

April 7, 2021

GSCA File: P21160

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Dear Jenn Burnett

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Z-05-21 and Severance Application B03/21
Applicant: Ronald & Patty Davy
242161 Concession 3; Roll No. 42-03-620-001-096-00
Township of Georgian Bluffs, former Keppel Township

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) has reviewed these applications as per our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020) and as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 151/06. GSCA has also provided comments as per our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Township of Georgian Bluffs representing their interests regarding natural heritage and water identified in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively, of the Provincial Policy Statement. Finally, GSCA has provided advisory comments related to policy applicability and to assist with implementation of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Plan under the Clean Water Act.

GSCA staff have reviewed the proposed zoning by-law amendment application, which seeks the following relief to the minimum lot frontage for a rural non-farm residential lot from 100 m to 76.2 m. Application B03/21 proposes a 36.92 ha lot addition to the adjacent easterly 30.6 ha lot.

Documents Reviewed

- Planning Justification Report, prepared by Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc., dated March 10, 2021, received by GSCA staff March 22, 2021.

Member Municipalities

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Town of the Blue Mountains, Township of Chatsworth, Township of Georgian Bluffs, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Municipality of Meaford, City of Owen Sound, Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Site Characteristics

Existing mapping indicates that the subject property is:

- Partially regulated under Ontario Regulation 151/06.
- Designated Rural, Provincially Significant Wetland, and Hazard Lands in the County of Grey Official Plan;
- Zoned 'RU - Rural' and 'EP – Environmental Protection' in the Township of Georgian Bluffs Comprehensive Zoning By-law;
- Located within an area that is not subject to the policies contained in the Source Protection Plan;
- The westerly property features an existing dwelling on private services with the majority of the property featuring woodlands, wetlands and watercourses. The easterly parcel features a storage building with agricultural lands, woodlands, wetlands and a watercourse.

Delegated Responsibility and Statutory Comments

- 1. GSCA has reviewed the application through our delegated responsibility from the Province to represent provincial interests regarding natural hazards identified in Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement.**

Natural hazards are associated with the flood and erosion potential of the watercourses and wetland feature.

- 3.1.1 Development shall generally be directed, in accordance with guidance developed by the Province (as amended from time to time), to areas outside of:*

- a) hazardous lands adjacent to river, stream and small inland lakes systems which are impacted by flooding hazards, and/or erosion hazards.*

GSCA Comments: The hazard area is shown on the enclosed map. There is ample space of the easterly parcel to accommodate future development outside of the hazard areas. We note, the westerly parcel is already developed with the existing dwelling being outside of the hazard area.

- 2. GSCA has reviewed the application as per our responsibilities as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 151/06. This regulation, made under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, enables conservation authorities to regulate development in or adjacent to river or stream valleys, Great Lakes and inland lake shorelines, watercourses, hazardous lands and wetlands. Development taking place on these lands may require permission from the conservation authority to confirm that the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, pollution or the conservation of land are not affected. GSCA also regulates the alteration to or interference in any way with a watercourse or wetland.**

A portion of the property is regulated under Ontario Regulation 151/06: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. Administered by the GSCA. The regulated area is associated with Davidson Creek, unnamed watercourses and the Provincially Significant Long Swamp Complex. Development and site alteration within the regulated area requires a permit from GSCA. The regulated areas are shown on the enclosed map.

Advisory Comments

- 3. GSCA has reviewed the application through our responsibilities as a service provider to the Township of Georgian Bluffs in that we provide comment on natural heritage features under Section 2.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement and on water under Section 2.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement through a MOA.**

2.1 Natural Heritage

2.1.1 Natural features and areas shall be protected for the long term.

GSCA Comment: Natural heritage features include the Provincially Significant Long Swamp Wetland, significant woodlands as mapped in the County of Grey Official Plan, significant wildlife habitat, potential for habitat of endangered species and threatened species, and fish habitat.

The proposed applications are for lot addition purposes and the overall development potential of the properties remains the unchanged. Furthermore, we understand future development of the easterly parcel will be located well beyond the 120 metre adjacent lands to the PSW feature. As such, we do not anticipate any negative impacts to the natural heritage features.

2.2 Water

GSCA Comment: The proposal will result in an increase to site imperviousness. However, given the size and grades of the property no negative impacts are anticipated.

- 4. GSCA has reviewed the application in terms of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Plan, prepared under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. The Source Protection Plan came into effect on July 1st, 2016 and contains policies to protect sources of municipal drinking water from existing and future land use activities.**

The subject property is not located within an area that is subject to the local Source Protection Plan.

Summary

Given the above comments, it is the opinion of the GSCA that:

1. Consistency with Section 3.1 of the PPS has been demonstrated;
2. Ontario Regulation 151/06 does apply to the subject site. A permit will be required from GSCA for any development or site alteration within the regulated area;
3. Consistency with Sections 2.1 & 2.2 PPS has been demonstrated;
4. The subject site is not located within an area that is subject to the policies contained in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Plan.

