

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: Statutory Public Meeting to Consider a Zoning By-law Amendment

for Lands Severed from 6801 Concession 6 N

1. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

- 1. Comments from the public with respect to Zoning By-law Amendment for lands severed from 6801 Concession 6 N (File ZBA-01-25) **BE RECEIVED**; and
- Pending Council consideration of written and oral comments received at this public meeting, Zoning By-law 2025-026 BE CONSIDERED at the regular Council meeting following this public meeting.

2. BACKGROUND:

The lands are the subject of a decision of the Committee of Adjustment for Application B/02/25, which approved a surplus dwelling severance with associated conditions. The rezoning of the subject property to A-36 is a condition of the consent decision. Condition (6) of the decision states:

6. That the retained farmland to be rezoned to ensure that no new dwelling units shall be permitted and the requirement for this non-development be registered against the title of the property.

3. DISCUSSION:

The Town is in receipt of an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment to By-law 1999-52, as amended under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P. The subject lands affected by the proposed amendment are described as Concession 6, Part Lot 11, municipally known as the retained farm parcel from a surplus dwelling severance at 6801 Concession 6 N; the residence and accessory structures which were the subject of the severance is located at 6801 Concession 6 N are not subject to this rezoning. At the conclusion of the severance, the remaining farm parcel subject of the Zoning By-law Amendment will have a total area of 19.64 hectares ±.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law would change the zoning for the subject lands noted above from the "Agricultural (A) Zone" to "Special Provision Agricultural (A-36) Zone". The land is designated Agricultural in the Town's Official Plan. The parcel was the subject of an application for consent (File B/02/25) to sever a dwelling and accessory structures which are surplus to the needs of the farming operation. The rezoning of the subject property to A-36 is a condition of the consent decision.

The effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment will be to allow for general agricultural uses on the subject property and prohibit any new dwelling units on the land. The application is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024), specifically Section 4.3.3.1(c) which provides for lot creation for a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation provided that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any vacant remnant parcel created by the severance. The application is also in conformity with the Town's Official Plan, specifically Section 3.2.2(14), which provides for surplus dwelling severances subject to the remnant parcel being rezoned to prohibit a dwelling unit. The proposed lot size as well as the intended land use for the subject parcel complies with the zone requirements for the Special Provision Agricultural Zone.

Should Council not approve the proposed application for Zoning By-law Amendment, the consent which has been approved by the Committee of Adjustment cannot be finalized. The home which is surplus to the needs of the farming operation could then not be severed and transferred.

Planning staff will be reviewing all of the questions and comments received from this statutory public meeting, will be assessing all information provided by the Applicant and all internal and external departmental and agency comments, and will be preparing a subsequent staff report that discusses how the above items are being addressed. The second staff report will summarize all of the comments received and make recommendation(s) regarding the proposed rezoning and any applicable conditions if required.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

The recommendation presents little to no risk to the municipality.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

All costs associated with the application are the responsibility of the applicant. Should the decision be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal then the Town will incur costs.

6. **CONSULTATIONS**:

The Notice of Public Meeting was published in the local newspaper and on the Town website and circulated to the required agencies, property owners and municipal departments in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 and associated regulations. At the date of the writing of this report, no comments from the public were received.

7. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026		
PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government	PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity	
 □ Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures. □ Deliver transparent and efficient financial management. ✓ Increase effective communication and engagement with residents. □ Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture. ✓ Continue to deliver strong core municipal services. □ Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation. 	 Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands. Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation. Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors. Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations. 	
PILLAR 2 Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure	PILLAR 4 Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity	
 Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities. Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages. Finalize and execute plans for townowned lands (e.g. Duffy's site, Belle Vue) 	 □ Define and communicate a vision for the Town's future and identity. □ Promote and plan for green and "climate change ready" development. 	

☐ Create public access to water and	☐ Review and implement policies that
waterfront	promote greater access to diverse
☐ Prioritize opportunities to reduce	housing.
environmental impacts of Town	☐ Protect the Town's historic sites and
operations and increase Town resilience	heritage.
to climate change.	☐ Preserve the Town's greenspaces,
	agricultural lands, and natural
	environment.

8. **CONCLUSION**:

Following the statutory public meeting, planning staff will be preparing a subsequent report for Council that will include a comprehensive analysis of all of the comments and recommendations received, and will provide a professional planning opinion and a staff recommendation with respect to the requested zoning by-law amendment.

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	 Appendix A- ZBA-01-25- Notice of Statutory Public Meeting-Lands Severed from 6801 Concession 6 N-RM.pdf Appendix B- ZBA-01-25 - Application_Redacted-RM.pdf Appendix C- B-02-25 Sketches-RM.pdf Appendix D- Site Photos-RM.pdf Appendix E- B-02-25- Decision-RM.pdf Appendix F- Summary of Correspondence Received on ZBA-01-25-RM.pdf Appendix G- Buffer Map Council Circulation list-RM.pdf Appendix H - 2025-026- ZBA- Retained Farmland Severed from 6801 Conc 6 N- DRAFT-RM.pdf
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