



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

4. DELEGATIONS &/OR PUBLIC MEETINGS – NONE

5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 February 2nd, 2021 – Regular Council

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6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.1 TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
▪ **CHAIR WEBSTER**

7.1.1 TES Chair's Report – February 3, 2021

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7.2 PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
▪ **CHAIR CLEROUX**

7.2.1 Protective Services Chair's Report – February 11, 2021

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7.3 PLANNING COMMITTEE
▪ **CHAIR CLEROUX**

7.3.1 Staff Report – Official Plan Amendment No.31

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7.4 COUNTY COUNCIL

7.4.1 County Council Budget Information

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7.4.2 County Council Videos

8. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

8.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

8.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

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8.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 2021-14 Integrity Commissioner & Closed Meeting Investigator Agreement Amendment

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10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
11. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS
12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION (debate on motion to reconsider only)
13. RESOLUTIONS
14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION (as required)
 - 14.1 Pursuant to Section 239(2) (b) and (e) of the Municipal Act,
 - (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Renfrew Health Village
 - (e) Litigation or potential litigation – Farrell’s Landing
15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW 2021-15
16. ADJOURNMENT

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2ND, 2021

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held via Zoom on Tuesday February 2, 2021. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Councillor Doug Humphries, Councillor Cleroux, and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He performed roll call for council members.

	Present	Absent
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell		X
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the February 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS

Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell was present at 4:16 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Public Meeting – Minor Variance – Nystrom

4:15 p.m. Delegation – Bruce Pearson – Cogeco

Anthony Boateng, Guy Lafrance, Bruce Pearson, and Rohan Nazareth from Cogeco were present.

Mr. Pearson presented to council the proposed plan and request to use the unopened road allowance to access their tower on Pinnacle Hill. Mayor Bennett questioned if any of the neighbouring residents have been contacted about the work, Mr. Pearson stated not yet as their first step was to discuss with Council. Councillor Cleroux questioned if Cogeco was going to expand their coverage up Pinnacle Hill to assist more Horton residents. Mr. Pearson stated he could investigate a larger coverage area. Mayor Bennett questioned if Horton would be receiving any financial interest at all for the use of the road allowance. Mr. Pearson stated he would have to discuss with the company and bring back the information to the Township.

5. MINUTES

5.1 January 26th, 2021 – Regular Council

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- January 26th, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.1 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES / COUNTY COUNCIL

7.1.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Councillor Humphries stated that the Program Coordinator position closing date has been extended.

7.1.2 Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan Committee

There was no update.

7.1.3 Health Services Village

Mayor Bennett requested that the topic be added to the next agenda to discuss in closed due to an identifiable person.

7.1.4 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Humphries stated that there are six vacancies on the board of directors, and they are looking to fill them.

7.1.5 County Council

Mayor Bennett stated that the County Budget day was February 1st, and he will discuss at the next meeting so he can forward the information to Council members and they have time to review it for discussion.

8. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

8.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

8.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Discussion went around the table with information previously distributed.

8.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – None

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 2021-12 Renfrew County Mutual Aid Agreement

RETURN TO AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Cleroux
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell
THAT Council enact the following By-Laws:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33

- 2021-12 Renfrew County Mutual Aid Agreement

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE

11. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that the budget is almost complete and will be bringing it to the committees soon for a budget day. Mayor Bennett thanked staff and stated that he appreciated all of their hard work and dedication to keep up to date with all the information that affects Horton and keeping Council in the loop.

12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – NONE

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Webster
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34

THAT Council receive the reports for Community Committee and County Council as information.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

THAT Council accept the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for February 2nd, 2021.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – None

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

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Moved by Councillor Webster
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36

THAT Council enact By-law 2020-13 – Confirming By-Law.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough

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Township of Horton COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

Title: TES Committee Chair's Report – February 3 rd , 2021	Date: February 16 th , 2021
	Council/Committee: Council
	Author: Nikky Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant
	Department: TES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council accept the TES Committee Chair's Report as information.

BACKGROUND:

Traffic Calming – Thomson Road

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report and stated that the speed tracker was set up by the Thomson Road and Algonquin trail crossing which revealed it as a speeding hot spot through a residential area. The data indicated that 61% of drivers were violating the posted speed limit and recorded speeds up to 150km/h. This information was passed along to the OPP who developed a traffic plan based on the Township data.

Fuel Supply Tender Extension

After committee discussion, the topic was tabled until the next meeting until the propane price could be confirmed.

Gravel Supply and Haul Tender

Committee members agreed that the middle section of Eady Road should be fixed in the 2021 construction season.

Landfill Expansion Feasibility Initial Tasks

Committee members agreed to move forward with the initial tasks for the landfill site expansion.

Whitton Road 2021 Capital Project

Committee agreed to move forward with the option Mr. Knapp provided which will be provided in the 2021 Capital Budget with appropriate financing as per committee recommendation.

New/Other Business


Mayor Bennett requested to the committee that they considering moving forward with the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Thompsonhill by debenturing the project as interest rates are at the lowest. Committee was in agreeance to move forward with a financial plan with Thompsonhill.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

CONSULTATIONS: N/A

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Township of Horton
COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

Title: Protective Services Committee – February 11 th Chair's Report	Date:	February 16, 2021
	Council/Committee:	Council
	Author:	Nikky Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant
	Department:	Protective Services

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council accept the Protective Services Committee Chair's Report as information.

BACKGROUND:

Fire Chief's Report and Update

Fire Chief Allan Cole reviewed his report for the Committee. He stated that there were over 40 responses in 2020 and all the PPE purchased from the Jenny's Heroes Canada Fire Services Equipment Grant was received by the end of 2020.

Ontario Fire College Closure

He reviewed the information regarding the Ontario Fire College closing March 31. He stated that he is attending a Renfrew County Fire Chiefs meeting to discuss the affects on the municipalities and how they will be moving forward as a whole and will bring back the information to the next Committee meeting.