Recommendation

GSCA has no objections to the approval of the subject applications.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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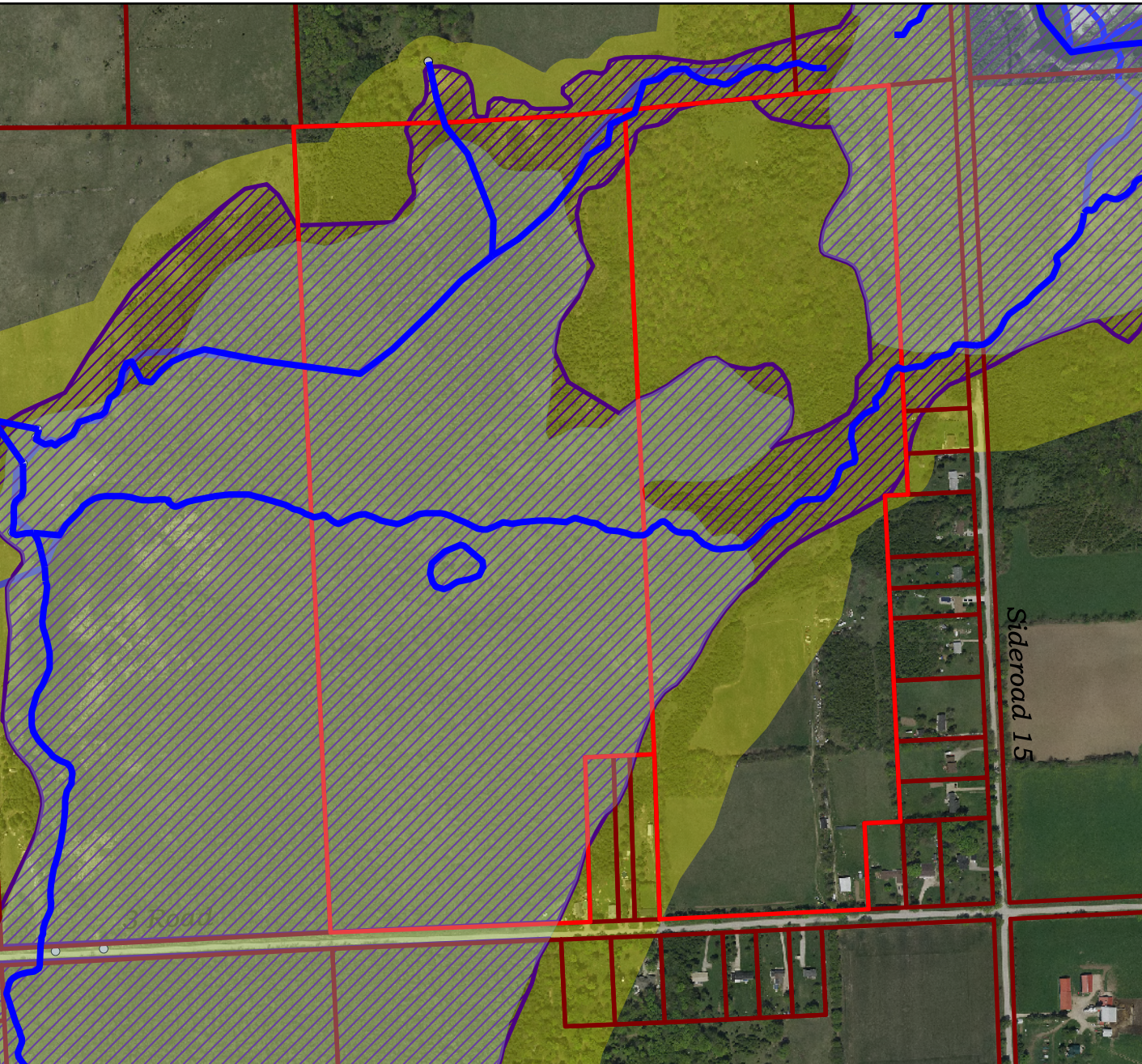
Mac Plewes

Manager of Environmental Planning


Encl. Ontario Regulation 151/06 Map


Cc via email Dwight Burley, GSCA Director, Township of Georgian Bluffs
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Planning & Building Departments, Township of Georgian Bluffs
Planning Department, Grey County


GSCA: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses (Ontario Regulation 151/06)




**ON Parcels (Approx.)**


**Subject Properties (Approx.)**

**ON Regulation 151/06**

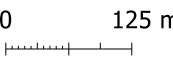
**Natural Hazard Area**

**Provincially Significant Wetland**

**Streams**


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Scale = 1:7500


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