



# Municipal Report

**Subject:** Zoning By-Law Review and Update- Public Comments Received  
**Meeting:** Council in Committee- May 5, 2026  
**Prepared For:** Mayor and Council  
**Staff Contact:** Forbes Symon, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner (Contract)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receives this report as information and consideration;
  2. THAT Council direct staff to make the agreed upon changes to the Redlined Discussion Draft as presented in the "Final Draft of the Township of Madawaska Zoning By-law", dated May 5, 2026; and,
  3. THAT Council approve the final revised version of the New Zoning By-law for Council's consideration at the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Council meeting.
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Following the Open House, formal Public Meetings and circulation to agencies, we have received a number of comments on the Redline Discussion Draft of the New Zoning By-law that require Council's consideration. All comments received are attached to this report as Appendix "A". The comments have been redacted to not include personal information. The following report summarizes the comments received and makes a series of recommendations for Council's consideration on changes to the "Final Draft Township of Madawaska Zoning By-law" appended to this report.

As a note of clarification, comments that were received at the Barry's Bay and Combermere Open Houses, the two Statutory Public Meetings, as well as all formal written comments throughout the process, have been included in the 'Public Comments' section of this report. Comments received from First Nations, County of Renfrew and circulated agencies are included in the "First Nations & Agency Comments" section of this report.

**Public Comments (Summarized) on Redline Discussion Draft and Recommended Action (Note: *bold underline is recommended added text – strikeout is text to be removed*)**

1. Comment(s) from John Jardine, Sarah Bowles:

The proposed definition of "adverse effect" is identical to the definition of "adverse effect" under the *Environmental Protection Act*. It is under the legislative authority of the EPA and therefore unnecessary to include the same definition, and opens the municipality up to possible liability. It is targeted to a retail store use, is too vague of a term, and should be removed.

***Response:*** *The fact that the definition is supported by provincial legislation and has been tested in the court of law is of benefit when municipalities include this reference in the Zoning By-law. It is extremely challenging to for Council to deal with matters of "nuisance" which is generally a civil matter. Municipalities are typically concerned with minimizing health and safety concerns which is exactly the intent of the concept of "adverse effects". The consultant was given specific direction from Council regarding impacts resulting from a coffee roaster in Barry's Bay and was suggested that the threshold of concern be related to life safety and thus the use of the concept of "adverse effects". Overtime, Council may wish to expand the use of the definitions to regulate other land uses, such as home occupations, commercial and industrial activities. No change is recommended based on the comment received.*

2. Comment(s) from John Jardine, Sarah Bowles:

Building Permits for Accessory Structures & Storage Containers- Sections 3.3.12 and 3.40 I should be deleted as any structures requiring building permits are dealt with under the Ontario Building Code.

***Response:*** *For accessory structures, especially those that do not require a building permit, clarity of the need to comply with the zoning by-law setback provisions is an important inclusion. Relying on general statements in terms of compliance is not sufficient for accessory structures and emphasizing the need for compliance is warranted. No change is recommended.*

3. Additional Residential Units

- Comment from Tom Wigglesworth:
  - Can a mobile home be an ARU?
  - How many ARUs are permitted on a rural property?
- Comment from Sarah Bowles:
  - Please give consideration to regulating entrance permits relating to ADUs. For large rural properties this will help minimize extra entrances on the municipal roads and encourage development that is likely not accessory use to the property to be encouraged to go

through the consent process.

- Comment from Shane and Meaghan Wright:
  - The current requirement for an accessory building to be shorter than the principal dwelling is no longer feasible for modern housing needs. I request that the Township consider the following amendment to the Final By-law: Standardized Height for ARUs: Establish a fixed maximum height for detached ARUs (e.g., 7.5 to 8.0 metres) that is independent of the height of the principal dwelling.
- Comment from John Jardine:
  - The proposed wording of Section 3.4.11 is creating “conditional” zoning because it states that an ARU is permitted as long as a certain condition is met (a hydrogeological investigation is completed).

**Response:** *ARUs should not be mobile homes. On a rural property, the zoning by-law must follow the direction of the County Official Plan which limits rural ARUs to a maximum of one on lots with a minimum lot area of 0.8 ha. The requirement for access via the existing entrance for the principal dwelling is intended to respect the fact that such uses are accessory to the principal dwelling and to create a building cluster which reduced future demand for severances. Typically, ARUs in accessory structures need to comply with the maximum height of accessory structures to maintain intent of legislation. The policies need to be updated to reflect the direction in the County Official Plan.*

*The concept of conditional zoning is appreciated. With the updating of the policies to reflect the County Official Plan there will be provisions which permit ARUs on lots less than 0.8 ha subject to a minor variance which would typically require a hydrogeological study as supporting information. Policies to be updated.*

#### 4. Attached Dwelling Units

- Comment raised by various individuals:
  - Could the Township consider allowing an ADU to be up to 60% of the existing floor area of the primary residence rather than 30%?
- Comment from Tom Wigglesworth:
  - The fact that an ADU needs to be attached via “living space” or not a garage as a separate also should be changed as again it was too restrictive and seemingly without a particular reason.

**Response:** *Attached dwelling unit provisions are in the existing zoning by-law and deemed redundant with the introduction of ARUs. Based on further review of this provision, we would recommend that Attached Dwelling Units be removed from the zoning by-law.*

#### 5. Outdoor Furnaces

- Comment from Sarah Bowles:
  - Please consider removing LSR from the outdoor furnace restriction. Many LSR lots are large. I feel this is an unreasonable restriction for

large rural lots. Maybe consider including a minimum lot size like 10 acres or 20 acres as a condition for allowing outdoor furnaces in LSR zoning.

**Response:** *This is an existing provision which has been in place within the Township for some time. It is recommended that the policy remain as it exists. Someone that has a unique situation wishing an outdoor furnace in an LSR zone may request a site specific amendment. Council has the discretion permit outdoor furnaces in the LSR if they wish. No change is recommended.*

#### 6. Occupancy Restrictions

- Comment from Sarah Bowles:
  - Please clarify if the addition of ‘tent’ to provision 3.27 i) and iii) will make it illegal for kids to have a tent out in their back yard with friends.
- Comment from Sarah Bowles:
  - Clarify if subsection 3.27 iv) means that basement units will not be allowed to be in houses that have “cellars” regardless of egress windows and safety precautions? Looking for clarification if this will not allow ARUs in basements regardless of egress windows and entrance adjustments.

**Response:** *To clarify subsections 3.27 i) and iii), the addition of ‘tent’ would not make it illegal for kids to have a tent their backyard. The recreational use of a tent in the backyard is not deemed to be “human occupation”. The intent of the by-law is to prohibit someone from living in a tent. There is a difference between a cellar and a basement in both the Zoning By-law and OBC. ARUs are permitted in basements but not cellars. Policies on tent have been updated.*

#### 7. Short Term Rentals

- Comment from various individuals:
  - If someone is seeking to have an Airbnb would they have to rezone their property to TC under the proposed new provisions?
- Comments from Ralph and Vicky Scholz:
  - We are asking that Council consider that the amendments in this version of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Update, addressing Short Term Rental properties, be a starting point and that they look at other tools to properly welcome these businesses to the Township.
- Comments from John Jardine:
  - Has the Township considered that almost all STRs are on properties not zoned TC? What about existing STRs that will be protected under legal non-conforming uses? How will STRs be enforced? The Township should remove proposed provisions and restrictions related to STR until such time as a comprehensive review is conducted.

**Response:** *Short term rentals are a challenging emerging land use matter for most municipalities. As a minimum it is recommended that those dwellings which are not principal or secondary residents and which are intended to be rented on a short term basis be treated as if they are a tourist cabin and therefore would require a rezoning to place them in a tourist commercial zone. This approach is recommended until such time as the Township puts in place other means to control this land use. As with all enforcement, it is carried out on a complaint basis which triggers an investigation. To be clear, this approach does not stop someone from renting their house or cottage. It is intended to regulate those dwellings which are only used as short term rentals. No change is recommended.*

## 8. Backyard Hens

- Comment from Bob Howe:
  - The proposed provisions are too restrictive (i.e lot must be at least 2 acres). Check hours during which hens may not be fed.
- Comments from John Jardine:
  - If the only goal is to permit backyard hens on rural lots with at least 2 acres of land, then why is 6 hens being chosen, especially when there is no rooster? Why not 8 or 10 hens? Why not 50 hens on a lot with 8 acres of land? What is the rationale?
  - Why are backyard hens not being considered in Barry's Bay?
  - Why do the proposed changes require feed to be stored in metal containers and withheld from backyard hens overnight?
  - How will monitoring/ enforcement work?
  - The Township should remove these proposed provisions until such time as a more comprehensive review is conducted.
- Comment from various individuals:
  - Can the proposed provisions be changed to allow for backyard hens on lots less than 2 acres?