Deputy Fire Chief Position

Committee members agreed to move forward with internally posting the Deputy Fire Chief's position, after the job description is changed to better reflect the required experience for the position.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

CONSULTATIONS: N/A

Author:


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Township of Horton COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

Title: Official Plan Amendment No. 31 County Comments	Date:	February 16 th , 2021
	Council/Committee:	Council
	Author:	Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk
	Department:	Planning/Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council direct staff to retain the professional services of Coleville Consulting Inc. to conduct a Land Evaluation Area Review (LEAR) on Horton Township as it pertains to the proposed designation of Prime Agriculture Lands in the Draft OPA 31 by the County of Renfrew;

AND THAT this evaluation also includes a review of the proposal to discourage development in areas adjacent or close to serviced settlement areas, as defined by Section 3.3(7) of the Draft OPA 31 and how adversely that impacts Horton;

AND THAT this be funded from the Modernization Reserves.

BACKGROUND:

County of Renfrew Planning Staff compiled the responses received by various municipalities regarding OPA 31 and provided a summary of responses and recommendations to the County Development and Property Committee on February 9th, 2021. This document is attached as Appendix 1 for Township Council to review. The Development and Property Committee did not 'approve' the changes, they 'received' them as information and will be brought forward to the next County Council meeting to review and potentially accept on February 24th, 2021. This does not mean that OPA 31 will be adopted and become in full force and effect. There are still a few required steps to be undertaken such as notification to public agencies and a public consultation piece they need to meet, as per the Planning Act and of course, final approval by County Council.

Staff is extremely concerned with the County's Planning Staff's recommendations to maintain all of the Agriculture Designation within Horton Township as well as Section 3.3(7) discouraging development in settlement areas within 500 meters. They have summarized their responses and recommendations within the attached appendix, referring to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) as well as the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). Nowhere in this summary does it provide any professional review, research and study undertaken by the County of Renfrew to support the Township of Horton or other municipalities. A Provincial review occurred regarding Agriculture lands; however, it is staff's opinion that the County

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should have provided a local review in accordance with these provincial policies and ¹¹ not treat them as a blanket policy.

Staff is recommending to Council to engage the professional firm of Colville Consulting Inc. to conduct a Land Evaluation Area Review of Horton Township to aid in building a stronger case that no 'prime' agriculture land exists in Horton as defined by provincial and County agencies. Part of this evaluation would incur a review of the proposal which discourages development in areas adjacent or close to serviced settlement areas. It is being recommended that this be funded through the modernization reserves. If successful in building a strong case with the evidence required, Horton will have a future in development instead of being blocked by a blanket provincial policy. With the inevitable twinning of Highway 17 coming through Horton Township, it is imperative to work through this now so we can see future growth and development. The majority of lands that currently border along Highway 17 are subject to the Agriculture designation. This is attached as Appendix 2. This is very important for the future of Horton Township.

I have obtained the contact information for Coleville Consulting Inc. and have spoken with Mr. Coleville to discuss what the project would entail.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not engage professional services and risk what Horton Township has worked so hard to achieve in the past years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This would be sole sourced due to the nature of the issue and the tight timeline the municipality has to provide further evidence to support our initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS:


- Appendix 1 - County of Renfrew – OPA 31 – County Staff summary & recommendations
- Appendix 2- Map of Horton Township – indicating lands designated Agriculture.
- Appendix 3 – Collville Consulting, Sean Colville’s CV and professional experience

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Official Plan Amendment 31

County of Renfrew Planning Staff Responses to Municipal Comments on draft OPA 31 – Prepared by
County of Renfrew Planning Staff – February 9, 2021

No.	Municipality	Municipal Comments (These are summaries of the comments. Please see the individual municipal replies for the full set of comments).	Staff Responses/Recommendations
1.	Horton	1) Remove the majority of the Agriculture Designation, as previously submitted for OPA 25, on subject lands in Horton Township, as per the attached map. This map had previously been submitted by the Township which had been reformatted by the County to provide to the Province in 2018.	<p>Large contiguous tracts of land designated for agricultural uses are necessary for farming to prosper. The protection of farming land as a resource is supported not only by the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), but also by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).</p> <p>In its submission to the Province in October 2019 during the PPS review, the OFA indicated that “To maintain the economic and employment contribution of the agri-food sector into the future, Ontario’s land use planning policies must to (sic) retain and reserve large, contiguous tracts of farmland for farming...”</p> <p>The OFA also said that “Land use planning policies have been, and continue to be, a core issue for OFA and Ontario farmers. The protection of Ontario’s agricultural lands from incompatible development, as well as its loss from urban</p>

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1.	Horton		<p>expansion, continues to be an ongoing concern.” Finally, the OFA concluded that “Agrifood is an economic powerhouse in this Province and will continue to create good jobs and generate economic growth as long as farm businesses are supported with smart land use policies and the infrastructure to thrive.”</p> <p>Agriculture is one of the top economic drivers in Renfrew County. According to the OFA “non-agricultural land uses located within lands designated for agriculture can negatively impact the ability of surrounding agriculture operations to expand or introduce new agricultural activities, particularly through mandated separation distances imposed by the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae.” Non-farming neighbours may not understand normal farm practices, and may object to odour, noise, dust, or other realities of farming. These uses may result in negative interactions or neighbour disputes about normal farm practices. “Agricultural impacts include restrictions on livestock expansion and other types of agricultural development, farmland loss, fragmentation of the agricultural land base, fragmentation of individual farm</p>

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1.	Horton		<p>operations,...Many of these impacts become much more critical when considered from a cumulative perspective at a regional scale.” (Lot Creation in Ontario’s Agricultural Landscapes” – Report 3 prepared by Wayne Caldwell, University of Guelph, 2011).</p> <p>The farming community is an integral part of our local economy, environmental sustainability, and ability to feed ourselves. Section 2.3 of the PPS requires planning authorities to designate prime agriculture lands. The existing Official Plan Agriculture designation was approved by the Province, based on a mapping exercise that was informed by analyzing a number of variables (soils, land use), and included site inspections.</p> <p>As discussed above, the identification and protection of prime agriculture land in official plans is supported by the OFA, is consistent with the PPS, and is good planning policy.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the Township of Horton completed a review of the agricultural lands and activities within their municipality. Upon investigation, site inspections, and</p>

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1.	Horton		<p>analysis of current and historical data and usage, the Township determined that certain lands are not, in fact, prime agricultural lands. Notwithstanding these comments, the County has an obligation to maintain a supply of suitable agricultural lands for farming activities well into the future, and to be consistent with the PPS.</p> <p>If County Council directs that certain lands be removed from the Agriculture designation as requested by the Township of Horton, and there is an appeal on this removal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), County planning staff would not be able to defend this removal.</p> <p>No change is recommended.</p>
		2) Remove Section 3.3(7) which refers to service settlement urban areas that may discourage development in neighbouring municipalities within a 1 km radius. This section adversely	<p>Section 3.3(7) of the draft Official Plan reads “To promote efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the municipalities, development in areas adjacent or close to serviced settlement areas (generally within 1 km) should be discouraged. Development and land use patterns that would prevent the efficient expansion of an urban community should be</p>

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1.	Horton	impacts any future growth and development in Horton Township.	discouraged.” The purpose of this policy is to encourage good land use planning by ensuring orderly and efficient development. It is understood that some municipalities view this policy as restricting development. It is believed that development in key locations, within close proximity to an adjacent Town (where there may be a demand for lots), will be shut down. One of the roles tasked to County (or upper-tier) planning is to consider matters across municipal boundaries. Section 1.2.4 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) states that, where planning is conducted by an upper-tier municipality, the upper-tier municipality in consultation with lower-tier municipalities, shall identify areas where growth or development will be directed and provide policy direction for the lower-tier municipalities on matters that cross municipal boundaries. Section 1.2.1 of the PPS also states that a coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach should be used when dealing with planning matters across municipal boundaries including managing and/or promoting growth and development that is integrated with infrastructure planning (emphasis added).

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1.	Horton		<p>Land use planning is about finding a balance between different pressures and public interests acting on the landscape – such as social, environmental, and economic. The draft Official Plan policy identifies an area (approximately 1 km) around serviced areas. Within this area, development would be carefully reviewed to ensure that the future expansion of the urban infrastructure will not be inefficiently constrained. Providing and maintaining the required infrastructure for growth is expensive. To minimize the cost to the existing and future taxpayer, municipal authorities are tasked with ensuring that growth occurs in a way that is logical and efficient. The cost of providing municipal services is higher in low-density, outlying developments than in high-density developments. Inefficient growth around serviced areas results in the need to “leapfrog” existing development which leads to higher municipal costs.</p> <p>The Planning Act requires that planning decisions be consistent with the PPS, which supports a comprehensive, integrated and long-term approach to planning. The PPS recognizes that land use must be carefully managed to</p>

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1.	Horton		<p>accommodate appropriate development to meet the full range of current and future needs, while achieving efficient development patterns. Efficient development patterns optimize the use of land, resources and public investment in infrastructure and public service facilities. They support the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term, and minimize the undesirable effects of development, including impacts on air, water and other resources. Taking action to conserve land avoids the need for costly remedial measures to correct problems and supports economic and environmental principles. To support our collective well-being, now and in the future, all land use must be well managed. There are several relevant PPS sections related to this Official Plan policy which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1.0 - Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental health and social well-being depend on wisely managing change and promoting efficient land use and development patterns.

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1.	Horton		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.1.1a) – Promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term. • 1.1.1c) – Avoiding development and land use patterns that would prevent the efficient expansion of settlement areas in those areas which are adjacent or close to settlement areas. • 1.1.1e) – Promoting the integration of land use planning, growth management and infrastructure planning to achieve cost-effective development patterns and standards to minimize land consumption and servicing costs. • 1.1.1g) – Ensuring that necessary infrastructure and public service facilities are or will be available to meet current and projected needs. • 1.1.3.2 – Land use patterns within settlement areas shall be based on densities a mix of land uses which are appropriate for, and efficiently use, the infrastructure and public service facilities which are planned or available, and avoid the need for their unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion.

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1.	Horton		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.1.3.6 – New development taking place in designated growth areas should occur adjacent to the existing built-up area and should have a compact form, mix of uses and densities that allow for the efficient use of land infrastructure and public service facilities. • 1.1.3.7 Planning authorities should establish and implement phasing policies to ensure the orderly progression of development within designated growth areas and the timely provision of the infrastructure and public service facilities required to meet current and projected needs. • 1.1.5.5 – Development shall be appropriate to the infrastructure which is planned or available, and avoid the need for the unjustified and/or uneconomical expansion of this infrastructure. • 1.2.1 – A coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach should be used when dealing with planning matters within municipalities, across lower and/or upper-tier municipal boundaries including: managing and/or promoting growth and development that is integrated with infrastructure planning.

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1.	Horton		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.2.4 – Where planning is conducted by an upper-tier municipality, the upper-tier municipality in consultation with lower-tier municipalities shall: identify areas where growth or development will be directed; and provide policy direction for the lower-tier municipalities on matters that cross municipal boundaries. • 1.6.1 – Infrastructure and public service facilities shall be provided in an efficient manner that prepares for the impacts of a changing climate while accommodating projected needs. Planning for infrastructure and public service facilities shall be coordinated and integrated with land use planning and growth management so that they are: financially viable over their life cycle, which may be demonstrated through asset management planning; and available to meet current and projected needs. • 1.6.6.1 – Planning for sewage and water services shall: accommodate forecasted growth in a manner that promotes the efficient use and optimization of existing municipal sewage and municipal water

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1.	Horton		<p>services; and integrates servicing and land use considerations at all stages of the planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.7.1 – Long-term economic prosperity should be supported by optimizing the long-term availability and use of land, resources, infrastructure and public service facilities. <p>The draft Official Plan Policies 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) are about good land use planning to ensure that when needed, lands are available to accommodate compact, integrated, and cost-efficient development. Renfrew County is a diverse area; it is the largest land area County in Ontario. The policy provides flexibility to adapt the actual conditions and situations in the community. This policy does not create a 1 kilometre “no development” area around the serviced areas. The policy does trigger a review of proposed development to ensure that the goal of providing compact and cost-efficient communities is not jeopardized or hindered. The policy may result in a delay for some lands to be developed - until such time as they can be efficiently serviced. If the lands are identified as a key area for future development on expanded services, then the policy</p>

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1.	Horton		<p>promotes this use. If the lands are identified as an area not suitable to be serviced on municipal infrastructure, then this policy would not prevent development on private services. Sections 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) are consistent with the PPS, represent good planning, and are beneficial for the future orderly growth of the County.</p> <p>Therefore, the proposed sections are based on sound planning rationale and backed by an extensive policy framework. However, in order to address some of the concerns raised in the municipal comments, a recommended alternative to the wording in Sections 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) would be:</p> <p><i>To promote efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of municipalities, development adjacent or close to serviced settlement areas (generally within 500 metres, (as opposed to 1 kilometre)) should be carefully reviewed (as opposed to “should be discouraged”) to ensure it does not prevent the efficient expansion of these settlement areas.”</i></p>

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2.	Admaston/Bromley	Remove Section 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) – the policy that discourages development in proximity to serviced areas.	See previous comments.
3.	Bonnehchere Valley	Thanks the County for all the work on this file. The main concern is the restriction of 1 km of unserviced lots adjacent to urban areas.	See previous comments.
4.	McNab/Braeside	Remove Section 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) – the policy that discourages development in proximity to serviced areas.	See previous comments.
5.	Madawaska Valley	Remove the section that discourages development generally within 1 km that would prevent efficient expansion of services.	See previous comments.

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6.	North Algona Wilberforce	1) Remove Section 3.3(7) and 4.3(4) – the policy that discourages development in proximity to serviced areas.	See previous comments.
		2) Concerns about the increased amount in prime agricultural areas.	See previous comments. No change is recommended.
7.	Town of Arnprior	1) 1.5(1) Proposed revision for clarity – Change the words in the fourth paragraph by adding the words “only the policies of Section 3 Urban Community of this Plan and” should be added.	Agree – Recommend change be made, but also add after Urban Community “and Section 15 Laurentian Valley” of this Plan.
		2) 3.3(7) – The policy that discourages new development within close proximity to serviced settlement areas. Staff are reviewing and will provide comment. Will impact neighbouring municipalities more than Arnprior.	No change.

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		3) 3.3(2) – Recommended to remove the word “allocation” from the last sentence of first bullet point.	Agree – Recommend change be made.
8.	Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards	<p>1) Strongly objects to the proposed amendments contained in OPA 31. OPA 31 will deter future development and growth, and add significant financial burden to the process. Specifically, the requirements for multiple studies on proposed developments over 3 lots creates additional roadblocks and financial hardships for taxpayers.</p> <p>2) Objects to the discouragement of development within 1km of a serviced area.</p>	<p>OPA 31 provides additional flexibility compared to the existing policies in the Official Plan. The current plan requires “multiple studies” for the creation of one lot. As noted in the Township comments, for some features (e.g., significant wildlife habitat) OPA 31 does not trigger a study consideration unless it exceeds the third lot created from the original holding. In addition, existing policies in the Official Plan regarding requirements for Environmental Impact Studies provide flexibility to waive studies beyond three lots based on local conditions (e.g., if development is minor in nature), while still being consistent with the PPS.</p> <p>No change is recommended.</p> <p>See previous comments.</p>

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		3) Concerns about the obscurity of wording and the discretionary powers the County appears to have provides little comfort to Council.	This wording is intended to provide some flexibility in the process.
		4) Council recognizes the County's role to provide some areas of relief (e.g., removal of growth allocations). However, if these changes and deletions are possible, Council is of the opinion the remainder of OPA 31 should be open to relief as well.	The County is required under the Planning Act to be consistent with the PPS. The changes that are proposed in OPA 31 seek to address this requirement, while still reflecting the local context and unique characteristics of Renfrew County.
9.	Laurentian Valley	1) The proposed changes to Section 1.6 Local Planning of the Official Plan would satisfactorily address the majority of the concerns raised by the Township.	Agree.
		2) 15.3(3) should say "Township" not "Town".	Agree – Recommend change be made.

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		3) 15.3(3) – Preamble appears to be missing some words.	Agree – Recommend change be made as suggested by the Township.
		4) 15.3(5) – Add the following sentence “An amendment to the County OP may not be required where a local process has been undertaken, in consultation with the County to refine the mapping contained on Schedule “B”.	Agree – Recommend change be made.
		5) 15.3(6) – Remove “An amendment to the County OP may also be required” as there is no corresponding designation of lands on map schedules in the County OP for the Township of Laurentian Valley	Disagree. There may be an amendment required to the Schedule B information maps in the County OP. No change is recommended.
		6) 15.3(6) the first sentence should be amended to delete the words urban community and replace them with the words settlement area.	Agree – Recommend change be made.

