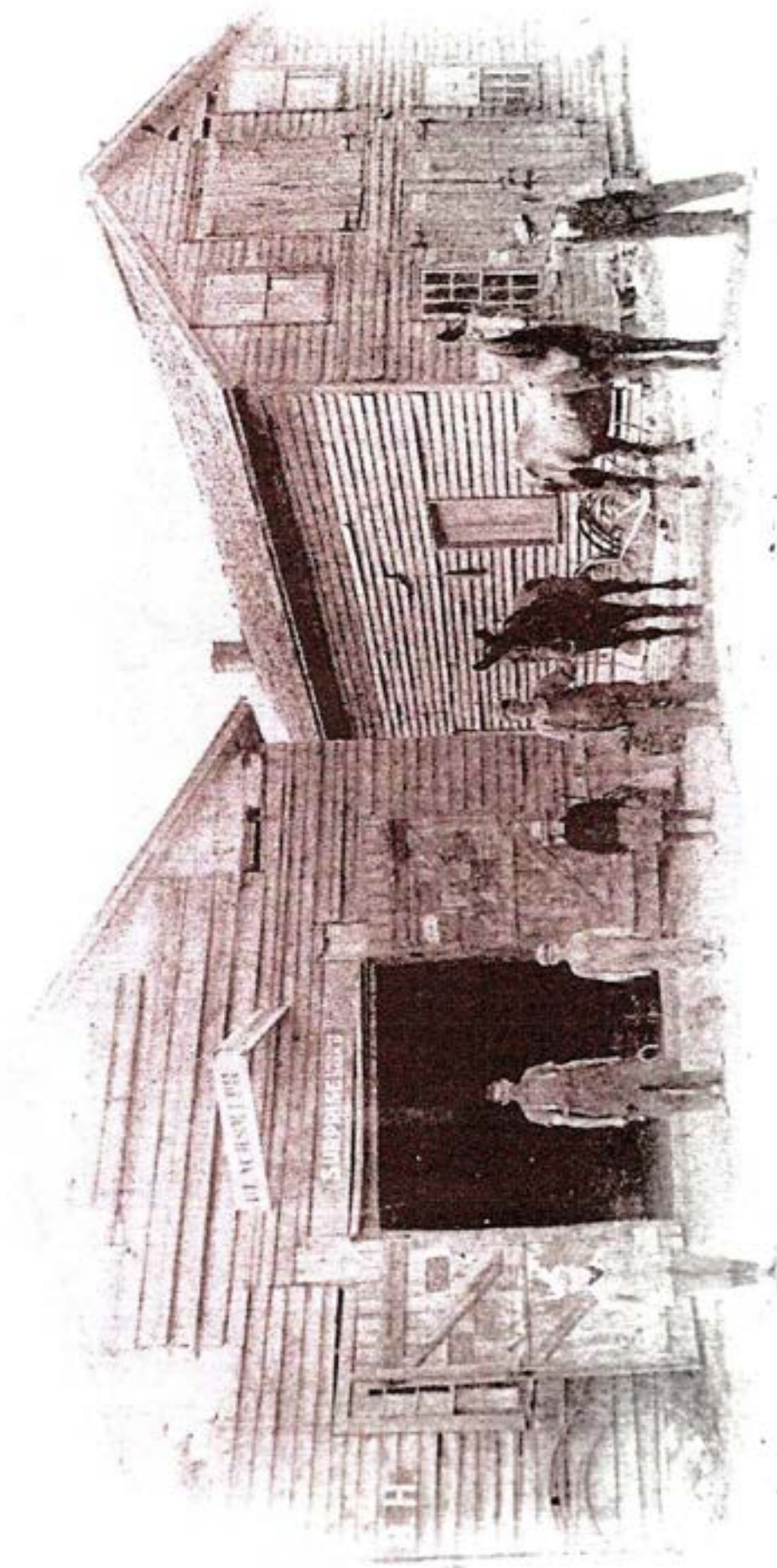
HERB. HOWES
GENERAL BLACKSMITH

All Kinds of Farm Implements Repaired.

Phone 34 on 35

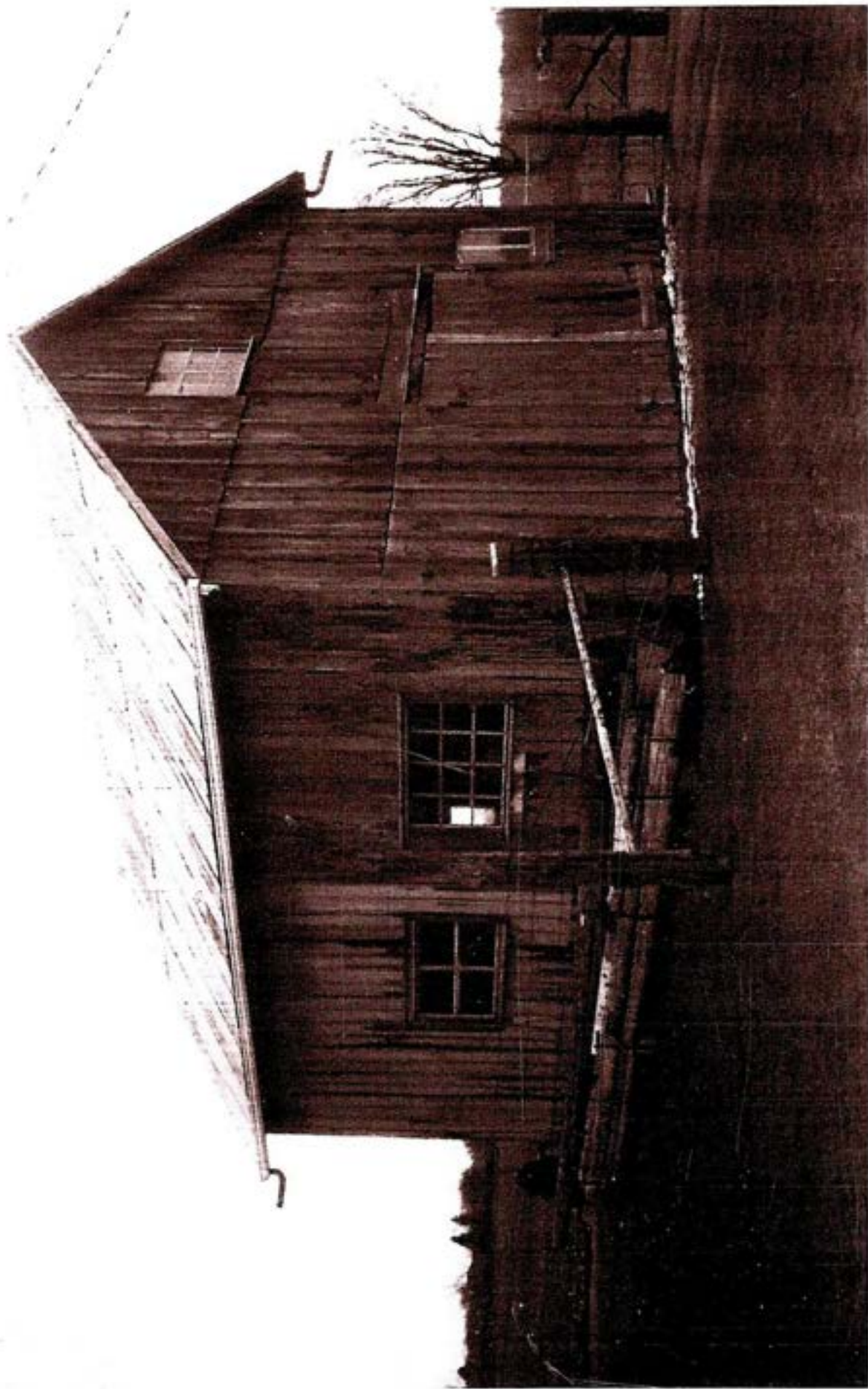
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Princeton, Ont.



Howes Blacksmith Shop in Princeton, tall man on left is Ben Howes

Blacksmith Shop Princeton



Herb Howes Blacksmith Shop

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BASKETT, Lloyd, Reginald and Noble.

Thomas Baskett had 4 sons, 3 of which enlisted in WW2.

Lloyd 1916-1990 enlisted Aug 1943 in the army, was wounded Oct 1944 and sent home, Harvey Noble 1920-1948, operator in the Navy and Reginald John 1921-1944. Reginald graduated from Princeton school and was employed as a truck driver, He enlisted 1941 with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, went overseas to Italy in 1943 and after served with Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles. He was killed in action Aug 1944 in France. Shrapnel wounds to loin, abdomen and leg. Awarded CVSM medal and clasp, 1939-45 Star, France Germany Star, Defence Medal and War Medal. The memorial cross was presented to his mother

A poppy placed on street sign in honour of Reginald BASKETT

BASKETT DRIVE etc

Details

***Pte. Reginald J. Baskett***

Pte. Reginald J. Baskett, R.R. 2, Princeton, a well-known Brant County young man, died on August 16, 1944, four days after he was wounded near Caen, France. He was buried near the scene of his last gallant action. Pte. Baskett had seen more than three years of army life since his enlistment in February, 1941, with the 1st Battalion, Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles. After training at Nanaimo,

B.C., he was posted overseas in 1942, and transferred to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. Born August 17, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baskett, he grew up in the vicinity of Princeton in Brant County. A short time ago his parents moved across the County line to the north side of Princeton. Pte. Baskett attended Princeton School and was a member of the Etonia United Church.

Biography - Album of Honour for Brant County World War
11 1939 - 1945 Published in 1946 by The Brantford Kinsmen Club
and submitted with their permission by Operation Picture Me

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LLOYD BASKETT - WWII - Army

Survived the war.

Passed away.

Son of Thomas & Bertha Baskett

Husband of Irene (Wilson) Baskett



HARVEY NOBEL BASKETT - WWII - H.M.C.S.

Son of Thomas & Bertha Baskett

Born 1920

Passed away 1948



Francis Overton HYSERT . He is another veteran omitted in Princeton history and the memorial plaque. Fred and Myrtle Hysert had 3 sons enlist. Robert , Neil and Francis Overton, Their sister Syliva married Ken Brittain.

Francis Overton was born 1914 in Stoney Creek and enlisted 1939 with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. He was granted leave and married May 1941. He was killed in August 1942 in the raid at Dieppe and was buried in Surrey United Kingdom .His medals were 1939-45 Star , Defence Medal , War medal and CVSM bar and clasp .The Memorial Cross was presented to his wife and his mother .Francis and his wife had a daughter Yvonne Francis born May 18 1942

A poppy placed on street sign in honour of Francis Overton HYSERT

HYSERT STREET etc



FRANCIS QUEDYAN UVEDT

OVERTON FRANCIS HYSERT - WWII - Royal
Hamilton Light Infantry

Died in the Dieppe Raid

Son of Fred Hysert

Brother of Mrs. Ken Brittain, Neil Hysert, Bob Hysert and many siblings.

