

**Committee of Adjustment
PLANNING REPORT**

Application: B6/23
Related Application(s): N/A
Owner(s): Blaine Gerrity
Meeting Date: May 26th, 2023
Prepared by: Owen Curnew, Planning Technician

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Municipal Address	7716 County Road 27
Legal Description	PT LT 23 CON 11 ESSA TWP AS IN RO1366326 ; ESSA
Roll No.	432101000609103
Official Plan	Agricultural & Aggregate Potential
Zoning By-law	Agricultural (A) & Potential Aggregate Industrial (M2)

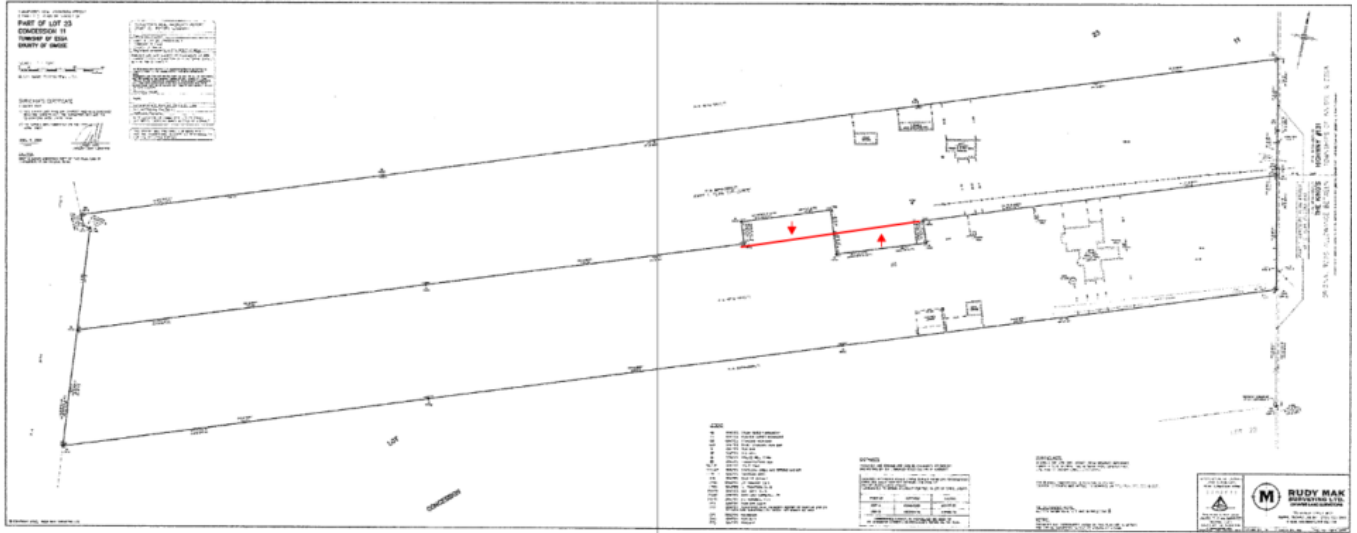
RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends APPROVAL of Application B6/23 based on Planning Policy and all considerations, with the following conditions:

1. That a reference plan of the severed parcel(s) be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor and copies provided to the Secretary-Treasurer. The plan should be approved by Township Staff prior to depositing it in the Land Registry Office.
 2. That the applicant provides to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment copies of transfer documentation associated with the lands.
 3. That all municipal taxes be paid up-to-date.
 4. That the application satisfies any concerns from the NVCA.
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1. That Planning Act Sections 50(3) and (5) will continue to apply to both parcels, post lot-line adjustment.
 2. That the applicant's solicitor provides a legal opinion regarding the merger of the severed parcel with the adjoining parcel (7722 County Road 27) and that the applicant's solicitor provides an undertaking to register a Consolidation Application consolidating the PINs for

the severed parcel and adjoining parcel (7722 County Road 27).

PROPOSAL:



REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant is proposing a lot line adjustment that would change the configuration of the lot lines between the properties known as 7716 County Road 27 which has a lot of area of approximately 4 hectares (9.9 acres), and 7722 County Road 27 which has a lot area of approximately 4 hectares (9.9 acres). The change would not result in a change in lot area, lot frontage or lot depth.

SITE INSPECTION DATE

May 17th, 2023

PLANNING ANALYSIS

1. Provincial Policy Statement

The Provincial Policy Statement 2020 (PPS) provides policies that direct development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health, and safety and, the quality of the natural and built environment. It supports improved land use planning and management, which contributes to a more effective and efficient land use planning system.

The subject lands are located outside of a settlement area and are designated “Agricultural” by the County Official Plan, therefore are classified as Prime Agricultural Lands in the context of the PPS.

Section 1.1.4 of the PPS contains policies that apply to lot creation in Rural Areas in Municipalities.

No new lot is being created; the boundary lines of an existing lot are being adjusted.

Therefore, the proposed boundary adjustment is consistent with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement.

2. Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2005)

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020) (“Growth Plan”) was prepared by the Province to guide the building of stronger, more prosperous communities through the management of growth. The Growth Plan contains various principles that guide decisions on how land is to be developed and provide direction on how to properly manage growth across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. These principles include building compact, vibrant, and complete communities, managing growth, protecting natural resources, optimizing the use of infrastructure, and providing for different approaches to managing growth that recognizes the diversity of communities.

Section 2.2.9 contains policies concerning Rural Areas

Neither of the above policies speak in any detail about lot creation or lot adjustment.

As this is an existing lot that is used for rural purposes, and no new lot will be created the proposed consent application generally conforms to the Growth Plan.

3. County of Simcoe Official Plan

The County of Simcoe Official Plan, 2016 (“County OP”) was adopted by the County of Simcoe Council on November 25, 2008 and was fully approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in December 2016. Within the County OP, the subject property is designated as “Agricultural” in accordance with Schedule 5.1.

General development policies for subdividing land across the County are contained in Section 3.3 of the County OP. Specifically, Section 3.3.4 of the County OP requires lots to have appropriate road access. No new lot will be created, the existing lot will utilize existing access and frontage on a year-round municipally maintained road.

Section 3.3.7 details development policies for consents in Agricultural areas:

In the Agricultural designation lot creation is discouraged. The proposed lot line adjustment would not create a new lot but simply transfer lands between two existing lots.

Due to the fact that this is an existing Agricultural lot that does not currently have active

agricultural uses, the proposed severed lot will be used for Rural purposes and no new lot will be created.

The proposed lot line adjustment is generally consistent with the stated objectives of the Agricultural designation in the County OP.

4. Township of Essa Official Plan

The Township of Essa Official Plan, 2001 designates the subject property as “Agricultural” and “Aggregate Potential” in accordance with its Schedule A.

The goal of the Agricultural Designation is the promotion and protection of the agricultural resource base of the Township. This designation coincides with those lands which exhibit good agricultural capability which includes Class 1 to 4 lands as established by the Canada Land Inventory’s Soil Capability for Agriculture. The intent of this Plan is to preserve the agricultural community and to exclude non-agricultural or incompatible uses from areas designated Agricultural.

The lot line adjustment would not impact the Agricultural capability, community, and would not promote non-agricultural or incompatible uses on the lot.

A goal of the Aggregate Potential Designation is to ensure that mineral aggregate resources remain available to meet the needs of consumers and can be mined in a manner which minimizes the disturbances to the community and natural environment.

The lot line adjustment would not disturb the mineral resources present as no new development or lot is being created, and their availability would remain unaffected.

Section 26.3 of the Official Plan contains consent criteria applicable to all land use designations: *“Consents may be granted for technical reasons such as boundary adjustments, easements, rights-of-way, or other similar purposes that do not result in the creation of a new lot provided the objectives of the Plan are upheld.”*

The proposed boundary adjustment would not result in the creation of a new lot.

Generally, the proposed lot line adjustment application conforms to the policy direction and intent of the Township’s Official Plan.

5. Township of Essa Zoning By-law (2003-50)

The property is zoned ‘Agricultural (A)’ and ‘Potential Aggregate Industrial (M2)’ in the Township of Essa’s Zoning By-law 2003-50. The subject property is an existing lot used for Residential purposes

which is permissible in both zones in Section 6.2 and Section 29 of Essa Township's Zoning By-law 2003-50. The applicant proposes a lot line adjustment. No new lot would be created.

The proposal generally complies with Township of Essa's Zoning By-law 2003-50.

AGENCY & DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)

No comments received during circulation period.

County of Simcoe

No comments received during circulation period.

CONCLUSION:

Staff are recommending APPROVAL of this application since it generally complies with all appropriate provincial and municipal requirements.

LIST OF STANDARD SEVERANCE CONDITIONS (Not Inclusive)

Below is a list of the *Standard Conditions of Approval* which may be imposed by the Committee. Please note the list of conditions is not deemed inclusive, as other conditions from agencies, municipal departments, or the Committee itself may be imposed.

1. That the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority approve of the application in writing, where required.
2. That the applicant satisfy the concerns of the Manager of Public Works, County Engineer, and/or the Ministry of Transportation, or other commenting agency ie. C.A.R.E., Railway Line, etc.
3. That the applicant obtain an entrance permit from the Manager of Public Works, County Engineer, and/or the Ministry of Transportation.
4. That a parcel of land be conveyed to the Municipality for road widening purposes, plus any necessary daylight triangle, free and clear of all encumbrances and at no cost to the Municipality, where required.
5. A reference plan of the severed parcel(s) be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor and be provided to the Secretary-Treasurer.
6. That the applicant provide to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment deeds, to be signed prior to registration of any lands.
7. That all municipal taxes be paid up-to-date.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Curnew
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Township of Essa