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		<p>7) 15.3(6) – references to the “County” should be replaced with “the Township” as it should be a decision of the Township and not the County as to whether to entertain a request to amend the Township Official Plan to expand a settlement area boundary.</p> <p>Requests additional language from Section 1.1.3.9 of the PPS be added Section 15.3(6) to permit the <i>Township</i> to make adjustments to settlement area boundaries outside a comprehensive review, subject to the criteria listed in 1.1.3.9.</p>	<p>Agree in part. Role of the County is to review and approve Local Official Plan amendments – Recommend change be made to add “Township” in addition to County.</p> <p>Agree, but possibly change to <i>County/Township</i> (By agreement with the Township Planner, this approach is being clarified with MMAH) - This section of the PPS to allow boundary adjustments outside a comprehensive review applies to the broader category of “municipalities” (which includes counties), and so does not differentiate between lower or upper tiers. Also, under the Planning Act, in the course of reviewing and approving amendments to local Official Plans the County, as the approval authority, may require other information as it may deem necessary.</p> <p>Recommendation – Table until clarification from MMAH and further discussion with the Township Planner.</p>

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		8) Because of conflicting General Development Policies in the Township and County OP as a result of the Province's modifications, the Township would appreciate adoption of OPA 31 by the County as early as possible. If the process were to take longer, consideration should be given to moving forward with the changes requested by the Township sooner to address the Township's unique issues.	The County is working as expeditiously as possible on the adoption of OPA 31.

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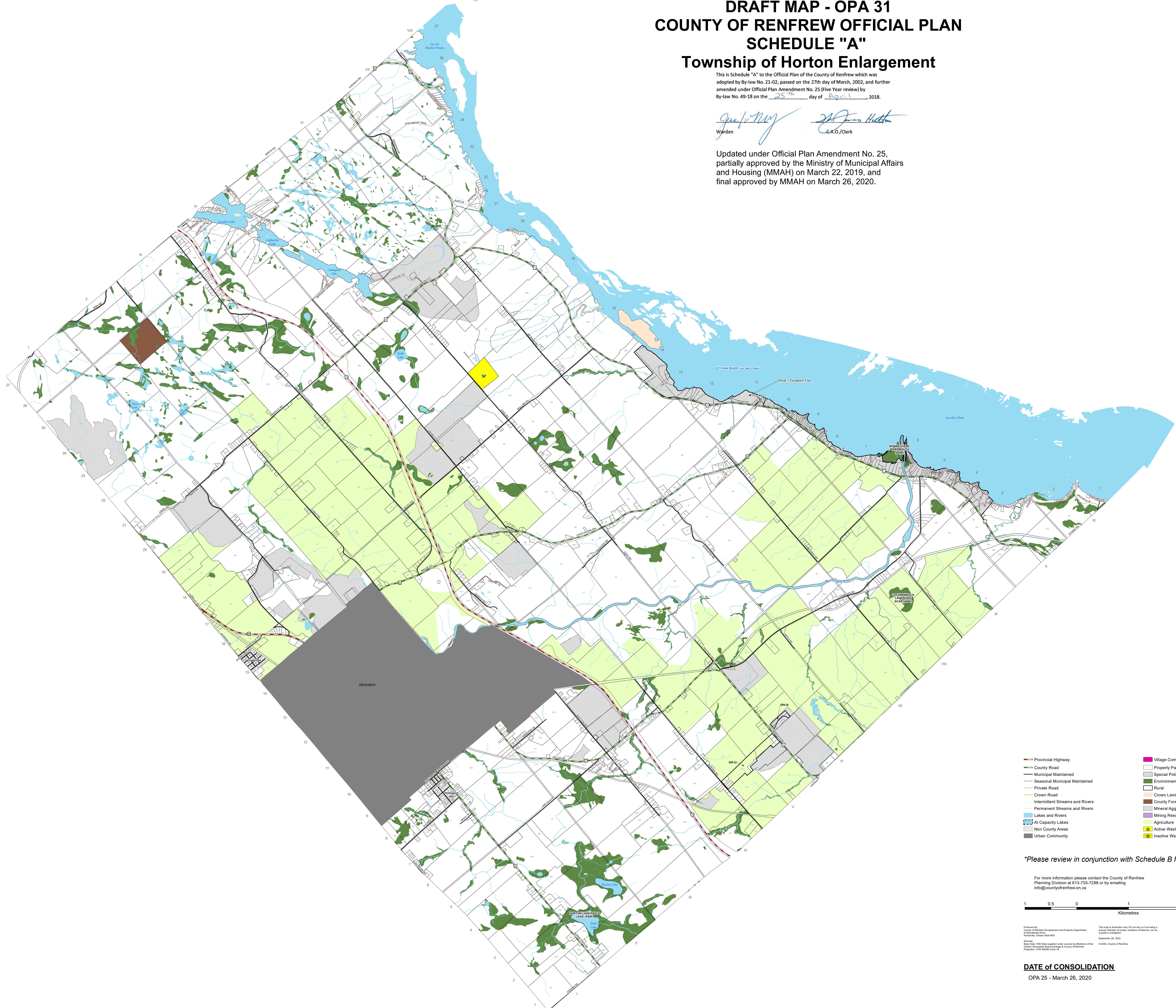
DRAFT MAP - OPA 31 COUNTY OF RENFREW OFFICIAL PLAN SCHEDULE "A" Township of Horton Enlargement

This is Schedule "A" to the Official Plan of the County of Renfrew which was adopted by By-law No. 21-02, passed on the 27th day of March, 2002, and further amended under Official Plan Amendment No. 25 (Five Year review) by By-law No. 49-18 on the 25th day of April, 2018.

