

COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE AUGUST 13TH, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

MEDICAL MARIHUANA GROWING FACILITY

The application submitted for Zoning By-law Amendment by Roman Itskovich, to permit a Medical Marihuana Growing Facility in the existing building on the property at the established setbacks, was denied by Township Council.

REVISIONS TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA PROVISIONS - COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 2017-70

Township Planning Staff, in consultation with the public, applicable agencies and the Planning/ Building & Environment Committee are drafting a zoning bylaw amendment to further regulate the growing, production and sale of marihuana. An open house was held April 25, 2018 and a Public Meeting held in May to allow the public and the Committee to have an opportunity to review the proposed changes. One written comment was received through the consultation process. Planning Staff and several members of Council recently toured a Licensed Production Facility on July 31, 2018. As a result of this visit and additional information gained, Planning Staff are seeking further direction from Council prior to recommending a final zoning bylaw amendment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW 2016-41 (AS AMENDED BY BY-LAW 2017-81)

As a result of consultation with Township legal counsel, and farmers/OFA representatives, Staff are now proposing one further amendment to the Site Alteration By-law. Property owners were advising that they were hauling in topsoil. The volume of trucks had an impact on the roads. Even though the soil was not topsoil, it became evident that there was a flaw in the by-law and that significant volumes of topsoil will impact and damage Township roads. Council approved the amendment to the Site Alteration By-law 2016-41 by inserting at the end of clause 12 (i) b) as follows: “; not exceeding 1000m³ per calendar year”.

SURPLUS FARM RESIDENCE SEVERANCE POLICIES - OPA NO. 50

In order to minimize the amount of lands zoned APO, and to maintain the intent of the Surplus Farm Residence Severance Policies, Staff are proposing to adopt the similar policies found within the Regional Official Plan Greenbelt Policies, by only permitting surplus farm severance with a house built that is 10 years old or older from the date of application. Further proposed changes presented in the official plan amendment include: a minimum amount of actively farmed farmland, a limit on the number of surplus farm severances per agricultural property and a stipulation on the maximum size of a surplus residential lot. Council approved OPA No. 50 and authorized staff to send a letter to relevant government agencies to express their concern with lands zoned Agricultural Purposes Only ‘APO’, rural employment lands and Agricultural Policy in general.

NAMING OF SEVERINO CIRCLE - STEPPING STONES PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM

Council approved the naming of a street in the Stepping Stones Plan of Condominium as Severino Circle.

MURS UPDATE

The splash pad, skate park and playground should be ready for opening by the end of August. These areas just need some minor finishing touches including landscaping. Ball Construction is still working towards handing the library over to the Township by month's end. There will still be some needed time to move furniture, books, computers, etc., and any miscellaneous works to ready the library for the public