

## Delegations

There were no delegations.

## Public Meetings

### Grenook Farms & Adam Green, Application for Minor Variance, 336378 33<sup>rd</sup> Line

The applicant has requested relief from the provisions of **Section 7.2.2 – Minimum Distance Separation Requirements For Manure Storage Structures (MDS II)**, to reduce the minimum distance required to the nearest lot line from 29m (94 ft) to 3m (10 ft) to facilitate the construction of a new manure storage structure associated with a new dairy barn. The proposed location for the manure storage does not meet the required Minimum Distance Separation II (MDS II) setback from the nearest property boundary.

The subject lands comprise an area of approximately 40.5 ha (100 ac) and contain agricultural land in agricultural production (cash crops), a woodlot, a dairy barn, several agricultural buildings and a single-detached accessory farm dwelling. The existing farm buildings and dwelling are located along Road 92. The new dairy barn and manure storage are proposed to be located along 33<sup>rd</sup> Line and a new access will be required. The surrounding land uses are predominately agricultural, with accessory farm dwellings located nearby.

Upon consultation with the Planning Department, the applicant revised the application from 3m to 6m from the nearest lot line. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.

### Jeff and Cathy Sparling, Application for Minor Variance, 6976 Cobble Hills Road

The applicant has requested relief from the provisions of **Section 7.2.6 – Location of New Farm Residences**, to reduce the minimum distance separation (MDS I) from a Type A Land Use (replacement farm dwelling) to an existing livestock barn (swine barns at 7014 Cobble Hills Road) from the required 517 m (1,698 ft) to 220 m (722 ft). The applicant is proposing to remove the existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling that further reduces an existing insufficient setback. The proposed new dwelling is proposed to be constructed further to the rear of the subject property and would further reduce the existing insufficient setback.

The subject lands comprise an area of approximately 20 ha (50 ac) and contain agricultural land (cash crops), a driveshed and a single-detached accessory farm dwelling (to be replaced). The subject lands front on and have direct access to the Cobble Hills Road. The surrounding land uses are predominately agricultural with accessory farm dwellings. Council, sitting as Committee of Adjustment, approved the application.

## Department Reports

### Fire

No items.

### Recreation

No items.

### Building and Drainage

No items.

### Public Works

No items

### Corporate Services

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standards**

As required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, and Ontario Regulation 191/11, Council revised the following policies to reflect amendments required under legislation:

- Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy #200-09, as amended;
- Recruitment and Hiring Policy #300-03, as amended;
- Performance Management, Career Advancement and Redeployment Policy #300-34;
- Workplace Accommodation and Safe Return to Work Policy #300-35;
- Accessibility Training Policy #300-36.

### **Committee Appointments**

Council made appointments to the following committees:

#### Zorra Community Policing Committee

Betty Bartram

Derek Collins

Greg Schuurman

Sheila Weir

Michael Kukhta

Katie Davies (Councillor)

Marcus Ryan (Mayor)

#### Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee

Joanne Fleming

Heather Forbes

Matthew Young

Derek Collins

Sam Coghlan

Ann Slater

Katherine Grieve

Brenda Kratz

Paul Mitchell (Councillor)

Steve MacDonald (Councillor)

Marcus Ryan (Mayor)

#### Zorra Local Schools Committee

Kim Brekelmans - (Thamesford PS)

Leeanne Hopkins - (Zorra Highland Park PS)

Sheila Weir - (Thamesford PS)

Justin Green - (AJ Baker PS)

Daniel West (AJ Baker PS)

Rebecca Wallace - (AJ Baker PS, Zorra Highland PS, Thamesford PS, Laurie Hawkins PS)

Katie Davies (Councillor)

Marcus Ryan (Mayor)

North Embro Cemetery Board

Rollie Rutherford

Al Matheson

Gordon MacKay

Kris Chute

Darwin Cooper

Steve MacDonald (Councillor)

Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Board

Ron Forbes (Councillor)

Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation

Doug Turvey

Staff are to advertise for a second representative to serve on this Board.

**Cannabis Retail Operation**

Municipal Governments have a one-time opportunity to opt out of allowing retail cannabis storefronts in their communities. However, the choice to opt out is time-limited with a deadline set for January 22, 2019. If a municipality opts out, they have an opportunity to opt in at a later date. Should a municipality opt in, they cannot rescind this decision. Should a municipality opt in, there is a funding provided at a minimum amount of \$5,000 per year.

The Township Council passed a resolution to opt in to permitting retail cannabis stores in Zorra Township.

New Council Meeting Dates and Times Approved

Council approved changing meeting dates from Tuesdays to Wednesdays and start times from 9:30 am to 9:00 am and from 6:30 to 6:00 pm for evening meetings. As well, the meeting schedule for January and February was also amended and will be:

**January 23, 2019 – 9:00 am (changed from January 22, 2019)**

February 6, 2019 – 9:00 am

February 20, 2019 – 9:00 am

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on January 8, 2019 at **9:00 am**.