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 Warden

John G. Clerk
 C.A.O./Clerk

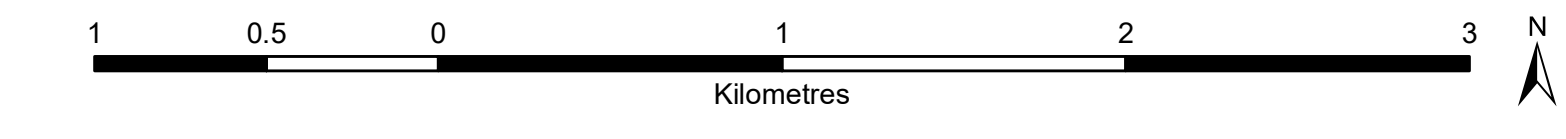
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- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Municipal Maintained
- Seasonal Municipal Maintained
- Private Road
- Crown Road
- Intermittent Streams and Rivers
- Permanent Streams and Rivers
- Lakes and Rivers
- At Capacity Lakes
- Non County Areas
- Urban Community
- Village Community
- Property Parcels
- Special Policy Exception Areas
- Environmental Protection Area
- Rural
- Crown Land
- County Forest
- Mineral Aggregate
- Mining Resource
- Agriculture
- Active Waste Disposal Site
- Inactive Waste Disposal Site

Please review in conjunction with Schedule B Maps

For more information please contact the County of Renfrew Planning Division at 613-735-7288 or by emailing info@countyrenfrew.on.ca



Produced by:
 County of Renfrew Development and Property Department
 Planning and Design Group
 September 25, 2020

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B.Sc. Geology, Acadia University, 1986

Soil Science, University of Guelph, 1984

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ontario Institute of Agrology

Agricultural Institute of Canada

POSITIONS HELD

2003 – Present	Colville Consulting Inc., St. Catharines, Ontario. President
2001 – 2003:	ESG International Inc., St. Catharines, Senior Project Manager/Office Manager
1998 – 2001:	ESG International Inc., Guelph, Senior Project Manager
1988 – 1998:	ESG International Inc., Guelph, Project Manager
1984 – 1988:	MacLaren Plansearch Ltd., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Soil Scientist
05/1982 - 09/1983:	Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Nova Scotia, Assistant Soil Scientist

EXPERIENCE

Sean M. Colville, B.Sc., P.Ag., president of Colville Consulting Inc., established the firm in June of 2003 to provide consulting services for clients involving matters related to agriculture and the natural environment. Sean has over 30 years of consulting experience which includes agricultural resource evaluation studies, soil survey and interpretation of agricultural capability, agricultural impact assessment and alternate site assessments, and soil and microclimatic rehabilitation/restoration projects. Sean has extensive experience interpreting agricultural land use policies involving development applications and settlement expansion proposals.

Sean is a Professional Agrologist (P.Ag.), and a member of the Ontario Institute of Agrology and the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Sean has been recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) as an expert in the identification of Prime Agricultural Areas and in the interpretation of the Minimum Distance Separation requirements for livestock operations.

Sean has been qualified to present expert testimony before the Ontario Municipal Board, the Consolidated Joint Board the Assessment Review Board, Ontario Superior Court proceedings and the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board for projects involving land use planning matters as they relate to agriculture, impact assessment, resource evaluation and soil science.

Agricultural Impact Assessment, Alternative Site Studies, Minimum Distance Separation

Sean specializes in agricultural impact assessment and alternative site studies for development applications and urban boundary expansion proposals. His experience includes well over 100 agricultural impact assessments and soil surveys for a wide variety of projects including Class EAs for linear facilities, waste management facilities, municipal services, impact assessments for aggregate operations, residential, commercial, recreational, industrial and institutional developments. Many of these projects require the interpretation of agricultural land use policies, inventory and assessment of the agricultural resources, land use, land tenure, an assessment of conflict potential including determination of minimum distance separation requirements, identification of prime agricultural lands and areas, and interpretation of the agricultural priority of lands proposed for development.

Sean has been retained by both municipalities and private sector clients to prepare agricultural impact assessment for settlement area expansion proposals and the development of secondary plans. Sean has also been retained by municipalities to complete peer review studies of agricultural impacts assessments and minimum distance separation calculations for various development applications.

The list below provides some examples of the studies completed by Sean. Project involving settlement area expansion are bolded.

- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for ROPA Bolton Residential Expansion Study – Town of Caledon (2020)***
- ◆ Cannabis Production and Processing - 1970488 Ontario Inc. v. Norfolk LPAT Hearing 2020*
- ◆ Agricultural Impact Assessment for Greenfield (Orleans South), City of Ottawa (2019)*
- ◆ Preparation of affidavit regarding permitted uses in prime agricultural lands for LPAT - The Green Organic Dutchman Holdings Limited (2018)*
- ◆ Preparation of affidavit regarding permitted uses in prime agricultural lands for LPAT affidavit for LPAT - Red Hill Cannabis Inc. (2018)*
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Twenty Road East Landowners Group, City of Hamilton**
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Book Road West Landowners Group, City of Hamilton**
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Activa Holdings Inc. SW Kitchener**
- ◆ Agricultural Impact Assessment for Schuyler Farms Limited, County of Norfolk (2015) *
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment and Alternative Site Assessment for North West Quadrant, Niagara Falls, Regional Municipality of Niagara (2014)***
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Smith Farm - Airport Employment Growth District, City of Hamilton (2014-15)**
- ◆ **Agricultural Alternate Site Study in Cavan-Monaghan Township for Brookfield Residential (2014)**
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment and Alternative Site Analysis for Angus Manor, Township of Essa, Simcoe County (2014)**
- ◆ King Township Official Plan: Review and Update of Agricultural Policies, King Township (2014)
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Vision Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills (2013-14)**
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Bolton Employment Lands Study, Town of Caledon (2013-14)**
- ◆ Agricultural Land Assessment for Barnsdale Road Landowners Group, Nepean, City of Ottawa (2013-14)*
- ◆ **Agricultural Land Assessments- Richcraft Homes, City of Ottawa (2012)**
- ◆ **Agricultural Impact Assessment for Canadian Motor Speedway racetrack in Fort Erie (2007-2012)***
- ◆ Agricultural Impact Assessment for multiple sites in City of Ottawa for Walton Development (2011)
- ◆ Agricultural Impact Assessment of the Alloo Reservoir, Pumping Station and Feedermain, Class EA - Regional Municipality of Peel (2008)
- ◆ Agricultural Impact Assessment of the Zone 6 Reservoir and Feedermain, Class EA - Regional Municipality of Peel (2009)
- ◆ Agricultural Impact Assessment of the North Bolton Elevated Tank and Feedermain, Class EA - Regional Municipality of Peel (2009)
- ◆ **Urban Boundary Expansion – Mayfield West Phase II Secondary Plan Agricultural Impact Assessment – Town of Caledon (2008 - 2018)**
- ◆ **Urban Boundary Expansion - Agricultural Screening Study for the Township of West Lincoln's Growth Management Study, Regional Municipality of Niagara (2007)**
- ◆ **Urban Boundary Expansion - Agricultural Impact Assessment and Alternate Site Study for West Kanata/Stittsville, City of Ottawa (2004, 2011)**
- ◆ **Urban Boundary Expansion - Agricultural Studies for Niagara Gateway Estates, Town of Grimsby, Regional Municipality of Niagara (2003)**

* Indicates attendance at hearing or preparation of affidavit

Soil Survey and Resource Evaluation

As a Pedologist (soil scientist), Sean is highly experienced in completing soil surveys, soil resource evaluations and assessing the productivity of soil for common field crops using the Canada Land Inventory system (CLI) of soil classification and for soil suitability for production of specialty crops using the system developed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. He has extensive experience interpreting the soil landscape, glacial landforms and soil forming processes; is skilled in the use of aerial photography for stereoscopic interpretation and identification of soil landforms for soil map production. Sean is recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as a Consulting Pedologist and a qualified soil scientist capable of preparing soil capability assessments based on the Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Soil Capability Classification for Agriculture (ARDA, 1965).

Sean has lead and participated in a number of large soil survey programs in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Sean's soil survey experience includes:

- ◆ conducting well over 200 soil surveys of various size and scale to assess the soil capability for identification of prime and non-prime agricultural lands for agricultural impact assessments and other studies;
- ◆ conducting soil surveys along linear facilities to determine depth of topsoil and subsoil, assess soil capability along the route to determine baseline conditions and identify areas that pose limitations to construction;
- ◆ the preparation of soil maps, CLI maps and reports for solar farm applications to address the Ontario Power Authority's requirements for ground-mounted solar project on agricultural lands;
- ◆ conducting county level soil survey reports that included the delineation, evaluation and mapping of soils series and the assessment of the soil capability for selected areas in Cumberland County, Colchester County, Hants County and Kings County, Nova Scotia;
- ◆ conducting county level soil survey reports that included the delineation, evaluation and mapping of soils series and the assessment of the soil capability for selected areas in Westmoreland County, New Brunswick; and
- ◆ conducting soil surveys for paired watershed studies assessing the benefits and effectiveness of no-till cultivation compared to traditional methods in Oxford County, Ontario.

LEAR Studies

Sean is very familiar with Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) methodologies and has prepared a LEAR study to identify Prime Agricultural Areas in the Town of Mono, County of Dufferin. Sean has also applied LEAR methodologies when completing alternate site studies to assist municipalities identify low priority agricultural lands for settlement area expansion purposes and to assist development proponents justify choice of location, to ensure that proposed settlement area expansion or proposed development applications is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

Agricultural Rehabilitation and Monitoring

Sean has prepared a number of rehabilitation plans for the aggregate industry and for highway and pipeline construction projects. Sean also has experience assessing the economic impacts for compensation related to the temporary or permanent loss of use of agricultural land often associated with the construction of linear facilities. Specific examples agricultural rehabilitation and monitoring studies include:

- ◆ Development and implementation of a soil reclamation plan for TransCanada Pipelines. This involved an investigation as to the extent of contamination and debris along a pipeline easement, as well as an analysis of the soil quality, the level of degradation and the development of mitigation measures to restore the agricultural capability of the site for specialty crop production;
- ◆ Development of progressive agricultural rehabilitation plan for Vineland Quarry and Crushed Stone Limited's quarry expansion project in Vineland, Ontario. The rehabilitation plan included the restoration of a significant portion of the sites climate to a condition suitable for the production of grape and tender fruit trees;
- ◆ Prepared progressive agricultural rehabilitation plans for the expansion of LaFarge's Fonthill pit located on the Fonthill Kame. This area has special soil and microclimatic characteristics that make it suitable for

the production of specialty crops. The rehabilitation plans considered both the soils and microclimatic conditions in the design in order to restore the site following extraction to conditions suitable for the production of specialty crops;

- ◆ Development of a progressive agricultural rehabilitation plan for Walker Brothers Quarries Ltd. quarry expansion project in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Also prepared and implemented the vegetation screening and naturalization concepts for which annual monitoring reports are prepared for review by the City of Niagara Falls and the Ministry of Natural Resources; and
- ◆ Soil and crop monitoring, and post construction monitoring of soil and crops for various TransCanada Pipeline, Union Gas, and Enbridge pipeline construction projects. Projects often included the development of restoration recommendations to improve soil conditions and crop yields.

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February 3rd, 2021

County of Renfrew Approves 2021 Budget

Pembroke: On Monday February 1st County of Renfrew Warden Debbie Robinson, and Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Chair of the County's Finance & Administration Committee, led the annual County of Renfrew Budget Workshop. The Warden and Chair commended Elected Officials and County staff on the delivery of the 2021 budget which meets all of the targets set by Council for 2021. At Monday's meeting County Council approved the 2021 Annual Budget.

The principles adopted in the Long-term Financial Plan continue to guide the annual budget discussions, ensuring that the County of Renfrew remains focused on today and on the future. In doing so, the County of Renfrew will have the resources necessary to operate all of its programs and services as well as fund the \$281 million asset renewal program over the next 10-year planning horizon.

At the September 2020 session, County Council gave clear direction to the CAO and staff on how they would like the first draft of the budget prepared in order to minimize the financial impact on Renfrew County residents. Council has passed a budget that will include investments in projects for social housing, long-term care, more efficient service delivery at the County administration building, as well as rehabilitation and construction of roads, bridges and culverts.