**Response:** *This regulation involved a significant amount of direction from Council. The regulation about when to remove feed could be revised to read "feed is to be stored in a metal container and withheld from hens during the evening (i.e. roosting hours)."*

## 9. Hunting and Fishing Camps

- Comments from John Jardine:
  - Hunting camps should not be encouraged to only be on lots where there is no legal access. The ZBL should consider permitting hunting camps on lots are not accessible, but not penalize lots that have legal access.
  - If someone has a 100 acre lot on a publicly maintained road and they wanted a hunting and fishing camp, they would not be allowed to do so under the current wording. The Township should consider the full implications before passing this amendment.
- Comment from Bob Howe:

- What is/can be considered a hunt camp, since it is not an “RV”, "dwelling" or a "seasonal dwelling"?
- Comments from Sarah Bowles:
  - Please consider removing the minimum lot size.
  - Consider increasing the maximum floor area as many hunt camps are used by groups of people that purchase property and I am not sure why is necessary to restrict the size in such a way.
  - Allow Hunt and Fish Camps in LSR.
  - Why are they limited to development on lots with no access? We don't want to encourage development on lots that do not have legal access.
  - 3.19.2 check the references to subsections in this section in case they need to be updated/renumbered.

**Response:** *The OBC permits seasonal dwellings which are not required to meet the typical requirements for a dwelling. The use of RVs should be a separate matter in the Zoning By-law. The hunt camp provisions had significant input from the Township Staff who provided direction on managing this type of use. Section 3.19.2 c) is redundant and should be removed. All other provisions are recommended to remain unchanged.*

10. Comment from Sarah Bowles:

The definition of ‘Household’ does not talk about boarding houses. There should be a more robust definition related to boarding houses, and in particular to address student housing.

**Response:** *Agreed, it is recommended that a definition for a Boarding House be included similar to the following: “BOARDING HOUSE means a dwelling in which the proprietor resides and supplies for gain, more than three bedrooms for boarders and may include the provision of meals. Rooming house shall have a corresponding meaning.”*

11. Comment from Sarah Bowles:

There is a definition for ‘Powder Room’ but not ‘Water Closet (WC)’. Both terms are mentioned in the new proposed provision 3.3.3. It is suggested to strike out WC.

**Response:** *Agreed, it is recommended to edit Section 3.3.3 to read “A ~~water closet (WC)~~ or powder room may be permitted on the main floor of an accessory building or structure used for storage purposes, but shall not be located on the upper level unless otherwise permitted in this By-law.”*

12. Parking

- Comment from Bob Howe:

- No parking space size area specified (But see 3.30 re size of an "accessible parking space").
- Comment from Sarah Bowles:
  - The suggested changes to Section 3.30.1 which states “Where required parking is not provided on the same lot, the lot or part of the lot where the parking is located shall be required to be dedicated parking under a long-term lease in favour of the property which requires the parking spaces and areas” is not reasonable and unrealistic especially if we are looking to improve economic growth of small businesses.

**Response:** *Section 3.30.1 g) identifies the dimensions of a standard parking space (i.e. a non-accessible parking space). It is quite common for urban zoning parking standards to have cash in lieu of parking or off-site parking (under long term agreement) when trying to accommodate new growth/changes within commercial areas. This is especially the case for downtown commercial cores which do not have options to accommodate parking on site with changing use of a building. This is a regulation used in many urban communities to encourage and stimulate new investment in downtown areas and provides options to accommodate required parking. No change is recommended.*

### 13. Shoreline Vegetation & Natural Buffers

- Comment from Vicky & Ralph Scholtz:
  - We are asking that Council reconsider this version of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Update until it can be amended to include shoreline protection in the form of a 30-metre vegetative buffer for properties fronting onto water bodies.

**Response:** *There are a number of tools that Council has to regulate shoreline vegetation. The most significant is the 30 m water setback which restricts development. Council also has the option of invoking site plan control when considering redevelopment within the 30 m setback. Council may decide to introduce future by-laws and/or policies related to shoreline protection but it not recommended through the Zoning By-law update process. This could be addressed at a future date at the discretion of Council, consistent with Official Plan policies. No changes recommended.*

### 14. Storage Containers

- Comments from Sarah Bowles:
  - The proposed wording in Section 3.40 L) seems redundant and should be removed as it is not appropriate in the Comprehensive Zoning by law. It is not bringing anything new, no regulation or direction that is not provided for.
  - Is the proposed wording in Section 3.40 M) a zoning/planning item? I feel this is building department and permitting issue. The building code would guide this and depending on the alterations the

structures use would be determined through the Ontario Building Code then reviewed with the land use policies in the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw.

**Response:** *Section 3.40 L) is included for clarity and direction. Section 3.4 M) is intended to assist with changes to storage containers and to assist in regulating their use. No change recommended.*

#### 15. Purpose and Scope of the Zoning By-law Update

- Comment from John Jardine:
  - The Public Notice states that the purpose of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law update is to implement the policies of the new County of Renfrew Official Plan, address recent legislation, reflect best practices, and address housekeeping matters. Upon further review, this appears to be a large scope of work for the Township to work within.
  - It would be beneficial to have a report and written rationale for the proposed changes to the ZBL and how the changes came to be.

**Response:** *Reports have been prepared that have outlined the methodology used to update the Zoning By-law. The Discussion Draft is very much intended to highlight the changes so that they can be easily identified. No changes recommended*

#### 16. Comment from Sarah Bowles:

There is no definition where a day care with 5 children belongs and is open to interpretation. I would add “5 children or more” to 2.67 or “up to 5 children” for 2.68 to make sure it is clear which a daycare with 5 children fits and which it does not.

**Response:** *Agreed, it is recommended to edit Sections 2.67 and 2.68 to read: “2.67 DAY NURSERY, LICENSED means a building or part thereof in which temporary care, supervision and/or board for ~~more than~~ 5 children or more who are not of common parentage is provided and which is licensed under the Child Care and Early Years Act.” “2.68 DAY NURSERY, PRIVATE means a dwelling in which the owner or tenant conducts a home occupation by providing temporary care, supervision and board for ~~less than~~ up to 5 children who are not of common parentage.*

#### 17. Household Definition (2.135)

- Comments from Sarah Bowles:
  - How does this work for boarding houses that collect rents from the people residing in the dwelling? Where they rent a room and have common area.
  - There is an ongoing issue with institutions in our community already utilizing single family dwellings as student housing.

- Our Zoning By-law does not have clear enough definitions household for this use to protect the municipality and students. Can we include provisions to protect safety, land use management, and protect single family dwellings, especially with the housing crisis we are facing?

**Response:** *As noted above, the new Zoning By-law would benefit with a definition of Boarding House. There is significant legal protection to the use of single detached dwellings being used as student housing – this is a matter that has actually been to the Supreme Court. A dwelling is a dwelling regardless of relationships between those who occupy the dwelling. A group of students, a group of seniors, a group of adults can all occupy a dwelling – it is the use of the land that is regulated, not the user of the land. No change recommended.*

#### 18. Tourist Establishment Definition (2.257)

- Comments from Sarah Bowles:
  - The definition only includes tents trailers etc. and short-term rental. No mentions of other structures such as sleep cabins, cottages or permanent structures. Can you please clarify if that is the intent of council to encourage tent and travel trailer parks in the area and not cabin style?
  - In reference to “whether or not a fee is charged” in the definition- does that mean when I have friends over no fees are charged but they stay in a tent in my yard a few times a year I would need to rezone to tourist establishment, and this would make such a thing illegal now?

**Response:** *The definition of Tourist Establishment as presented could be improved. Change wording to read: “Shall mean a lot or buildings to be used for the purpose of sleeping accommodation on a temporary basis by tourists or vacationers, including a hotel, motel, cottage establishment, cabins, camping establishment, lodge, short term rentals or bed and breakfast, including accessory uses such as dining, meeting and convenience store and similar uses.”*

#### 19. Cottage Establishment Definition (2.64)

- Comment from Sarah Bowles:
  - Means a tourist establishment comprised of two or more cottages owned or leased by the same person. Cabin establishment shall have a corresponding meaning. Should that be “cottage/sleep cabin” establishment? There is no “cabin establishment” or maybe add “sleep cabin establishment” to the definitions. They do have different considerations and are both important to be clear.

**Response:** *This is an existing definition that appears to function well. No change recommended.*

20. Comment from Sarah Bowles:

Ensure rural accessory structures are explicitly not height restricted in Section 3.3.6.

**Response:** *There should be a height restriction for accessory structures. The height has been increased from 5 m to 7.5 m. No changes recommended.*

21. Comment from Sarah Bowles:

Regarding Section 3.3.8, is there a definition of what a slope is that would be subject to slope failure, so staff and public can ensure this provision is reviewed consistently and fairly? I see it is in 2.152 for lot area where it says 30 degrees or more, but I think adding a definition of what constitutes a slope would be necessary for this to be reviewed.

**Response:** *Agreed. The new Zoning By-law could benefit with a definition of slope such As: "a slope hazard is defined by slopes steeper than **3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3H:1V)** or **5H:1V** for sensitive soils like marine clays, and areas with a grade difference exceeding 2 metres."*

22. Suburban Reserve Zone Classification

- Comment from Bob Howe:
  - Remove and re-classify appropriately the parcels of land on the outskirts of the boundaries of the former Village of BB currently falling within this classification (which was established when the extension of municipal water/sewer was contemplated).

**Response:** *Village boundary now clearly shown on the Barry's Bay zoning schedule. The title of this schedule has also been updated. This defines the limits of the Village, as per the Renfrew County Official Plan, and clarifies that it schedule also show some lands within the Geographic Township of Sherwood.*

23. Comment from Bob Howe:

Remove the word "regulations" in Section 2.224, which implies the existence of some subordinate set of rules.

**Response:** *Agreed. Edit Section 2.224 to read "The upper storey of a private garage may be utilized as a habitable room where authorized by ~~the regulations of~~ this Zoning By- law.*

24. Comment from Bob Howe:

Delete or amend Section 3.32 to allow installers of propane cylinders to determine appropriate location on any particular lot.

**Response:** Agreed. This section is existing and is not appropriate for a zoning by-law. It should be removed in its entirety.

25. Amend setback for septic systems. Current setback of 300 m. is based on obsolete science (may not be possible if part of provincial policy (based upon obsolete science)).

**Response:** It is unclear which Section of the Zoning By-law is being referred to in this comment. The County of Renfrew Official Plan has policies related to lot creation not being permitted within 300 metres of At-Capacity Lake(s) unless certain criteria are met (Section 9.3(2)(a)). The Township of Madawaska Valley requires a minimum water setback of 30 metres for all new septic systems. No change recommended.

26. Comment from Bob Howe:

Amend to acknowledge that site plan control applies only to certain types of development according to the Site Plan Control By-law (which will need to be amended once new By-law is in effect).

**Response:** It is best to make a general reference to site plan control in the zoning by-law and leave the details of where and when site plan control applies to the prescribed site plan control by-law under Section 41(2) of the Planning Act. It is typical for the site plan control by-law to be updated following the approval of a new zoning by-law.

27. Comment from Bob Howe:

Flood Plain- Cross-reference(s) will need to be amended; perhaps new introductory language.

**Response:** Once the new Zoning By-law is ready for all approval, all cross references will be double checked and revised where appropriate.

**Staff and Agency Comments (Summarized) on Redline Discussion Draft and Recommended Action (Note: *bold underline is recommended added text – strikeout is text to be removed*)**

1. Comments from MV Manager of Planning:

- Suggested that we have an alternative definition related to a contractors yard, being a ‘limited contractors yard or shop’ which would be allow for the storage of heavy equipment, storage of sand and gravel in closed containers, etc., as a use for off site purposes; but no heavy or intensive excavation would be permitted on site. It is proposed that a “limited contractors yard” use would be permitted in the Highway Commercial (HC)

zone. The reason for this is because a contractors yard is currently only permitted in the General Industrial (GM) zone. A contractors yard should be permitted in the HC zone as well as long as there is no heavy excavation occurring on the lot.

**Response:** *Recommended that a contractors yard be added as a permitted use in the HC Zone. It is also recommended that the existing definition be clarified to pick up staff's concerns. For clarification, the current definition would not permit heavy excavation other than stored materials.*

2. Comments from Councilor Newman:

- Map 5 needs to be corrected. It should show the original boundary map of the Village of Barry's Bay. *Agreed, changes made.*
- Bed and Breakfast definition- is there a reason to limit to only 4 bedrooms? What if the home can accommodate more? *Typical zone provisions for B & B – not many houses have 5 or more bedrooms. If there is a need there can be site specific amendment to permit more than four rooms.*
- Attached Dwelling Units (Section 3.5)- there should be no limit on the size of an attached dwelling unit as long as it is built according to code, respecting setbacks, have water and septic tests and obeys height restrictions. If a limit is required, then it should be close to the square footage of the existing dwelling. *Agreed, section recommended to be removed.*
- Backyard Hens- does the municipality have the right to dictate how many hens they can have, no rooster and how to store the feed? I understand there is a concern about rats but most people who have chickens are very conscientious and do what is best for their chickens. *The Township has the ability to regulate the housing of livestock. Backyard chickens are the exception to the rule of no livestock and residential land use mix. Regulations to ensure compatibility are appropriate.*
- Section 3.11 (c)- take out rear and front yard and put in 'All' *Fire escapes are typical on side and rear of house – if they are in the front yard, they should not encroach into the front yard setback.*
- Home Occupations (Section 3.16.5)- this could read "there shall be no storage of equipment, vehicles or supplies associated with the home occupation outside of the dwelling or existing out buildings." *Agreed.*
- Propane Tanks (Section 3.32)- It is up to the home owner and Propane Company to put the tank where it is suitable and most efficient for the homeowner, providing they allow for setback restrictions. *Agreed section recommended to be removed.*
- What is a Site Control Area? Needs a definition. *Previously discussed that details are more appropriately placed in the Site Plan Control By-law.*
- A big concern of mine with this document is "over reach" by municipalities to control what home owners can and cannot do on their properties. Very often, bylaws are made because of the concerns of what happens with a couple of people and then the majority of residents are affected. *By-law is*

*consistent with the scope of Zoning By-law permitted under Section 34 of the Planning Act.*

3. Comments from the Manager of Planning at the County of Renfrew:
  - The by-law should be revised to reflect the following:
  - Full municipal services:
    - Up to 3 dwelling units permitted
  - Private services:
    - ADUs are prohibited on waterfront properties (Need to be removed from LSR zone as permitted and a general provision to this effect. OP policies allows consideration of an ADU on waterfront, but requires submission of a minor variance supported by a hydro-g and a study demonstrating no negative impact on a water body)
    - ADUs not permitted on properties smaller than 0.4 ha in area
    - ADUs not permitted on properties smaller than 0.8 ha in area, (They may be considered through the minor variance process with submission of a hydrogeological study)
    - 1 ADU permitted on properties between 0.8 ha and 2 ha, required to share both well and septic
    - 1 ADU permitted on properties greater than 2 ha, with allowance for separate well and septic
    - 2 ADUs permitted on prime agricultural properties, with the additional requirement that they be located within a farm cluster
  - Clarification required:
    - The definition and application of “attached dwelling” requires clarification. This is currently listed as a separate permitted use in the RU and some residential zones. It is unclear whether this constitutes an additional permitted dwelling unit and how it aligns with Official Plan policies regarding ADUs.
    - As written, there appears to be little distinction between an attached dwelling and an ADU. If they are intended to be treated differently, this should be clearly articulated. Otherwise, an attached dwelling would presumably need to meet the same provisions outlined above.
    - Clarifying this language now will help avoid interpretation challenges during implementation.

***Response:*** *The ARU policies will be updated to reflect the direction in the County Official Plan.*

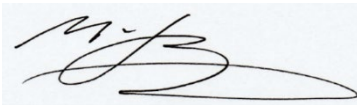
4. Comments from Algonquins of Ontario (AOO):
  - The proposed zoning by-law update applies township-wide and includes changes that may influence land use intensity, development patterns, and cumulative effects over time. While several of the proposed amendments are described as technical or housekeeping in nature, AOO notes that changes related to residential density, accessory structures, lot coverage, and permitted uses may have broader implications for lands and waters

within the Algonquin Settlement Area. Meaningful consultation should occur early in the policy development process, before preferred approaches are finalized, to allow Indigenous perspectives and interests to be appropriately considered.

- The materials circulated to date do not acknowledge Algonquin Aboriginal or treaty rights, the Algonquin Settlement Area, or AOO's role as the coordinated consultation body under the Consultation Process Interim Measures Agreement. Given the Township's location within Algonquin traditional territory, AOO expects that Indigenous consultation be addressed as a distinct and parallel process, separate from general public engagement.

***Response:*** *The CAO and Planning Consultant met with representatives of the AOO to discuss their interests in the Zoning By-law. Communication protocol with AOO is recommended for the Township. The Consultant provided clarification on the intent of various zoning provisions such as additional residential units. There was a discussion about the triggering of archaeological assessments through Planning Act applications abutting water. No changes required.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Symon', is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

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