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October 30, 2023

Township of Southgate
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ATTENTION: Elisha Milne, Legislative and Planning Coordinator

Dear Ms. Milne,

RE: C15-23 and B10-23 (Christopher VanVlymen)
312621 Highway 6
Con 1 EGR PT DIV 3 LOT 8 PT DIV 1 Lot 9
Roll No.: 420706000105500
Geographic Township of Egremont
Township of Southgate

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) staff has reviewed the above-noted applications as per our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020) and as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 169/06 (SVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation). SVCA staff has also provided comments as per our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Township of Southgate representing natural hazards. The applications have also been screened to determine the applicability of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Plan, prepared under the Clean Water Act, 2006.

Purpose

The Purpose of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment applications are to implement a condition of consent, if approved, for a proposed retained lot containing the existing farmhouse and accessory buildings. The proposed rezoning would address lot frontage, lot area and any other site-specific requirements for the retained lot containing the existing farmhouse and accessory buildings. The severed lot would be rezoned to prohibit the future construction of a new residential dwelling of any type.

Recommendation

The proposed zoning by-law amendment application and proposed severance application are acceptable to SVCA staff.

Delegated Responsibility and Advisory Comments-Natural Hazards

The natural hazard feature affecting the property is wetland/swamp and any associated floodplain. SVCA Hazardous Lands mapping, depicts an area of the property to be low in elevation associated with the wetlands/swamps. It is SVCA staff's opinion that the Hazard Lands designation as shown in Schedule A of the Grey County OP, and Schedule A of the Southgate OP, generally coincide with the Hazardous Lands as plotted by SVCA staff for the property.

Provincial Policy Statement – Section 3.1

Section 3.1.1 of the PPS, 2020 states in part that development shall generally be directed to areas outside of hazardous lands and hazardous sites. It is the opinion of SVCA staff that the applications are consistent with Section 3.1.1 of the PPS, 2020.

Township of Southgate Official Plan and Grey County Official Plan

Section 6.2 of the Southgate OP and Section 7.2.3 of the Grey County OP states in part that buildings and structures are generally not permitted in the Hazard Lands land use type. It is the opinion of SVCA staff that the applications are consistent with the natural hazard policies of the Southgate OP and the Grey County OP.

Drinking Water Source Protection

The subject property appears to SVCA staff to not be located within an area that is subject to the local Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. To confirm, please contact Jim Ellis, Drinking Water Source Protection Risk Management Official at: jellis@southgate.ca.

SVCA Regulation 169/06

SVCA staff has reviewed the applications as per our responsibilities as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 169/06 (SVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation). This regulation, made under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, enables SVCA to regulate development in or adjacent to river or stream valleys, Great Lakes and inland lake shorelines, watercourses, hazardous lands and wetlands. Subject to the CA Act, development taking place on or adjacent to these lands may require permission from SVCA to confirm that the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, pollution or the conservation of land are not affected. SVCA also regulates the alteration to or interference in any way with a watercourse or wetland.

A small area of the property is within the SVCA Approximate Screening Area associated with Ontario Regulation 169/06. For the property the SVCA Approximate Screening Area includes the wetlands/swamps plus an area 30 metres outwards from the wetlands/swamps and any associated floodplain. As such, development and/or site alteration within the Approximate Screening Area requires the permission from SVCA, prior to carrying out the work.

“Development” as defined under the Conservation Authorities Act means:

a) the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind;

- b) *any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential use of the building or structure, increasing the size of the building or structure or increasing the number of dwelling units in the building or structure;*
- c) *site grading; or,*
- d) *the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere.*

And;

“Alteration” as per Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 169/06 generally includes the straightening, diverting or interference in any way with a river, creek, stream or watercourse, or the changing or interfering in any way with a wetland.

To determine the SVCA Approximate Screening Area on the property, please refer to the SVCA’s online mapping program, available via the SVCA’s website at <http://eprweb.svca.on.ca>. Should you require assistance, please contact our office directly.

SVCA Permission for Development or Alteration

As mentioned above, development or alteration including construction, reconstruction, conversion, grading, filling or excavation, agricultural tile drainage, and/or interference with a watercourse, proposed within the SVCA Approximate Screening Area on the property may require permission (SVCA Permit) prior to those works commencing.

Summary

SVCA staff has reviewed the applications in accordance with our MOA with the Township of Southgate, and as per our mandated responsibilities for natural hazard management, including our regulatory role under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Given the above comments, it is the opinion of the SVCA staff that the applications are:

- 1) Consistent with Section 3.1, Natural Hazard policies of the PPS has been demonstrated.
- 2) Consistent with Grey County OP and Township of Southgate policies for natural hazards has been demonstrated.

Please inform this office of any decision made by the Township of Southgate with regard to the applications. We respectfully request to receive a copy of the decision and notice of any appeals filed. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Jason Dodds
Environmental Planning Technician
Saugeen Conservation
JD/

cc: Barbara Dobreen, SVCA member representing the Township of Southgate (via email)