The 2021 approved levy, adjusted for growth, equates to a residential property tax impact of \$9.07 increase per \$100,000 value of their home. Given the median residential property value of \$203,000 in Renfrew County, a typical homeowner would see an impact of \$18.41 for 2021. That means that for a very modest tax rate increase of 2.5%, the County of Renfrew can continue to deliver high quality services to our community such as two Long-Term Care Homes, Paramedic Services, and Social Services.

Warden of the County of Renfrew Debbie Robinson shared this comment on the budget workshop, "I wish to express my appreciation to all the Standing Committee members for your

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hard work in reviewing the draft budgets during the past few weeks. County Council and staff are focused on quality assurance, efficiency, and transparency; with affordability being the primary focus in the budget decision process. Council along with staff worked in an engaged and efficient manner to ensure that the County of Renfrew continues to provide quality services to our community in a time of extra-ordinary pressures on our residents and local business sector from the continuing pandemic. On behalf of County Council, I wish to express a sincere “Thank you” to all staff involved in preparing this draft budget.”

Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee, commended County of Renfrew elected and staff on their efforts to find savings within their respective areas of the budget. Chair Murphy had this comment: “I am pleased to report that CAO Paul Moreau and his staff have delivered a 2021 Consolidated Budget that meets the targets as directed by Council in September 2020. I believe that we have a very effective and efficient budget process that allows Council to debate, review and finally approve a budget that provides clear direction to our staff on delivering services to our residents in an efficient and effective manner.”

A recommendation for the 2021 budget was officially adopted as a By-law immediately following the budget presentation on Monday.

Additional Information for Consideration

With only a modest 2.5% increase to the tax rate, County Council was able to ensure that quality services provided by the County of Renfrew continue to be there for Renfrew County residents. Some of the highlights included:

- Increased efficiency of service delivery by consolidating services at the County Administration Building in Pembroke
- Ongoing COVID19 Pandemic impact mitigation efforts
- Funding for the Ontario Winter Games to be held in Renfrew County in 2022
- Continued investment in capital asset renewal in 2021 - \$27.6 million
- Investments in Active Transportation via major upgrades to the Algonquin Trail
- Launch of a ride sharing initiative for seniors
- Ongoing support to Renfrew County residents through the Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC)

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- Implementation of a new Community Paramedic Program to support seniors waiting for placement in a Long Term Care Facility
- A commitment for a comprehensive mental health strategy to support Paramedics and their families
- Investing in Community Services initiatives

The County of Renfrew is an Upper Tier Municipality providing a wide range of services to the 17 Lower-tier Municipalities that make up the largest geographic area of any municipality in Ontario.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Memo from the CAO/Clerk as of February 12, 2021.

INFORMATION provided **NOT** included in the Regular Council meeting package of February 16, 2021.

INFORMATION EMAILED

1. 2021 Conference List
2. Ottawa Valley Business News
3. Ontario Winter Games Intro
4. 2021 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Deadline Extension
5. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force Info
6. Chalk River Radioactive Waste Dump
7. AMO Policy Update
8. NPD Closure Project
9. Calendars

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

BY-LAW NO. 2021-14

BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT AN INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER AND CLOSED MEETING INVESTIGATOR

WHEREAS the Municipality is authorized, pursuant to Subsection 223.3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the Act), as amended, to appoint an Integrity Commissioner (the “Integrity Commissioner”) who has the function to investigate in an independent and confidential manner, a complaint made to him or her by any person, as to whether a member of council or a member of a local board has complied with the Code of Conduct or other ethics-related policies, rules or procedures, and to report on the investigation; and

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is authorized, pursuant to Subsection 239.2 of the Act to appoint an investigator who has the function to investigate in an independent and confidential manner, a complaint made to him or her by any person as to whether council has complied with the Act with respect to a closed meeting, and to report on the investigation; and

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the Consultant (together the “Parties”) did enter into an agreement for the Consultant to provide independent integrity commissioner services to the Municipality for a term of two years commencing March 2019 (the “Original Agreement”);

AND WHEREAS the Parties wish to renew the Agreement on the same terms and conditions as the Original Agreement subject only to the express amendments set out in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the covenants, terms and conditions contained herein, the Municipality and the Consultant agree to amend the Original Agreement by deleting section 3 of the Original Agreement and replacing it with the following new section 3:

TERM OF AGREEMENT

3. The Consultant’s appointment pursuant to this Amending Agreement is extended for a further two years, to February 28, 2023, unless terminated prior to that date in accordance with the terms of the Original Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Township of Horton enacts as follows:

1. That the Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized to enter into the Amended Agreement, attached as Schedule A and forming part of this By-Law.
2. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon final passing.

READ a First and Second time this 16th day of February 2021.

READ a Third Time and Passed this 16th day of February 2021.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough

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AMENDING AGREEMENT - INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER SERVICES

This Agreement dated this ____ day of _____, 2021.

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
(hereinafter referred to as the “Municipality”)

- and -

CUNNINGHAM SWAN CARTY LITTLE & BONHAM LLP
(hereinafter referred to as “the Consultant”)

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the Consultant (together the “Parties”) did enter into an agreement for the Consultant to provide independent integrity commissioner services to the Municipality for a term of two years commencing March 2019 (the “Original Agreement”);

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The Parties have executed this Amending Agreement this _____ day of _____, 2021.

THE MUNICIPALITY

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Name:
Title:

Name:
Title:

We have the authority to bind the corporation

CONSULTANT

CUNNINGHAM, SWAN, CARTY, LITTLE & BONHAM LLP

“I have the authority to bind the Corporation”

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**BY-LAW NO. 2021-15****A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021**

WHEREAS Subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the said Municipal Act provides that the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and desirable that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Horton at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Horton enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council at the meeting held on the 16th day of February, 2021 and in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meetings, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other body is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. That the Head of Council and proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Horton are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain appropriate approvals where required, except where otherwise provided, and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Township of Horton to all such documents.
3. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 16th day of February, 2021.

READ a third time and passed this 16th day of February, 2021.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough