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April 17, 2023

Township of Southgate
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ATTENTION: Elisha Milne, Administrative & Legislative Assistant

Dear Ms. Milne,

RE: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment C5-23 (David Gingrich)
044493 Southgate Road 04
Lot 22 Concession 6
Roll No.: 420706000605900
Geographic Township of Egremont
Township of Southgate

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) staff has reviewed the above-noted application 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 application has 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 application is to allow for an on farm diversified use being a small scale Dry Industrial Use. The Dry industrial use will include but is not limited to Wood Working, Metal working and fabricating, as well as the manufacture of concrete and related supplies. The owners wish to add the shop to the list of permitted uses within a new Agricultural exception zone (A1-XXX). The shop will replace the existing shop which will be returned to an agricultural use. The shop including office and power room is proposed to be up to 750m² with outside storage not exceeding 500m².

Recommendation

The proposed zoning by-law amendment application is acceptable to SVCA staff.

Delegated Responsibility and Advisory Comments

Natural Hazards

The natural hazard features affecting the property are: an open channel watercourse (Wakelim Drainage Works), and its floodplain, any other low laying areas, and potentially wetlands/swamps. SVCA Hazardous Lands mapping, depicts areas of the property to be low in elevation associated with the watercourse, its floodplain and other low laying areas. It is SVCA staff's opinion that the Hazard Lands designation as shown in Schedule A of the Grey County OP, Schedule A of the Southgate OP, and the Environmental Protection (EP) Zone as shown in the Township of Southgate Zoning By-law 19-2002 generally coincide with the Hazardous Lands as plotted by SVCA staff for the property. The area to be rezoned will not include any of the current EP zoned lands.

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 application is 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 application is 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 application 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.

Areas of the property are within the SVCA Approximate Screening Area associated with Ontario Regulation 169/06. For the property the SVCA Approximate Screening Area includes the larger of the following: the watercourse and its floodplain and an area 15 metres outwards from the floodplain of the watercourse; and any wetlands/swamps plus an area 30 metres outwards from any wetlands/swamps. 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

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.

However, based on the site plan submitted with the application, even though some of the proposal, specifically the proposed driveway and proposed filter bed may encroach into the SVCA Approximate Screening Area, a SVCA permit will not be required for development as proposed.

Outstanding SVCA Matter

Though unrelated to the current development proposal, SVCA staff note that there is an outstanding matter on the property, specifically related to the construction of detached accessory building (sugar shack) located within the hazard lands on the property. SVCA staff (Darren Kenney) has been in communication with the landowner regarding the outstanding matter, however, the matter remains unresolved at this time.

Summary

SVCA staff has reviewed this application 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 application is:

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

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Please inform this office of any decision made by the Township of Southgate with regard to this application. 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,



Michael Oberle
Environmental Planning Coordinator
Saugeen Conservation
MO/

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