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May 04, 2021

Ms. Kristina Brcic, Town Planner
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
2021 Division Road North
Kingsville, Ontario, N9Y 2Y9

Dear Ms. Brcic:

RE: Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA-06-21
403 COUNTY RD 27, COUNTY RD 8
ARN 371167000003210,371167000002900; PIN: 751560059
Applicant: FITCH LEONARD ALFRED

The following is provided as a result of our review of Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA-06-21 to allow current dwelling as a secondary dwelling unit to the eventual main dwelling to be built.

DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT THE PROVINCIAL INTEREST IN NATURAL HAZARDS (PPS) AND REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

The following comments reflect our role as representing the provincial interest in natural hazards as outlined by Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the *Planning Act* as well as our regulatory role as defined by Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The above noted lands are subject to our Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Ontario Regulation No. 158/06). The parcel falls within the regulated area of the Billings Drain, North Townline Drain and Belle River Drain. The property owner will be required to obtain a Permit and/or Clearance from the Essex Region Conservation Authority prior to any construction or site alteration or other activities affected by Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

WATERSHED BASED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The following comments are provided in an advisory capacity as a public commenting body on matters related to watershed management.

SECTION 1.6.6.7 Stormwater Management (PPS, 2020)

Our office has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns relating to stormwater management.



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PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE TO PLANNING AUTHORITIES - NATURAL HERITAGE POLICIES OF THE PPS, 2020

The following comments are provided from our perspective as an advisory service provider to the Planning Authority on matters related to natural heritage and natural heritage systems as outlined in Section 2.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the *Planning Act*. The comments in this section do not necessarily represent the provincial position and are advisory in nature for the consideration of the Planning Authority.

The subject property is within, and/or is adjacent to (within 120 metres of), a natural heritage feature that is identified as a significant valleyland under the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

Section 2.15 of the PPS states - Development and site alterations shall not be permitted in and significant valleyland...unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or on their ecological functions.

We note that the subject property is adjacent to (within 120 m of) a natural heritage feature that may meet the criteria for significance under the PPS. Section 2.1.8 of the PPS, 2020 states – “Development and site alteration shall not be permitted on adjacent lands to the natural heritage features and areas identified in policies 2.1.4, 2.1.5 and 2.1.6 unless the ecological function of the adjacent lands has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or on their ecological functions.”

Our information indicates that the subject property may support habitat of endangered species and threatened species. As per Section 2.1.7 of the PPS, 2020 – “*Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in habitat of endangered species and threatened species, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements*”. All species listed as endangered or threatened (aquatic species, plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, etc.) as well as their related habitats, are protected under the Ontario *Endangered Species Act*. Prior to initiating any proposed works on this property, it is the proponent’s responsibility to contact the Species at Risk Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) to ensure all issues related to the *Endangered Species Act* are addressed. All inquiries regarding the *Endangered Species Act* should be made with Permissions and Compliance Section of the MECP (e-mail address: SAROntario@ontario.ca).

Notwithstanding the above noted references to the PPS policies, we note that the proposed development is either adequately setback and/or physically separated from the natural heritage feature by existing development or infrastructure. Therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts associated with the proposal. Based on our review, we have no objection to the application with respect to the natural heritage policies of the PPS.



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FINAL RECOMMENDATION

With the review of background information and aerial photograph, ERCA has no objection to this application for Zoning By-Law Amendment. However, the applicant must obtain a Section 28 Permit and/or Clearance from the Essex Region Conservation Authority.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Vitra Chodha, E.P
Resource Planner
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