Husband of Peggy Hysert and Father of Bonnie Hysert

The Hysert family came from Etonia.



COPY OF SIGNED STATEMENT BY MAJOR H. F. LAZIER P.O.W.4014 OFLAG V

B-37172 HYSERT, Francis Overton.

R.H.L.I.

When the boats came into Dieppe beach behind casino at 1200 hrs. this soldier was lying on the beach with a bad body wound but still conscious. I talked to him. He was very weak and had started to turn a greenish-grey colour as if he were dying. He was too weak to move or be moved without a stretcher. I believe he died.

Signed - H.F.Lazier Maj. R.H.L
4014 Oflag VII B.
Deutschland.

Details of information received from 2nd echelon

Dated 15 Jan 43.

57172 Pte. HYSERT, F.O.

H.L.I.

^{This} soldier was last seen by B-38151 Cpl Hamilton N.C.
(H.L.I.) at 0600 hrs on 19 Aug 43. Pte McAndrew H and
L Rice K.A. R.H.L.I. were with him. Tanks moving up
^{the} beach appeared to be firing as they dipped and
^{Hysert} Hysert crumpled up apparently hit by fire from the tank.
When passing the area later Hysert was not there.

Signed - B-38151 Cpl. Hamilton N.C.
R.H.L.I.

IN MEMORY OF
FRANCIS O.

HYSBERT

KILLED AT DIEPPE
WORLD WAR. II

NEIL HYSERT - WWII

Son of Fred Hysert

Brother of Mrs. Ken Brittain, Bob Hysert, Overton
Francis Hysert and many siblings.

Husband of Cleta Hysert

Neil & Cleta married in Jamac, West Indies.

The Hyserts came from Etonia.



BOB HYSERT - WWII

Son of Fred Hysert
Brother of Mrs. Ken Brittain, Neil Hysert, Overton
Francis Hysert and many siblings.

The Hyserts came from Etonia.



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DAVIS family. Charles , William Sr and Jr and Fred . William Davis married Violet Kipp . Charles Davis Sr was a tinsmith in village and operated an up to date hardware business His son Charles Richard was a druggist continuing after Mr A.W. Gissing., the owner of the first pharmacy in the area.

William Davis had the Davis Forge & Blacksmith shop corner of Main St S and Elgin West since 1850s .He also was an implement maker . The last forge was removed 1948. He had 2 sons William from Princeton Garage and Fred who later turned this building into a hardware and grocery store . Wm Jr helped his father in his blacksmith and wagon shop when a lad. This same building is still in 2023 a. Hardware store.

DAVIS STREET etc





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Dr Daniel CLARK was born August 1830 in Grantown Inverness Scotland . His father migrated to the New World ending up in Port Dover in 1835. Daniel attended school there but was often absent to help on the family farm . Daniel had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and taught himself Latin , Algebra and Geometry .In 1850 a large group of his friends decided to head to California to seek their fortunes in the Gold Fields . His mining experience was very successful and by Oct 1851 he felt he had enough money to continue his education and he returned to Canada . Within 2 years he had obtained a teachers certificate and matriculation into University. He decided to enter the Ministry and registered at Knox College . After a year he developed a blood disease and his Doctor advised him to choose a career that would permit him to be out of doors , He chose medicine and attended Toronto School of Medicine for three years , graduating in 1858. . After graduation Daniel spent a year in Edinburgh doing post graduate study in Obstetrics and Surgery. In 1859 he returned from Europe and began his medical practice in Princeton as their first Doctor. He travelled everywhere on horseback carrying his medicines and instruments in saddle bags .He introduced the blessings of chloroform which he had learned from his Edinburg professor. Daniel built the large house at 12 Main Street , made into apartments and owned by the Anglican Church . He married a Princeton girl , Elizabeth Gissing . In 1864 he served as a surgeon in Grants army with the Army of the Potomac. In 1875 Dr Clark left Princeton to become Superintendent of the Asylum in Toronto and held that position until he retired 1907

We cant use CLARK Street because of Clark Road in Drumbo so would have to be **DANIEL STREET** etc



Daniel Clark

DANIEL CLARK, M.D., M.B.L.,
PHYSICIAN, SURGEON
AND
ACCOCUCHEUR,

FORMERLY PHARMACEUTIST IN THE ROYAL PUBLIC DISPEN-
SARY OF EDINBURGH.

PRINCETON, C.W.

10 KIPP . There were many Kipps in the Princeton village and surrounding area since early 1800s coming to Lot 13 Concession 1 Burford Twp

Arthur Kipp graduated in medicine in 1892 in Detroit . Walter Kipp married Mae Brand .He owned the mill in Princeton until it was sold to Howard L Kipp in 1924.

Walter also bought and sold grain and turnips and developed a good business of selling coal.He also had the vision and developed organization Blenheim Game

Preserve .He was one of the organizers of the Princeton Horticultural Society , Princeton Chamber of Commerce and the Oxford Telephone Co. He owned Dake Hotel . Walter had 4 children . Delmar , Doris , Fern and Donald

William and Ida Kipp had 3. Sons , Howard , Fred and Lorne.

Howard L.Kipp married Myrtle Yarrington . He bought grain and coal business and operated this with his son Pete .Pete was also fire chief . Another son is Robert , a pharmacist, and son Malcolm.

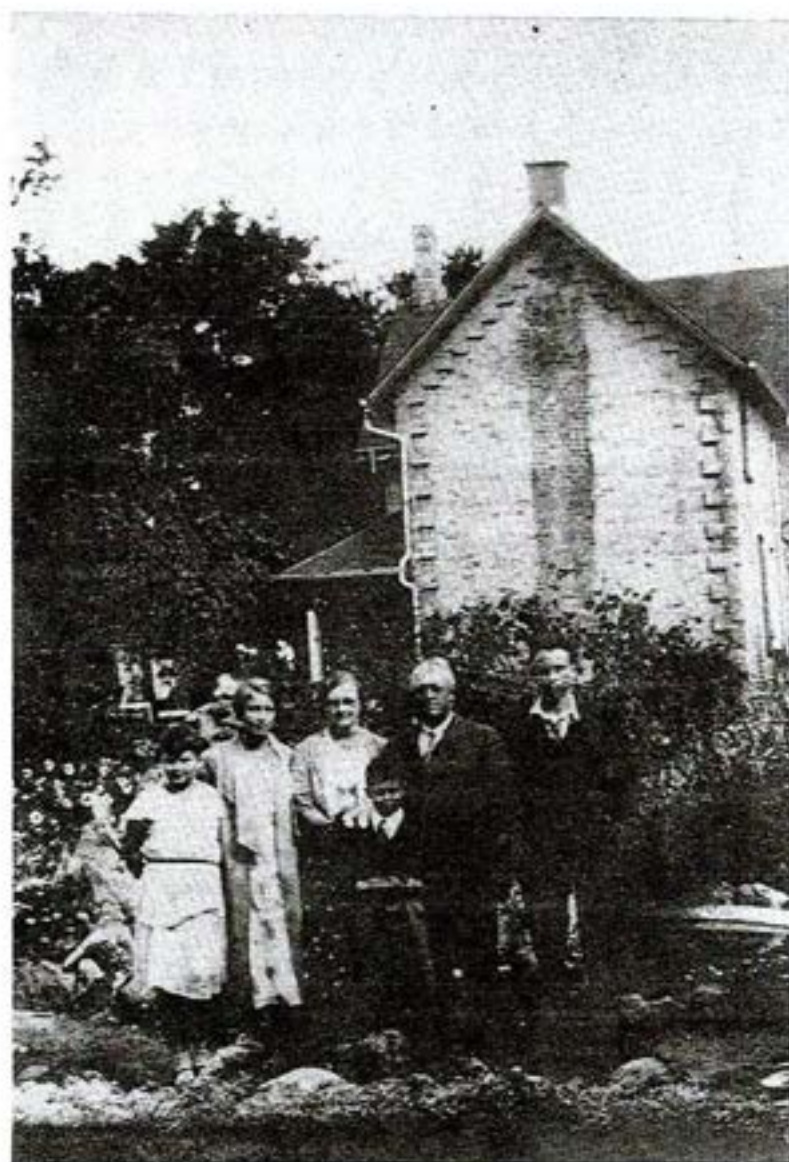
Fred Kipp graduated in Medicine from University of Western Ontario in 1925 .

Lorne carried on with home farm and married Phyllis Link.

KIPP Drive etc



WALTER H. KIPP & MAY BRAND



The Walter Kipp Family, circa 1929.
L-R: Fern, Doris, Mae-Olive, Donald, Walter, Delmar.

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WELLS. This family had lived in the village since 1894 . William had a sawmill and built several homes on Railway Street East and Main Street East in the area of the Bank etc Elizabeth , d/o Edwin Hobbs the village stone cutter , married Bert Wells. Mrs Elizabeth WELLS was first librarian at Soldiers Memorial Library in 1921 and served for over 28 years. She passed away in 1951 . Her daughter Evelyn was a school teacher in Princeton for many years. Marriage in this family was comprised of Maycock , Knill , Hamilton and Hobbs families.

This should not be WELLS street , maybe Wells Road , Avenue , Lane , Court etc.

MEMORIAL
LIBRARY
PRINCETON ONT



Resigns After 28 Years As Librarian at Princeton

PRINCETON—Mrs. A. S. Wells has resigned as librarian of the Soldiers' Memorial Library after 28 years of devoted service to the work. Mrs. Wells was appointed librarian when the building was erected 28 years ago as a war memorial to the soldiers who fell in the First Great War. At the annual meeting held Wednesday, the presentation of a silver tea pot was made to match the silver pitcher, sugar bowl and tray given her some time ago by the Women's Library Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Mrs. Charles Milton and H. L. Kipp read an address of appreciation for her many years of service and unflinching courtesy. Mrs. Milton succeeds her as librarian.

At the annual meeting at the home of Rev. H. A. Boyd and Mrs. Boyd, the vice-president, E. Yeandle, occupied the chair in the absence of the president, S. Piper. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. H. Wight, who also gave the treasurer's report showing the year began with a balance of \$93.38, grants of \$334.69, fees \$27, donations \$14, making a total of \$493.58, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$33.62 after expenses were paid. The building fund showed a balance on hand of \$174.86.

Librarian's Report

Mrs. A. S. Wells gave the Librarian's report showing a circulation of 2,016 adult fiction, 1,212 juvenile fiction and 303 class books. The inventory revealed 2,541 books in the library.

Rev. Mr. Boyd reporting for the book buying committee, stated that 94 books had been

bought. H. L. Kipp, reporting for the property committee, said that new eavetroughs had been put on the building and the furnace had been overhauled. As vice-president of the county library, Mr. Kipp reported 2,511 books in the library, 1,832 in circulation and that the county library circulation was 6,000 for the year, with 17 libraries belonging to the association.

gave **New Officers** Officers were elected. Mr. Kipp and W. H. Williamson, the retiring members, were re-elected for a three-year period; Mrs. A. S. Wells was elected in place of Mrs. D. McKim who has moved away, and Mr. Boyd replaces Mr. McKim. Lawson Spicer was elected to replace S. Piper, who is retiring. Mr. Kipp is again the representative to the county library and Mr. Yeandle is in the school representative.

The newly-elected officers held an executive meeting immediately after the election, and appointed Mr. Spicer and Mr. Kipp on the property committee, Mr. Wells, Mrs. C. Milton, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Yeandle on the book buying committee, and Mrs. C. Milton as librarian.

The secretary, Mrs. Wight, expressed her wish to retire and a new one will be appointed at a later meeting.

The hostess served refreshments. She was assisted by Mr. Boyd.

PRINCETON

SILVER WEDDING.

Princeton, May 4.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wells was the scene of a very happy event on Friday April 30th when they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary by entertaining their relatives at 6.30 p.m. at an elegantly arranged and sumptuous wedding dinner. The table was centred by a beautifully decorated wedding cake and the extremely pretty table decorations were in a scheme of pink and white, a wedding bell being suspended over the centre of the long tables, having cords and silver tinsel with apple blossoms attached to four candlesticks (silver wedding gifts) with lighted wax candles.

The grille between the rooms was decorated with Easter lilies. All the table flowers and trimmings were made by Mrs. F. Hobbs, also the very dainty place cards. The bride cut the wedding cake and Mr. Starr made a few nicely worded remarks expressing the kind congratulations and good wishes of all present, for Mr. and Mrs. Wells' continued health and happiness.

After dinner a flash-light photo was taken of the wedding party. Instrumental music was most acceptably given by Mrs. Clifford Knill and Mrs. Gordon Maycock and Mr. Foster Hobbs and violin selections by Phyllis Wells. The guests numbering twenty-four were Mrs. Wells, the bride-groom's mother, Mr. Hobbs, the bride's father, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wells and son William, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. G. Maycock, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Knill, Mrs. C. Wells and daughter Mary of Paris. There were only four who were not relatives, Mrs. Staples and Mrs. Thorne, of Brantford, Mr. Thos. Starr and Mrs. Stitt, of Princeton, old friends of the bride and bridegroom.

note Mr. and Mrs. Wells were married April 30th, 1901 at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hobbs, at Simcoe by the Rev. D. Dack, pastor of Simcoe Baptist church. They have resided in Princeton ever since their marriage and have a large circle of friends here and elsewhere, who hope they will be spared to celebrate their golden wedding. Several handsome gifts of silver were received by Mr. and Mrs. Wells in remembrance of the happy event also bouquets of carnations from friends in Princeton.

PRINCETON COUPLE 25 YEARS MARRIED

Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wells Celebrated

PRINCETON, May 5.—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wells recently celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding by giving a family dinner at their home at 6.30 p.m., to which 20 guests sat down. The guests were all relatives, except four old friends, Mrs. Staples and Mrs. Thorne, Brantford, and Mr. Thomas Starr and Mrs. Stitt, Princeton. The table was centered with a wedding cake, over which was suspended a wedding bell, the decorations being in a scheme of pink, white and silver tinsel, with Easter lilies and apple blossoms. The cake was cut by the bride.

Mr. Starr made a few congratulatory remarks and good wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Wells. Among the guests were the bridegroom's mother and the bride's father, Mr. Hobbs.

The evening was spent with music, and social chat in a very happy manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells were married in 1901 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hobbs, in Simcoe, by Rev. D. Dack, pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Wells received many handsome gifts of silverware in remembrance of the happy occasion.



Picture of First Librarian Hung In Library

March 26
1964

Open house was held at the Memorial Library on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Guests were received by Mrs. Charles Gurney and Mrs. Jack Hawke.

A photo of the late Mrs. A. S. Wells, the first librarian, has been placed in the library. Those who attended had the opportunity to read the history of the library which had been compiled by Mrs. Wells, who served as librarian for 28 years. Booklets stating the books they have read were made by Grade IV pupils taught by Mrs. Chauncey Brown and displayed on the wall.

The new books which have been purchased were on display; also about three hundred books left recently by the bookmobile from the Oxford County library. Assisting Mrs. Gurney and Mrs. Hawke with the tea were Mrs. H. L. Kipp, Mrs. E. V. Warren, Mrs. Perry Sibbick and Mrs. Women, which was to be held Wilfred Williamson.



Evelyn Wells Brown



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Wilfred KIBBLE , born 1894 Northamptonshire England .He came to Princeton via Quebec in Oct 1913 to work on a farm and enlisted 1915 in Hamilton . According to his family in England he came to Canada to farm and attend the Ontario agricultural School. He was a Private in the 19th Battalion. While proceeding to the front line with his company a shell exploded on the side of the road upon which they were travelling ,killing him instantly Wilfred died Aug 5 1917 in France. He is buried in Maroc British Cemetery in Nord France.

A poppy to be placed on the street sign to honour Wilfred KIBBLE

KIBBLE ROAD etc

Sent from my iPad

1913

INSTRUCTIONS TO PURSERS.

Th. P. 8

M. J. McInerney

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Figure No.

This sheet is to be used for "STRESS-A-RIG" measurements only.

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Wilfred Kibble 1894



in-memoriam



Fold him, O Father, in Thine arms,
And let him henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human hearts and Thee.

IN LOVING MEMORY
... of ...
WILFRED KIBBLE,
JOINED THE 120th
CITY OF HAMILTON BAT^{LS.}
DEC., 1915,
KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE,
AUG. 5th, 1917,
AGED 23 YEARS.

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Roger Walther VEIT , born 1916 Middlesex County , was a stationery engineer and fireman at Canada Glue Co in Brantford before he enlisted July 1940 with present residence given as Princeton . Rogers father Alfred worked as a milk plant employee at Bordens . His mother Emma received a Memorial Cross.

Roger was a flight sergeant .He was shot down June 1942 by ships flak into the sea between Rottum and Borkum during an anti shipping sortie to the Frisian Islands . He is buried in Runnymede , Surrey United Kingdom.

A poppy to be placed on the street sign to honour Roger VEIT..

VEIT LANE etc

**ROGER WALTHER VEIT - WWII - Flight Sergeant
Observer**

Born 1916

K.I.A. 24 June 1924 Age 26

St. Paul's Anglican Church Princeton

Son of Alfred & Emma Veit

Sisters Elsie, Ruth, & Margaret

Brother Walter

Served in the Royal Canadian Air Force



24. Service Courses taken:—

TYPE OF COURSE	PLACE	FROM	TO
INITIAL TRAINING COURSE	#2 LITS. REGINA	28-12-41	1-3-41
AIR OBSERVER COURSE	#5 AOS. WINNIPEG	1-3-41	26-5-41
BOMBING & GUNNERY COURSE	#3 AIC. MCDONALD	26-5-41	7-7-41
ADVANCED RETRO NAVIGATION COURSE	#1 AINS RIVERS	7-7-41	4-8-41

25. Have you previously applied for a Commission or for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force or any of its auxiliaries? If so, state:—

N.A.

(Unit and Place)

(Date)

(Result)

26. Have you any knowledge of internal combustion engines, construction of aircraft, mechanics or electricity?

YES.

27. Types of Aircraft Flown (Service or Civilian):—

PLACE	LIST FLYING HOURS BY YEARS	REMARKS
#5 AOS. WINNIPEG, MAN.	61 hrs. 45 min 1941	STUDENT NAVIGATOR
#3 BLS. MACDONALD, MAN.	23 hrs. 15 min 1941	STUDENT BOMBARDIER
#1 AINS. RIVERS, MAN.	36 hrs. 5 min 1941	STUDENT NAVIGATOR (ASTR)

28. Total Flying Time 111 hrs. 25 min N.A.
(Hours) (State Type and No. of Licence held)

29. Sports and games played, and whether extensively, moderately or occasionally.

FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, SWIMMING GOLF moderately

30. Hobbies READING

31. Languages spoken, or written (State proficiency) ENGLISH (Good)

32. Any other remarks or information not included in the foregoing—

N.A.

33. Names and present addresses of responsible persons (preferably including employer), able to certify from personal knowledge of the candidate's career, as to his suitability for commissioned rank.

Name MR E.C. BEATON (in capitals)	Name MR C.R. DAVIS. (in capitals)
Address PRINCETON, ONT. CAN.	Address PRINCETON, ONT. CAN.
Profession BORDEN CO. MANAGER.	Profession DRUGGIST
Name MR. WARD RICE (in capitals)	Name MR. C. WARD BUTCHER (in capitals)
Address VILLA NOVA, ONT. CAN.	Address PARIS HIGH SCHOOL, PARIS, ONT. CAN.
Profession MILK PLANT OWNER.	Profession HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

34. NOTE:—

The applicant must be prepared to provide, if required, references from his former headmaster, employer or other person. The Department is not prepared to enter into correspondence, whether officially or unofficially, with persons other than those whom the candidate has nominated; and the Selection Board will disregard recommendations from any persons who are not directly and personally acquainted with the candidate's work, at school, university, in industry or business, in H.M. Forces or otherwise. Applicants are cautioned not to prejudice their candidature by endeavouring to enlist the support of persons inside or outside the Service who they consider might have some influence.

35. CERTIFICATE

The foregoing information was personally compiled by me and is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that His Majesty may exercise the right at any time to dispense with the services of an Officer on probation.

Witness E.H. McCaffery

Signature Roger Walther Veit

Date August 1, 1941

36. AGREEMENT

If selected, I agree to accept a Commission in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Special Reserve (Non-Flying List) (General List).

Witness E.H. McCaffery

Signature Roger Walther Veit

Date August 1, 1941

415 R.C.A.F. Squadron,
R.C.A.F. Overseas.

June 28th, 1942.

Mrs. A.M. Veit,
Princeton, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Veit:

It is with deep regret that I inform you that your son, P. 75730 P/Sgt. P.M. Veit, is missing on operations since the evening of June 24th. On that particular evening a number of crews of our Squadron were detailed for operations in the North Sea area. Your son was with his regular crew, piloted by P/Sgt. J.A. Ridley. They took off at 22.25 hours and failed to return. It is known that they were not seen by the other crews during the operation. No word has been heard of them since and as a result they are still reported as missing.

Your son has been a most valuable and heroic Air Observer and is sadly missed by the Squadron. His friendly manner and great interest in everyone served as a steady influence amongst the lads. He was a very conscientious Observer and I can not speak too highly of his devotion to duty. His outstanding qualities of character marked him as one of those individuals who can ill be spared at the present time.

Your son's belongings and personal effects have been taken care of and will be forwarded to the Central Depository at Colnbrook, in accordance with Air Ministry instructions.

May I now express the great sympathy which all of us feel with you in the distressing and uncertain word that you have received. If any further news is received, concerning your son, it will be communicated directly to you.

Sympathetically yours,

"E.L. Birtle"
(E.L. Birtle) Wing Commander,
Officer Commanding,
No. 415 R.C.A.F. Squadron.

22nd July 1942

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Dear Madam,

I am directed to refer to a letter from this department dated 29th June 1942, and to inform you, with regret, that no news has been received of your son, No.CAN/R.75703 Flight Sergeant R.W. VEIT, Royal Canadian Air Force, since he was reported missing on 24th June 1942.

The aircraft of which your son was a member of the crew took off from base at 10.25 p.m. on 24th June 1942, detailed to carry out an operational patrol in the North Sea area. Crews of other aircraft, engaged on the same operation, reported that no communications were made with your son's aircraft after the commencement of the flight. Nothing further has been heard of either your son or his aircraft.

I am to add an expression of the department's sincere sympathy with you in your great anxiety, and to assure you that any further news will be immediately passed to you.

I am,

Dear Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Flight Lieutenant,

Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer,
for Air Officer in Chief R.C.A.F. Overseas.

DEL
Mrs. A.M. Veit,
Princeton,
Ontario,
CANADA.
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Copy of this letter has been sent to:-
Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa.

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R-75703(DPG)

Ontario,
12 June 1952.

Mrs. Emma C. Veit,
Princeton,
Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Veit:

It is with reluctance that after so long an interval, I must refer to the loss of your son, Flight Sergeant Roger Walther Veit, but due to the lack of any information him since he was reported missing, it must be regretfully accepted and officially recorded that he does not have a "known" grave.

Due to the extreme hazards attending air operations there are, unhappily many thousands of British aircrew boys who do not have "known" graves and all will be commemorated on General Memorials that will be erected at a number of locations by the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member), each Memorial representative of a theatre of operations. One of these Memorials will be erected at Runnymede, England, and the name of your son will appear on that Memorial.

I realize that this is an extremely distressing letter and that there is no manner of conveying such information to you that would not add to your heartaches. I am fully aware that nothing I may say will lessen your great sorrow, but I would like to express to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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for (W.R. Gunn),
Wing Commander,
R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

VEIT, ROGER WALTHER FS(OB) R75703 From Princeton, Ontario. Killed In Action Jun.24/42 age 26. #415 Swordfish Squadron (Ad Metam). The crew of Hampden aircraft # AT 242 were returning from a bombing operation when they went down in the North Sea off Lincolnshire, England. FS.s H.A. Clarson, G.D. Klarner, and WO. J.A. Ridley were also killed. Flight Sergeant Observer Veit has no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, England.

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Reginald Percy HOME , born Dec 1887 Gloucestershire England .He came to Canada in 1913 via Quebec , enlisted 1917 in London Ont and served with Eastern Ontario Regiment. He died Aug 1918 in France. Reginald received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal .His mother received the Memorial Cross.

On the morning of Aug 6 1918 the battalion was advancing from near Villers-Bretonneux to take up new positions and while passing one of the ammunition dumps an enemy shell hit the dump causing a big explosion killing Private Home and 18 others.His bank account was in Molson Bank in Drumbo .

His brother Ernest Augusta Home enlisted in London , giving his address as Princeton and employer as William G . Edmiston . He eventually married the daughter Myrtle Edmiston . Their mother was Hetty Amelia Sulston and father was Harry Home.

A poppy to be placed on street sign to honour Reginald HOME.

HOME AVENUE etc

**In Memory of
Private REGINALD PERCY HOME**

**2265873, 21st Bn., Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment)
who died age 30
on 06 August 1918**

**Son of Harry and Hetty Amelia Home, of 30, Wantage Rd.,
Reading, England. Born at Newnham, Glos., England.**

Remembered with honour

LONGUEAU BRITISH CEMETERY



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**



2265873 PRIVATE
R. P. HOME
21ST BN. CANADIAN INF.
6TH AUGUST 1918 AGE 30



LORD ALL PITYING
JESU BLEST
GRANT HIM THINE ETERNAL REST

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHURCH
265873,	Private,	HOMER,	Reginald Percy,
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. CHURCH
1st Battalion.	6-8-18.	649-H-21266.	Church
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF	
<p>Killed in Action."</p> <p>On the morning of the 6th of August, 1918, the battalion was advancing from near Villers-Bretonneux to take up new positions, and while passing one of our ammunition dumps an enemy shell hit the dump causing a big explosion, killing Private Homer and eighteen others.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	
Languean British Cemetery,	2½ miles South East of Amiens, France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
15. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	16. EXPOSURE NO.	17. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY	
18. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

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George W. PARKHILL , born April 29 1925 and was killed in action May 1944 while serving with the Seaforth Highlanders in LiriValley Italy when his Regiment broke through the Hitler Line . Previous to enlisting Dec 1942 he was employed as a guard at the Ontario Reformatory in Guelph. George was enlisted in the Canadian Army Trade School .He was married Sept 4 1943 and shipped overseas Sept 8th .George was a member of the IOOF in Princeton Mar 1943. The medals earned were the 1939-45 Star , Italy star , War Medal and CVSM Medal and clasp

A poppy to be placed on street sign to honour George PARKHILL.

PARKHILL STREET etc

GEORGE WILLIAM PARKHILL

WWII - Pte Seaforth Highlanders of Canada

Born 4 April 1915, in Paris Ont.

K.I.A. 23 May 1944

Lived in Regina, Saskatchewan & Princeton for many years.

Son of Ed Parkhill

Brothers Harold & Gordon

Sister Ariel

Husband of the former Pauline Carder of New Durham.



In Memory of
GEORGE WILLIAM PARKHILL

Private
B/102183
Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
who died on
Tuesday, 23rd May 1944. Age 29.

**Additional
Information:**

Son of Edwin and Ethel Parkhill; husband of Pauline Parkhill (nee Carder), of Harley, Ontario, Canada.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:**
Location:

CASSINO WAR CEMETERY, Italy
IX. E. 11.

Cassino War Cemetery lies in the Commune of Cassino, Province of Frosinone, 139 kilometres south-east of Rome. Take the autostrada A2 from Rome to Naples and leave it at the Cassino exit. At the junction of this exit and the road into Cassino is the first of 6 clearly visible signposts to the cemetery and Memorial.

**Historical
Information:**

The site was originally selected for a war cemetery in January 1944, but the development of the battle during the first five months of that year made it impossible to use it until after the Germans had withdrawn from Cassino. During these early months of 1944, Cassino saw some of the fiercest fighting of the Italian campaign, the town itself and the dominating Monastery Hill proving the most stubborn obstacles encountered in the advance towards Rome. The greater part of the soldiers buried in the war cemetery lost their lives in the battles during these months. There are now over 4,000, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 200 are unidentified and two special memorials have been erected to men who were originally buried in other cemeteries in the vicinity but whose graves have been lost. One commemorates two soldiers who were buried in Portella Military Cemetery, and the other, a soldier who was buried in Campobasso Military Cemetery. Within the cemetery stands the Cassino Memorial, which commemorates over 4,000 men of the Commonwealth land forces who gave their lives during the campaign in Sicily and Italy and have no known graves. A memorial which stands just south of the Cassino-Naples road in the village of Pastinelle, 3 kilometres east of Cassino, commemorates the visit of HM King George VI to the battlefield. It consists of a marble column upon which the Royal Coat of Arms has been carved in relief and above which is written in English and Italian:- "This path was walked on the twenty-second day of July, 1944 by His Majesty King George VI on the occasion of his visit to Cassino."



INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
Official Certificate



\$ 500 Princeton, Ont., Sept 10 1942

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
This Certifies that Bro. George Parkhill
HAS PAID WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS IN THE MARGIN HEREOF

To PRINCETON, LODGE No. 307 I.O.O.F.
of Princeton, Jurisdiction of Ontario

the sum of Five. 100 Dollars

in full for all charges to March 31 1943

EXCEPT ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AFTER THE DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATE.

No. 66 Whittington.

NOT IN FORCE AFTER DATE CANCELLED

SECRETARY

JAN. FEB. MAR. APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUG. SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC.
1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942

Signature of Geo. W. Parkhill
Holder

Veterans Affairs
CanadaAnciens Combattants
Canada

Canada

Biography

***Pte. George William Parkhill***

Pte. George William Parkhill lost his life in the Liri valley, Italy, on May 23, 1944, when the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, the regiment to which he was attached, broke through the Hitler line. Born in Paris, Ont., April 4, 1915, Pte. Parkhill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parkhill, spent several years in Regina but lived most of his life in Princeton. He married Miss Pauline Carder, New Dur-

ham. After training at Hamilton and Simcoe, he proceeded overseas. Prior to enlisting he was employed as a guard at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph. A wide circle of friends mourn the loss of a popular and highly esteemed member of the Princeton community.

Album of Honour for Brant County World War II 1939-1945

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GALBRAITH , John was first recorded new settler in 1798 . He settled on lot 11 concession 1 in Blenheim Township with the deed dated as 1804.

Margaret believed to be the first white child born in Blenheim Twp in 1801 .She later married Peter Bastedo . Jane Galbraith ,daughter of John , taught at school on corner of second concession east from 1834-1839 until she married John Lindsay . Kate Galbraith was also a teacher in Princeton in 1901.

GALBRAITH STREET etc



John Galbraith

BIRTH 6 JUNE 1768 • Balfron, Stirlingshire, Central, Scotland, United Kingdom

DEATH JUNE 18 1843 • Princeton, Oxford , Canada West

Facts

Name

John Galbraith

Gender

Male

Age 0 – Birth

6 June 1768 • Balfron, Stirlingshire, Central, Scotland, United Kingdom

Age 75 – Death

June 18 1843 • Princeton, Oxford , Canada West

Burial

Princeton, Oxford County Municipality, Ontario, Canada

Family

Parents

John Galbraith Jr
1749–1790

Margaret Galbraith
1749–1810

Spouse and children

Mary Cron
1776–1857

John Galbraith
1795–1883

James Galbraith
1797–1855

Mary Galbraith
1798–1877

Margaret Galbraith
1801–1882

William Galbraith
1805–1878

Tamar Galbraith
1805–1877

Christina Galbraith
1808–1881

Jane Galbraith
1810–1867

Sources

Ancestry sources

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Charles Elmer TOWNSEND born 1896 Norwich .He was farming in Princeton when he enlisted in 1916.He was a Private in New Brunswick Infantry . He had a neck abscess, broken femur and TB .His old shrapnel wound kept breaking out and he died 1920 in Saskatchewan hospital

A poppy to be placed on street sign to honour Charles TOWNSEND.

TOWNSEND ROAD etc

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 127704

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? **TOWNSEND.**
- 1a. What are your Christian names? **CHARLES. Elmer.**
- 1b. What is your present address? **Princeton, Ontario, Canada.**
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? **Norwich, Ontario, Canada.**
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? **Mrs. Robert Townsend.**
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? **Breda, Sask. Canada.**
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? **Mother.**
5. What is the date of your birth? **May 26th. 1896.**
6. What is your Trade or Calling? **Farmer.**
7. Are you married? **No.**
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? **Yes.**
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? **No.**
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? **No.**
If so, state particulars of former service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? **Yes.**
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force? **Yes.**

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, **Charles Elmer Townsend.** do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date **Feb. 14th.** 1916.

Charles E. Townsend (Signature of Recruit)
R. J. McManis (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, **Charles Elmer Townsend.** do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date **Feb. 14th.** 1916.

Charles E. Townsend (Signature of Recruit)
R. J. McManis (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at **Princeton, Ontario** this **14th** day of **February** 1916.

Wm. A. L. Hillier (Signature of Justice)

TO HOLD MILITARY FUNERAL THURSDAY

Charles Townsend Dies Af- ter Lingerling Illness; Other Deaths Reported

Charles E. Townsend, a returned soldier, who served overseas with the 44th. Battalion, died at the city hospital yesterday morning after a lingering illness of some weeks. Arrangements have been completed for a military funeral which will take



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Gerrit BROUWER ,born 1888 Ada South Brabant Holland . He came to Canada to do farm work and lived with his Aunt Hadessa and Uncle Oliver Y Brown in the village of Princeton , Box 84 . He enlisted 1915 in Woodstock .Gerrit was a Private in the 14th Canadian Battalion , 3rd Brigade 1st Division.He spent time in Canadian Convalescent Hospital with pleurisy and pneumonia in 1916-1917 He was killed in action in France Sept 27 1918.

A poppy to be placed on street sign to honour Gerrit BROUWER.

BROUWER STREET etc

E *Brouwer Gerrit*K AND CORPS
CABLE*Ple. 14th Bn. form 34th Bn*

No.

DATE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

<i>80</i>	<i>16-9-16.</i>	<i>Adm. to no 5 Gen. Hosp. Rouen Sept 8th. G.S.W. arm. ✓</i>
<i>139</i>	<i>3-11-16</i>	<i>Seriously ill 1st Western Gen Hosp Liverpool November 3rd.</i>



COWAN STREET . Jeremiah Cowan was born 1802 Ireland. He purchased land when a young man in Blenheim Twp. He was township clerk and assessor 1828-30. Mr Cowan was the first station agent of Great Western and held this position for 11 years. Jeremiah was Reeve of Blenheim Twp and also acted as agent for land owners who lived in Montreal and owned land in Blenheim Twp. Mr & Mrs Cowan had 15 children . The family contributed a most important part in the community life . Frank Cowan Insurance was a large contributor of employment in the village .

GISSING STREET The first druggist in Princeton ,WA Gissing came to Princeton about 1850 . He was a graduate pharmacist. He built the drugstore and dwelling on Main Street that continued as an authorized drug store until the death of C.R.Davis Store still stands on corner of Main and Railway East

PETER STREET . Peter VanWees , owner and developer of the area of the village

ELGIN STREET. James Bruce ELGIN , 8th Earl of Elgin and Governor General of Canada from 1847-1854 .

VICTORIA STREET. Queen of United Kingdom. 1819-1901

RAILWAY STREET . Street the South side of the Railway

WONHAM STREET. Major William G WONHAM was the County Surveyor from Ingersoll . 1820-1887

CHURCH STREET. A large Church family born USA . The first Church was a shoemaker

EMMA STREET . Streets on south east side of Main Street Princeton were owned by Manuel Freeman , There were streets named after him but most of those streets are now closed . The streets closed are FREEMAN , AGNES (his wife) MARY (second child) .

EMMA was first child of Manuel and Agnes Freeman

McQUEEN STREET David Shank McQUEEN born 1821 East Zorra . In 1851 census he is Judge of C. Court

ROPER STREET . This street is listed on the 1859 map of Princeton but I cannot so far find where this name originated

Sent from my iPad

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VAN WEES FARM & HOME LOT 12, CONCESSION 1 (BLENHEIM)

On September 17th, 1792, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, Col. John Graves Simcoe held his first Parliament at Newark (Niagara), under a large tree with a great stone serving as a table.

During the winter of 1793, Col. Simcoe traveled on foot to Detroit (then belonging to the British) to look over his vast territory. His route took him through Mohawk Village on the Grand River (later to become Brantford), along a line on which the sites of Woodstock, London and Chatham would be located. On his return to Newark he set his military forces, the Queen's Rangers, to work cutting the first road through Upper Canada. By later summer a slashing was made from Newark to Burlington Bay (later Hamilton) and then on to Mohawk Village, later to be extended to future site of Woodstock, London and Chatham to Windsor. He called this slashing in the forest by the dignified name of Dundas Street in honor of Britain's Secretary of State, Lord Dundas. Later the name was changed to Governor's Road in honor of Col. Simcoe, but the sections through the towns, villages and cities still carry the name Dundas Street.

The new Parliament divided this new territory into counties and townships, one of these being Oxford County with its Easterly Township named Blenheim, named after Blenheim House near Oxford. The Governor's Road was named the first Concession of Blenheim. During the summer of 1793 Augustus Jones and his Indian helpers finished surveying the first three concessions of Blenheim marking them off in 200 acre lots, numbering them from the boundary line with Brant County to the East. Each Concession had 24 lots.

As soon as Col. Simcoe became Lieut. Governor, he was concerned about bringing in new settlers. Among other invitations, he sent one to Thomas Watson Sr., of Princeton, N.J. offering him a township for himself, his family and friends (likely suggesting territory west of the Indian settlement Mohawk), on condition that a sawmill and a grist mill be built and that a number of settlers be brought in. Thomas Watson Sr. had befriended Col. Simcoe when the latter was a prisoner of the colonial force during the Revolutionary War ending 1779. Thomas Watson Sr. thought he was too old and inexperienced in woodcraft to try to tame a wilderness but he accepted the offer sending his son Thomas Watson, Jr. and his nephew, Thomas J. Hornor, young men about twenty five years old to explore the land for possible settlement. So in 1793 the two cousins traveled on foot westward along the slashing being made by the Queen's Rangers and arrived at Mohawk Village. Thomas Hornor was an experienced woodsman and had also had experience in working with Indians. So at Mohawk Village they secured Indian guides. This area West of Mohawk Village would be very familiar to these guides as several old Indian campsites have been located here. They took the young men along the Grand River to where the stream later known as Whitemans Creek branched off and followed this into Blenheim Township. At the north end of Lot 15 Concession 1 Watson and Hornor decided on a mill site. Then they returned to New Jersey to gather supplies.

History of Van Wees Farm Cont'd.

In 1795 Hornor and Watson with their equipment, including stones for grist mill, mechanics, and millwrights, started the long trek from Bordertown, N.J. to their chosen site on what the Indians now called White Man's Creek, the northern part of it later to be called Hornor's Creek. On land they followed the Dundas Street trail, overcoming difficulties that boggle one's mind, but they arrived at their destination in time to build a dam and erect a saw mill in 1795. The millwrights returned to their homes in Albany, N.Y. but before any lumber was sawed heavy rains caused the dam to give way. The only help available for rebuilding was the Indians, so it was 1797 before the dam was finished and the saw mill ready to run. By 1802 they had the grist mill in operation and enough settlers had followed them into the area that they could claim they had fulfilled the conditions necessary to claim ownership of the Township. But politics, then, as now, can easily cancel out promises.

In 1796 Lieut. Governor Simcoe was recalled unexpectedly to become Governor of Santo Domingo and the acting Lieut. Governor, Peter Russell was on the opposite side of politics to Hornor. The Patents for Hornor and Watson to receive Blenheim Township had not been completed when Simcoe was recalled and Russell would not honor them. The bet settlement they could get was three lots each. Hornor was granted lots 15 and 16, Concession 1 and lot 14, Concession 2. Watson was given Lots 12 and 13, Concession 1 and Lot 14, Concession 2. Hornor made the best of a bad deal but Watson gave up in disgust and returned to his home in Princeton, N.J. but he made the official name for the new settlement on the Governor's Road, Princeton. The Crown deeds for Watson are dated 1802 and for Hornor 1804.

In 1809 Edward Watson received Lot 12, Concession 1 from his father's will. We do not know at this time if he came to Princeton to develop his lots but the Registry Office records state that after his death in 1843 his heirs began selling building lots off Lot 13 and off the West side of Lot 12. The remaining part of lot 12 was bought by Manuel Freeman, who cleared the land and following the established pattern no doubt, built a frame house and barn. After the Hainey Brick yard was in operation in 1864 the large brick house was built. The Freemans belonged to the upper layer of society and entertained frequently in their spacious home. Manuel Freeman was a successful farmer, and also took part in community affairs. We came across this reference in the Princeton Newspaper, Sept. 17, 1863, "Col. Tom Cowan's company attended a Blenheim Township picnic at the east end of Burgess Lake, featuring a military parade and maneuvers. Manuel was chosen chairman for the dinner meeting."

After Manuel's death in 1908, Mrs. Freeman sold the farm to William Reid, and moved to the new cottage on Church Street, now owned by Phyllis Kipp. Her daughter Marie lived here until her marriage to Dr. Wm. Harvey.

William Reid built a large new barn in 1910 but could not finance his investment so the farm returned to Mrs. Freeman. Charlie Myers bought the farm in 1914 and with the help of his son Cliff, then 13 years old, they developed the farm into a very profitable business. Two daughters and a son Bert completed the Myers family.

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History of Van Wees Farm Cont'd.

Cliff and his wife Ethel bought the farm from Charlie in 1925. They raised a family of two, a daughter Pearl and a son Arthur. They built up a good herd of Holstein cattle, and good teams of horses until tractors took over the work. Both Cliff and Charlie helped to draw gravel when the Governor's Road was being paved in 1922 and 1923.

Cliff and Ethel Myers sold the farm and equipment to Peter Van Wees in 1962 and retired to live in Burford. The house has since been completely remodeled, basement enlarged and furnace installed. Before this it was always heated by stoves. A beautiful stone fireplace was built in the east room and an apartment was added to the north side. Beautiful landscaping shows off the solid, graceful lines of the 140 year old house and the interior renovations have made it into the mansion it always deserved to be.

Anna Williams

Notes from Peter VanWees: Behind our house was a one room homestead, with a stone basement and a lean-to. Myers used it for a cannery. This was built before the frame house came about.

Admiral Vansittart was given the Township of Blenheim and took a lot of timber out.



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To: Members of Council

From: Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

Reviewed By: Department Heads
County Planning

Date: November 29, 2023

Subject: Asset Naming Policy

Council Meeting Date: December 6, 2023

Report #: CAO-23-24

Recommendation:

That Report CAO-23-24 be received; and,

That Council accept the following names to be added to the names registry for Township assets:

Cook, Given, Kilgour, Law, Lodge, McTague, Clayton, Robson, Wallace, Rounds, Harrison, Binkley, Cullen, Mitchell, Turner, Enticknap, Stevenson, Burgess

Background:

In March of 2021 an asset naming policy was adopted by Council. The intent of this policy is to have a list of names ready to be used for Township assets (roads, parks, trails, etc.) when the need arises.

Subsequent to the passing of this policy staff contacted the three historical groups in the Township to request their input and to provide some names of significance for the names registry. The Drumbo & District Heritage Society submitted names for consideration and they were presented to Council at the November 1, 2023 meeting. At that time Council directed staff to contact the group to request further information on the names submitted.

Analysis/Discussion:

Council considered staff report CAO-23-21 at the November 1, 2023 meeting. A copy of that report is attached. Subsequent to that meeting the Drumbo & District Heritage Society was contacted with a request to provide further information on the names suggested that represented prominent professional and business people. This information was recently provided and is attached to this report.

Financial Considerations:

- There are no direct financial impacts.

Attachments:

- October 10, 2023 letter from the Drumbo & District Heritage Society
- November 14, 2023 letter from the Drumbo & District Heritage Society

Respectfully submitted by:

Rodger Mordue
CAO/Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To: Members of Council

From: Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

Reviewed By: Department Heads
County Planning

Date: October 25, 2023

Subject: Asset Naming Policy

Council Meeting Date: November 1, 2023

Report #: CAO-23-21

Recommendation:

That Report CAO-23-21 be received; and,

That Council accept the following names to be added to the names registry for Township assets:

Cook, Given, Kilgour, Law, Lodge, McTague, Clayton, Robson, Wallace, Rounds, Harrison, Binkley, Cullen, Mitchell, Turner, Enticknap, Stevenson, Burgess

Background:

In March of 2021 an asset naming policy was adopted by Council. The intent of this policy is to have a list of names ready to be used for Township assets (roads, parks, trails, etc.) when the need arises.

Subsequent to the passing of this policy staff contacted the three historical groups in the Township to request their input and to provide some names of significance for the names registry. The Drumbo & District Heritage Society recently submitted names for consideration.

Analysis/Discussion:

Staff contacted the three historical groups in the Township and requested that they submit names to be considered for inclusion in an asset name registry. The Drumbo & District Heritage Society recently submitted the attached letter with names for Council's consideration.

Of the names submitted staff are recommending that four (4) not be included in the registry as they are already used to name assets in the Township. The names not being recommended are:

COWAN – Existing Cowan Street in Princeton

GIBSON – Existing Gibson Lane east of Drumbo

WILSON – Existing Wilson Street in Bright

MURRAY – Existing Murray Street in Bright

Financial Considerations:

- There are no direct financial impacts.

Attachments:

- October 10, 2023 letter from the Drumbo & District Heritage Society

Respectfully submitted by:

Rodger Mordue
CAO/Clerk



***Drumbo & District Heritage Society
And Drumbo & District Museum***
42b Centre St., Drumbo, Ontario N0J 1G0

Est. 1993
October 10, 2023

Township of Blandford Blenheim
47 Wilmot Street South
Drumbo, ON N0J 1G0

Attention: Mr. Roger Mordue, CAO

Dear Sir;

In response to your request, looking for suggestions for the Township names registry, The Drumbo & District Heritage Society has prepared the following list for consideration.

World War 1:

Cowan
Cook
Gibson
Given
Kilgour
Law
Lodge
McTague
Wilson

World War 2:

Clayton
Murray
Robson
Wallace

When the names of Veterans are being used for street names, we would suggest that a poppy be added beside the person's name.

Our next suggestion would be names of prominent professional and business people:

Rounds	Mitchell	Burgess
Harrison	Turner	
Binkley	Enticknap	
Cullen	Stevenson	

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Heritage Society,

Yours truly,
Laura Taylor



***Drumbo & District Heritage Society
And Drumbo & District Museum
42b Centre St., Drumbo, Ontario N0J 1G0***

November 14, 2023

Township of Blandford-Blenheim
47 Wilmot Street South
Drumbo, ON N0J1G0

Attention : Mr. Rodger Mordue, CAO

Dear Sir;

In regards to the names registry information that has been previously submitted, the following is a short biography of the names submitted as prominent professionals and business people:

- Rounds - Dr. James Burley Rounds was the first resident physician in Drumbo (1853 – 1871) He was also the County Coroner and issuer of Marriage Licenses.
- Harrison - George Harrison worked as a boot and shoemaker in Drumbo from 1860 – 1875 at 16 Oxford Street West.
- Binkley - Miles W. Binkley operated a general store from 1906 – 1922 in Blenheim House, S.W. corner of Wilmot and Oxford Streets in Drumbo (now a parkette).
- Cullen - David Cullen was a hardware merchant at 25 Wilmot St. N. In Drumbo.. Notice the word ' CULLEN' in the brick on the upper north wall of the building.
- Burgess - Henry W. Burgess was a general merchant as well as a mail carrier and barber.
- Mitchell - Dr. John Alexander Mitchell practised from 1892 – 1927 at 16 Wilmot Street South which is often referred to as 'The Doctor's House'.



***Drumbo & District Heritage Society
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Turner - Alma Q Turner graduated from Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1925, one of 13 women in a class of 145. She came to Drumbo in 1929 and practised pharmacy in the present site of the pharmacy until she retired in 1965.

Enticknap - Alfred D. Enticknap came to Drumbo in 1898 and had a hardware and canvas business which five generations later is Drumbo Tent Company..

Stevenson - William Stevenson was the owner of one of the brickyards north of Drumbo. The 'brick ponds' can be seen either side of Oxford Road 3 North, just before the R.R. crossing.

We hope this meets with your needs. Should you require further information, please contact the Heritage Society at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Laura Taylor

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
BY-LAW NUMBER **2400-2023**

Being a By-law to appoint a Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

WHEREAS Section 228.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended requires Councils of municipalities to appoint a Clerk;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim deems it advisable to appoint Sarah Matheson as Clerk for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim enacts as follows:

1. That Sarah Matheson is hereby appointed as Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.
2. That all powers and duties prescribed to Rodger Mordue by any by-law or resolution from the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim are hereby repealed.
3. That By-law 1884-2015 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
4. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 2024.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 6th day of December, 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 6th day of December, 2023.

(SEAL)

Mark Peterson, Mayor

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
BY-LAW NUMBER **2401-2023**

Being a By-law to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer for the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

WHEREAS, Section 229 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended states that a municipality may appoint a chief administrative officer who shall be responsible for exercising general control and management of the affairs of the municipality for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim deems it advisable to appoint Josh Brick as Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim enacts as follows:

1. That Josh Brick is hereby appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.
2. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 2024.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 6th day of December, 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 6th day of December, 2023.

(SEAL)

Mark Peterson, Mayor

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
BY-LAW NUMBER 2402-2023

A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim deems it advisable to amend By-Law Number 1360-2002 as amended.

THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule "A" to By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended, is hereby further amended by changing to 'I' the zone symbol of the lands so designated 'I' on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. This By-law comes into force in accordance with Sections 34(21) and (30) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

READ a first and second time this 6th day of December, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this 6th day of December, 2023.

Mark Peterson – Mayor

(SEAL)

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

ZN1-23-15

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

BY-LAW NUMBER 2402-2023

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of By-law Number 2402-2023 is to rezone the subject lands from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Institutional Zone (I).' The purpose of the rezoning is to implement consistent zoning across the entirety of the subject lands.

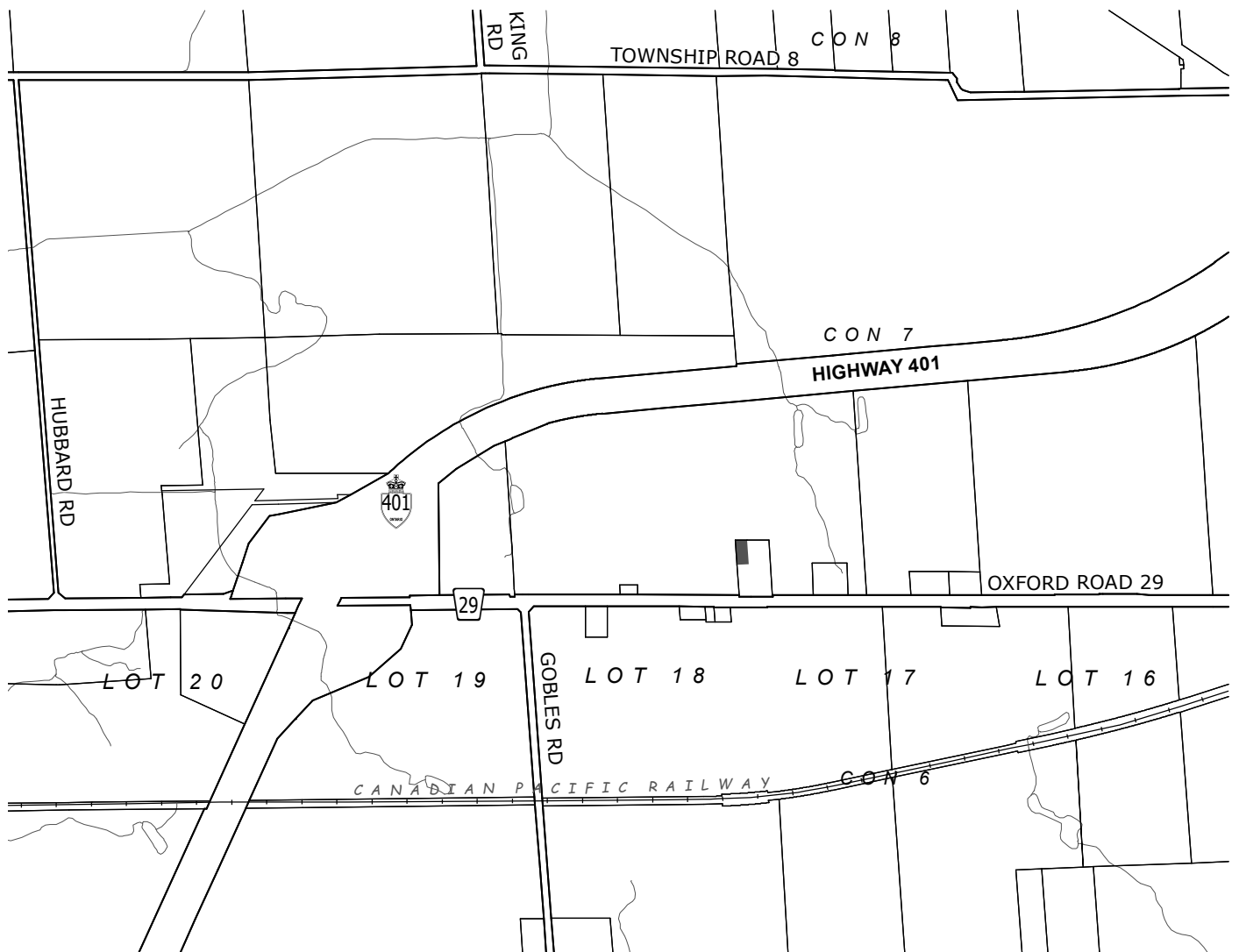
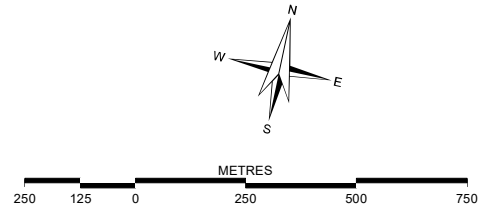
The subject lands are described as Part Lot 18, Concession 7, in the former Township of Blenheim, now in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. The lands are located on the north side of Oxford Road 29, between Highway 401 and Harmer Crescent, and are municipally known as 806761 Oxford Road 29.

Any person wishing further information regarding Zoning By-Law Number 2402-2023 may contact the undersigned.

Mr. Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim
47 Wilmot Street South
Drumbo, Ontario
N0J 1G0

Telephone: 463-5347

KEY MAP



LANDS TO WHICH BYLAW 2402-2023 APPLIES

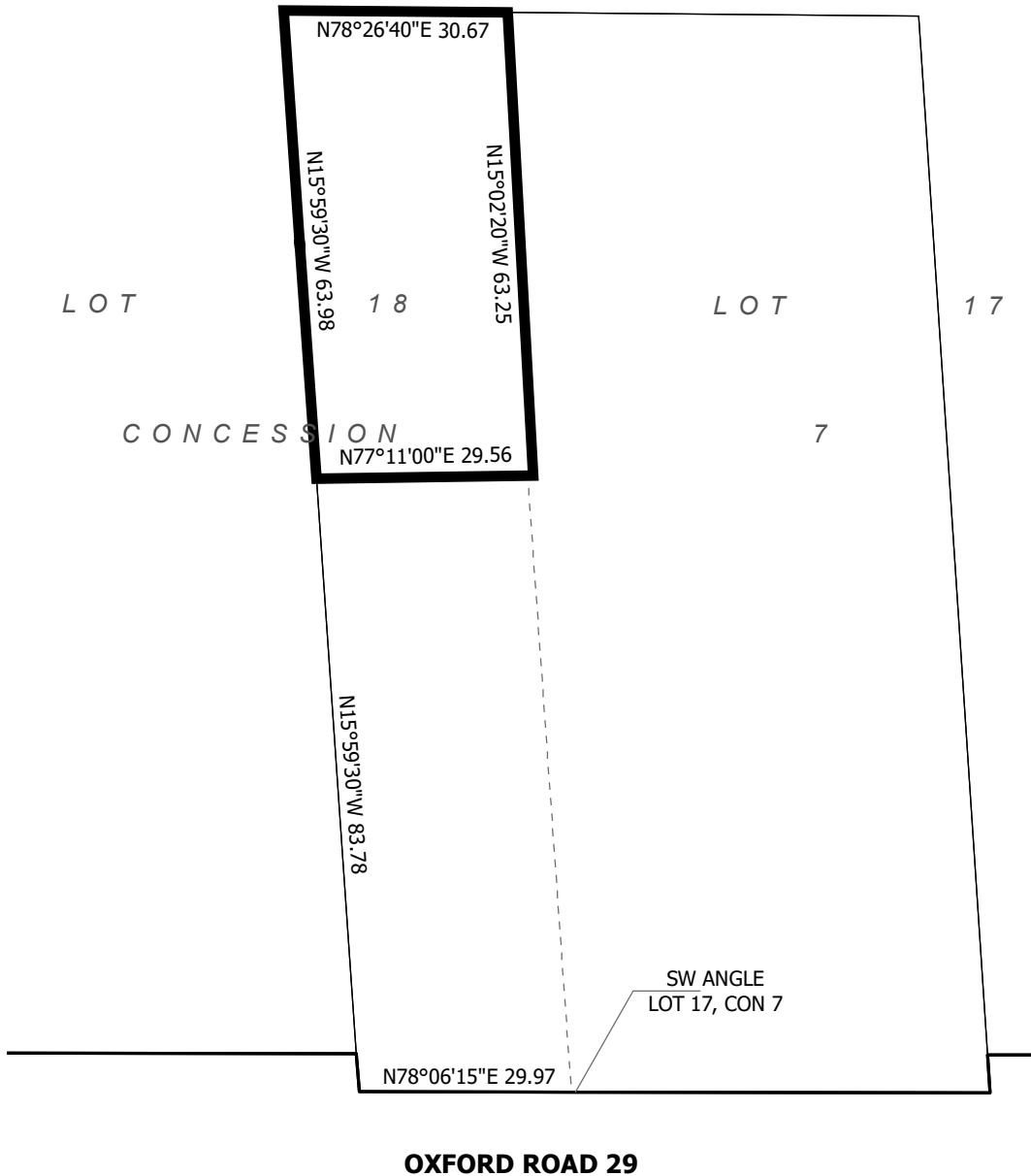
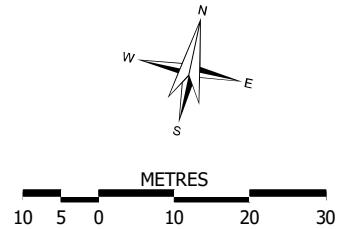


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SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW No. 2402-2023

PART LOT 18, CONCESSION 7 (BLENHEIM)
PART 1, REFERENCE PLAN 41R-10213
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM



 AREA OF ZONE CHANGE TO I

NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS IN METRES



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THIS IS SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW No. 2402-2023, PASSED

THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2023

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK

BY-LAW NUMBER 2403-2023

A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim deems it advisable to amend By-Law Number 1360-2002 as amended.

THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule "A" to By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended, is hereby further amended by changing to 'A2-37' & 'OS-3' the zone symbols of the lands so designated 'A2-37' & 'OS-3' on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. That Section 7.6 to By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection at the end thereof:

“7.6.37 Location: Part Lot 18 and R/A Between Lots 18 & 19, Concession 7 (Blenheim), A2-37 (Key Map 32)

7.6.37.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Zoning By-Law to the contrary, no person shall within any A2-37 Zone *use any lot, or erect, alter or use any building or structure* for any purpose except the following:

*All uses permitted in Section 7.1 of this Zoning By-law;
A warehouse.*

7.6.37.2 Notwithstanding any provision of this Zoning By-law to the contrary, no person shall within any A2-37 Zone *use* any *lot*, or *erect*, *alter* or *use* any *building* or *structure* for any purpose except in accordance with the following provisions:

7.6.37.2.1 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR A WAREHOUSE

7.6.37.2.1.1 LOT AREA

Minimum **24.2 ha (60 ac)**

7.6.37.2.1.2 CUMULATIVE GROSS FLOOR AREA:

Maximum **92, 900 m² (1,000,000 ft²)**

7.6.37.2.1.3 PLANTING STRIP ADJACENT OXFORD ROAD 29

Minimum Width **6 m (19.6 ft)**

7.6.37.2.1.4 LOADING SPACES

Loading spaces shall be prohibited from being located on the south side of a *warehouse*.

7.6.37.2.1.5 APPLICATION OF ZONING REGULATIONS

Internal lot lines created by any legal means within lands zoned A2-37 shall not be construed to be lot lines for the purposes of zoning provisions provided that all such provisions, as they apply to the whole of the lands zoned A2-37, are observed.

7.6.37.3 That all the provisions of the 'A2' Zone in Section 7.2 to this Zoning By-law, as amended, shall apply, and further that all the other provisions of this Zoning By-Law, as amended, that are consistent with the provisions herein contained shall continue to apply *mutatis mutandis*."

3. That Section 24.3 to By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection at the end thereof:

"24.3.3 **Location: Part Lot 18 and R/A Between Lots 18 & 19, Concession 7 (Blenheim), OS-3 (Key Map 32)**

24.3.3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Zoning By-Law to the contrary, no person shall within any OS-3 Zone *use any lot, or erect, alter or use any building or structure* for any purpose except the following:

All uses permitted in Section 24.1 of this Zoning By-law;

24.3.3.2 Notwithstanding any provision of this Zoning By-Law to the contrary, no person shall within any 'OS-3' Zone *use any lot, or erect, alter or use any building or structure* for any purpose except in accordance with the following provisions:

24.3.3.2.1 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR *BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES*

No *buildings or structures* shall be permitted.

24.3.3.3 That all provisions of the OS Zone in Section 24.2 to this Zoning By-Law, as amended, shall apply, and further that all other provisions of this By-Law, as amended, that are consistent with the provisions herein contained shall continue to apply *mutatis mutandis*."

4. This By-law comes into force in accordance with Sections 34(21) and (30) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

READ a first and second time this 6th day of December, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this 6th day of December, 2023.

Mark Peterson – Mayor

(SEAL)

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

ZN 1-22-09

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

BY-LAW NUMBER 2403-2023

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of By-Law Number 2403-2023 is to rezone the subject lands from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-37)' and 'Special Open Space Zone (OS-3).' Special provisions have been included in the A2-37 zone to permit warehouses with a cumulative gross floor area of 92,900 m² (1,000,000 ft²), include a minimum planting strip of 6 m (19.6 ft) in width, and to prohibit loading spaces on the south side of a warehouse. The A2-37 zoning also includes a special provision to allow the zoning provisions to apply on the site as a whole, regardless of if it is severed at a later date. A special provision has been included in the OS-3 zone that would prohibit any building or structure.

The subject lands are described as Part Lot 18 and R/A Between Lots 18 & 19, Concession 7 (Blenheim), now in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. The lands are located on the north side of Oxford Road 29, between Highway 29 and Harmer Crescent, and are municipally known as 806721 & 806727 Oxford Road 29.

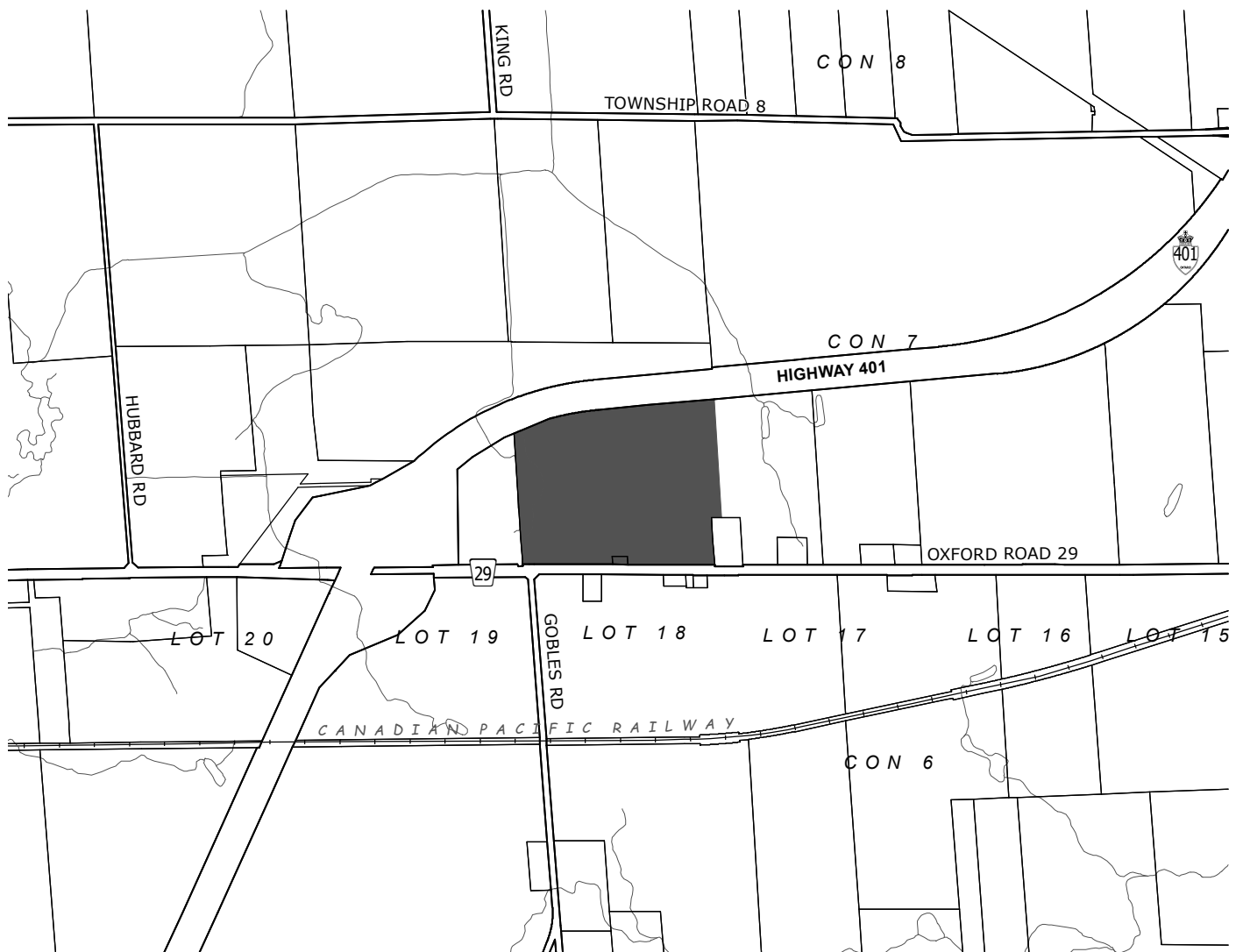
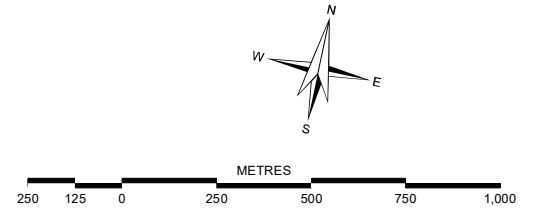
The Township of Blandford-Blenheim, after conducting the public hearing necessary to consider the application, adopted amending By-law Number 2403-2023. The public hearing was held on August 2, 2023 and comments received from the public were reviewed, and where appropriate, were considered in Council's decision to approve the application.

Any person wishing further information regarding Zoning By-Law Number 2403-2023 may contact the undersigned.

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KEY MAP



 LANDS TO WHICH BYLAW 2403-2023 APPLIES

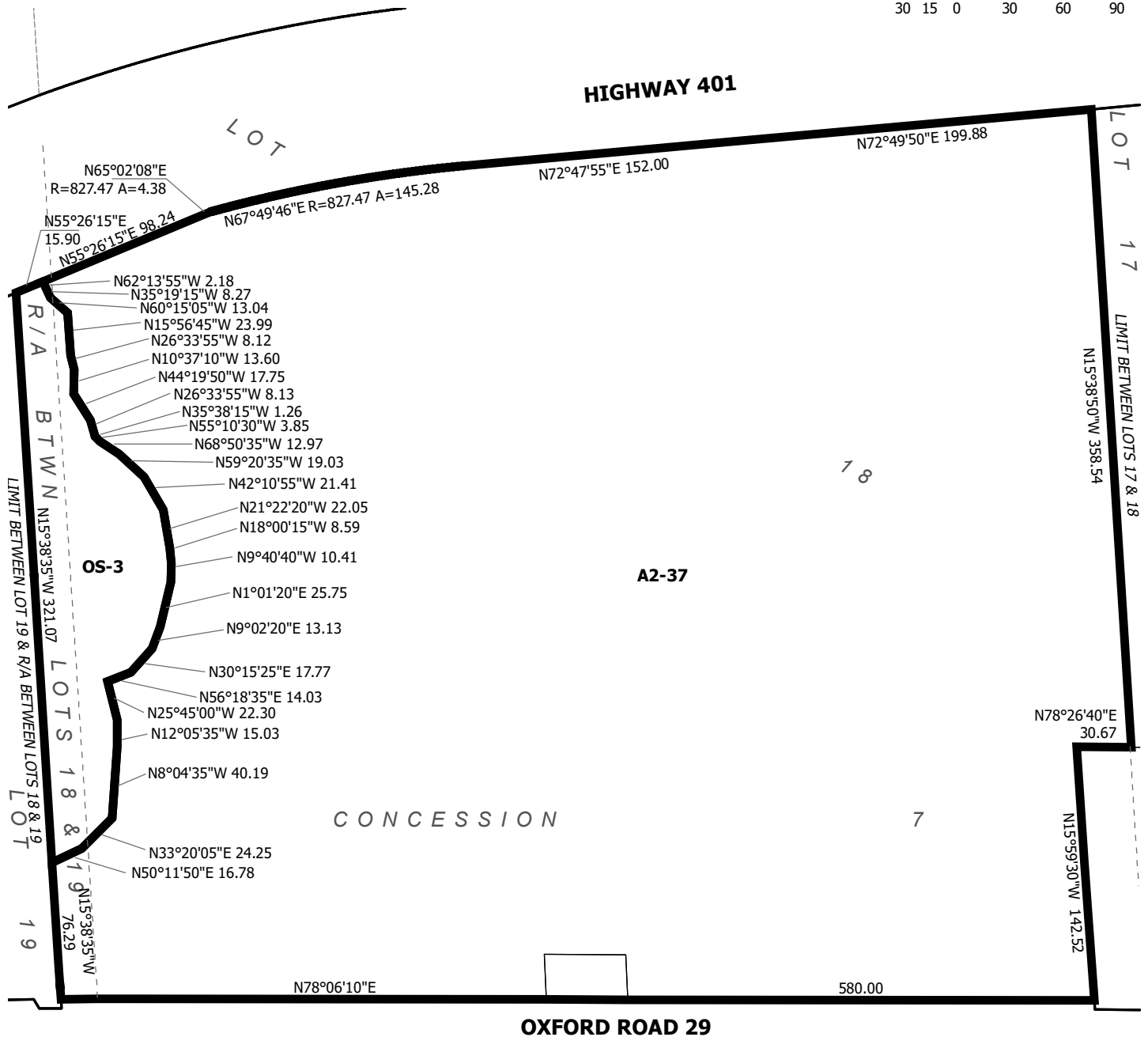
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TO BY-LAW No. 2403-2023



METRES
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PART LOT 18 AND PART R/A BETWEEN LOTS 18 & 19, CONCESSION 7 (BLENHEIM)
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM



A2-37 AREA OF ZONE CHANGE TO A2-37

OS-3 AREA OF ZONE CHANGE TO OS-3

NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS IN METRES

THIS IS SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW No. 2403-2023, PASSED

THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2023



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MAYOR

CAO/CLERK

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
BY-LAW NUMBER **2405-2023**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the *Municipal Act* 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council.

AND WHEREAS by Section 11 of the *Municipal Act* 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in respect of each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, at this meeting held on December 6th, 2023 is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council referred to in the proceeding section hereof.
3. That the Mayor and the CAO / Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all documents in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

By-law read a first and second time this 6th day of December, 2023.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 6th day of December, 2023.

MAYOR
MARK PETERSON

CAO / CLERK
RODGER MORDUE