

## Report #7 of the Planning & Economic Development Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

September 27, 2023

The Planning & Economic Development Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Wechsel Farms, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-004 ([2023-P-20](#))

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  - A) That Amendment #192 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Commissioner's Report #2023-P-20; and
  - B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Brock, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other person or public bodies who requested notification of this decision.
2. Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants Development Coordinators Ltd., on behalf of Gowanlea Ltd., to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2023-003 ([2023-P-21](#))

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  - A) That Amendment #193 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, be adopted as contained in Attachment #3 to Commissioner's Report #2023-P-21; and
  - B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Brock, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other person or public bodies who requested notification of this decision.
3. Bill 23 Update: Delegation of Durham Region Land Division Responsibilities ([2023-P-22](#))

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  - A) That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to present a By-law under Section 54 of the Planning Act delegating to the Council of each of the Region's area municipalities, the authority to grant consents, and that this by-law be passed by Council at its meeting on October 25, 2023;

- B) That That By-laws 07-2023 and 09-2023, authorizing appointments to the Regional Land Division Committee be repealed effective December 31, 2023;
  - C) That the area municipalities be requested to pass a by-law to expand the role of their Committees of Adjustment to include Consent applications effective January 1, 2024;
  - D) That a copy of Report #2023-P-22 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be provided to the Regional Land Division Committee, and each of the Region's area municipalities; and
  - E) That at the appropriate time, the Chair of the Land Division Committee and all Committee Members be thanked for their contributions and service to the Region.
4. Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – Closed matter regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board as it relates to bringing the Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD) into the Regional Corporation (2023-EDT-12)

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2023-EDT-12 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee