

DECISION

With respect to the Official Plan for the County of Perth Subsection 17(34) and Section 26 of the *Planning Act*

I hereby approve, as modified, the Perth County Official Plan as adopted by By-law No. 4003-2024, subject to the following modifications, with additions in **bold underline** and deletions in **~~bold strikethrough~~**:

1. Section 1.1 What is the Official Plan is modified by modifying the first paragraph and clause (b) as follows:

The Official Plan has been adopted by the Council of Perth County under the authority of Section ~~17-6~~ of the *Planning Act*. The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to prepare an Official Plan to provide policies related to growth and *development* ~~for a period of 25 years,~~ to provide long-range stability and a consistent vision for growth in the County.

(b) The *~~Provincial Planning Policy Statement, 2024~~* provides mandatory policies and guidance for the creation of strong communities, the wise use and management of resources and the protection of public health and safety.

2. Section 1.2.1 Plan Organization is modified by modifying the second paragraph and third paragraph as follows:

Policies in this Plan that use the word “will” or “shall” express a mandatory course of action. Where the words “encourage” or “may” are used, it indicates that the County requires consideration be given to the policy, but not necessarily compliance in all instances. Such policies provide direction and support for achieving the vision and goals of this Official Plan. **With the exception of policies within the Official Plan that are directed or mandated through Provincial Policy, N**~~one~~ of the policies are intended to formally commit County Council ~~or lower-tier municipalities~~ or lower-tier municipalities to providing funding for their implementation and funding decisions will be made by County Council on a case-by-case basis.

Italicized terms in this Plan are defined in the Glossary **and/or the Provincial Planning Statement**. Defined terms are intended to capture both the singular and plural ~~of~~ forms of these terms. For other terms, the normal meaning of the word as defined by the Canadian Oxford Dictionary applies. Underlined terms in this Plan indicate the names of statutes, laws, acts, or similar documents.

3. Section 2.3 General Growth Management Policies is modified by creating a new clause (f) and relabeling the existing clause (f) as follows:

(f) Lower-Tier Municipalities shall maintain at all times where new development is to occur, land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a 3 year supply of

residential units available through lands suitably zoned, including units in draft approved or registered plans.

(g)-(f) The Lower-Tier Municipalities will prepare *Master Infrastructure Servicing Plans* for a 25-year planning horizon.

4. A new Section 3.1.1.2 Site Specific Neighbourhood Policies with clauses (a) and (b) is created as follows:

Section 3.1.1.2 Site Specific Neighbourhood Policies

(a) Lot 340 and Part of Lot 341, Registered Plan No. 339, Mitchell Ward, Municipality of West Perth.

A commercial development described as an automobile gas bar, an automobile washing establishment, and convenience store with an accessory apartment dwelling(s) shall also be permitted. The following criteria shall apply to the permitted uses on this parcel of land:

- i. The buildings and structures for the permitted uses shall be designed and constructed in harmony with surrounding residential uses and measures shall be required to avoid the disruption of the normal enjoyment of a residential neighbourhood as a result of excessive light, noise, traffic congestion, signs, and the assembly of people;**
- ii. Adequate off-street parking areas and loading and unloading facilities shall be provided;**
- iii. Access must not create nor generate conditions that are considered to be hazardous to traffic movement on the surrounding road network;**
- iv. Adequate buffering shall be provided along the northerly and easterly boundaries of the subject land where residential uses abut the subject land. Such buffering may take the form of fencing and landscaping and/or landscaping in the form of a planting strip; and**
- v. The floor area of the convenience store permitted on the subject land shall not exceed 600 square metres.**

(b) 622 Elma Street, Listowel Ward, Municipality of North Perth.

Permitted uses on this parcel of land are limited to business and professional offices and shall have a maximum gross floor area of 500 square metres.

5. Section 3.1.3.3.1 Site Specific Corridor Commercial Policies is modified by modifying the section heading to "Section 3.1.3.4 Site Specific Corridor Commercial Policies" and by creating a new clause (c) as follows:

(c) Part 1 of Reference Plan 44R-4545, Part Lot J of Registered Plan 194 (670 Main Street East), Listowel Ward, Municipality of North Perth.

Notwithstanding the policies of Section 3.1.3 of this Official Plan, residential uses may be permitted on the upper floor levels and the rear 50% on the ground level; there shall be no more than 20 residential units on the property and the building

height shall not exceed 12.19 m.

6. Section 3.1.5 Institutional is modified by adding a new section 3.1.5.4 Site-Specific Institutional Policies and clause (a) as follows:

3.1.5.4 Site-Specific Institutional Policies

(a) Concession 2 North Part Lot 23; Wallace Ward, Municipality of North Perth.

The lands designated 'Institutional' shall be used as Institutional or Neighbourhood, but not both and not any combination of both.

7. Section 3.2.2 Permitted Uses is modified by relabeling the last five clauses as follows:

- (a) Low Density residential forms of development;
- i. Uses that are accessory to the primary residential use on the same lot, including Bed and breakfast establishments, Home occupations, and Private home day cares.
- (b) Supportive housing, group homes, senior citizens' homes or similar housing facilities for senior citizens including nursing homes;
- (c) *Additional Residential Units* and Garden Suites in accordance with Section 4.2.5;
- ~~(a-d)~~ Small-scale retail and service commercial uses.
- ~~(b-e)~~ Institutional Uses, including Elementary schools; Places of worship; and Local government buildings;
- ~~(c-f)~~ Community Centres and other community uses.
- ~~(d-g)~~ Parks, trails, open spaces.
- ~~(e-h)~~ Uses, buildings and structures accessory to the principal uses permitted in the 'Village and Hamlet' designation.

8. Section 3.4.2 General Policies is modified by modifying clause (g) iii. as follows:

(g) iii. Adequate distance separation and buffering shall be provided from adjacent sensitive uses **in accordance with Provincial guidelines, standards and procedures**. Distance separation shall be addressed through the local municipal zoning by-law while buffering (e.g., fencing, landscaping) shall be considered at the site plan stage; and

9. Section 3.5.3 General Agricultural Policies is modified by modifying clause (b) as follows:

(b) ~~Prime agricultural~~ **L**ands may only be removed from the 'Agriculture' designation for the expansion of Settlement Areas in accordance with policy Section 2.7 of this Plan.

10. Section 3.5.4 Permitted Uses is modified by adding a new second bullet as follows:

- **Mineral aggregate resource extraction uses, in accordance with Section 3.5.4.4.5;**

11. Section 3.5.4.1 Agricultural Uses is modified by deleting the first paragraph and modifying clause (c) as follows:

~~Agricultural uses consist of the land base, barns and livestock housing, silos, manure storage facilities and other farm buildings/structures that support the farm operation. Woodlots located on farm properties are considered part of the farm units.~~

(c) **~~Additional farm accommodations~~ Housing for farm workers** may be permitted ~~where when the size and nature of the farm operations exist and that requires additional employment, and that require additional accommodation for farm labour. In addition to the criteria in Section 4.2.5.2 for Additional Residential Units, in the case of farm accommodations for more than 4 employees,~~ the following criteria shall apply:

i. There is a demonstrated need for this form of housing accommodation due to the nature of the *farm operation*;

ii. The housing for farm workers is appropriately serviced, and is located in proximity to the principal dwelling within the established farm cluster of the farm operation. Where a primary dwelling does not exist, housing for farm workers shall be located within the farm cluster on the lot. The intent of this policy is to minimize the loss of agricultural land and impacts to the agricultural area;

~~ii-iii.~~ Where the accommodation will provide housing for 8 or more residents, on-site amenities and/or an outside amenity area is required;

iii-iv. Where housing is provided for more than 8 residents, it Housing for farm workers may be subject to site plan control regarding any of the matters outlined in this Section and any other matter deemed appropriate including the removal of any non-permanent structures when they are no longer required; and

iv-v. The farm accommodations are Housing for farm workers is an integral part of a farm operation and the severance of such housing dwellings from the *farm operation* or the conversion of such housing into separately transferrable unit(s) through plan of condominium shall not be permitted.

12. Section 3.5.4.2 Agricultural-Related Uses is modified by modifying the first sentence and clauses (a) and (b) and deleting clause (m) as follows:

Farm-related commercial and industrial uses which are **directly related to farm operations in the area, supportive of support** agricultural/farming activities, **benefit from being in close proximity to farm operations, and provide direct products and/or services to farm operations as a primary activity** are permitted in the Agriculture designation, subject to the following policies:

(a) Prior to the establishment of new agricultural-related uses the proponent/developer must first satisfy the County and Lower-tier Municipality that a location in the Agriculture designation is necessary and appropriate, that the agricultural-related use is compatible with surrounding agricultural operations, and is directly related and provides services to farm operations in the area, **supports agriculture, and benefits from being in close proximity to farm operations** as a primary activity;

(b) Consideration must be given to the availability of alternative locations in or close to nearby *settlement areas* (particularly Village and *Serviced Urban Areas*), the availability of alternative locations having **lower** ~~poor~~ soil capabilities for agriculture, and the possible

reuse of other non-agricultural-related properties in the vicinity;

~~(m) One accessory dwelling unit may be permitted provided that the following criteria are satisfied:~~

~~i. The accessory dwelling location conforms with Minimum Distance Separation I requirements;~~

~~ii. Where the accessory dwelling is being established in conjunction with a new agricultural-related use, the proponent/developer must enter into an agreement with the local municipal Council stating that the commercial/industrial use is to be substantially completed prior to the establishment of the accessory dwelling or the implementing municipal Zoning By-law must contain provisions for this purpose; and~~

~~iii. An accessory dwelling shall continue to be accessory to agricultural-related use and consent to sever such dwelling from the commercial/ industrial activity shall not be permitted.~~

~~iv. Access to an accessory dwelling must be from the existing access driveway. No new access driveway shall be permitted for the accessory dwelling.~~

~~v. An accessory dwelling unit is not permitted on the portion of any lot which contains natural hazards or does not meet provincial access standards during a regulatory flood event.~~

13. Section 3.5.4.4.1 Limited Non-Residential Uses is modified by modifying the introductory paragraph and clauses (a), (b), (e), and (f) as follows:

3.5.4.4.1 Limited Non-Residential Uses

New **or expanding limited** non-residential uses, including new or expanding recreational uses, are not permitted in the Agriculture designation, and require a ~~n~~ **site-specific** Official Plan Amendment **to be permitted**. Applications for Official Plan Amendment must submit an *Agricultural Impact Assessment* addressing the following criteria:

(a) There is a demonstrated need within the planning horizon of this Plan for **additional land to accommodate** the proposed or expanding use;

(b) Alternative locations have been evaluated, and there are ~~clearly no other~~ reasonable alternative **locations which avoid that are outside of prime agricultural areas**;

(e) The proposed use complies with the **minimum distance separation formulae required MDS I setback distances**; and

(f) Impacts from any new or expanding non-agricultural uses on **the agricultural system are to be avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated, based on Provincial guidance surrounding agricultural operations and lands will be minimized to the extent feasible.**

14. Section 3.5.4.4.3 Existing Industrial and Commercial Uses in the Agriculture Designation is modified by modifying the introductory paragraph and clause (g) as follows:

Historical industrial and commercial uses located within the Agriculture designation, that legally existed on the date of adoption of this Plan, shall be permitted to continue operation, in accordance with the implementing Zoning By-law. ~~Future expansion and/or~~

~~redevelopment of these historical uses for future industrial and commercial uses in the Agricultural designation may be permitted. In addition to section 3.5.4.4.1 of this Plan, T~~the following policies shall guide the continued operation and potential future expansion of these, albeit few, historical industrial and commercial uses:

(g) Impacts from any new or expanding non-agricultural uses on the agricultural system are avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated as determined through an agricultural impact assessment or equivalent analysis, based on provincial guidance~~surrounding agricultural operations and lands will be minimized to the extent feasible.~~

15. Section 3.5.4.4.4 New Institutional and Public Uses is modified by modifying the second paragraph and clause (a), relabeling subsequent clauses, and creating new clauses (h) and (i) as follows:

Notwithstanding the above, new schools, places of worship, and cemeteries ~~may be~~ **are** permitted, within the 'Agriculture' designation where such schools, places of worship, and cemeteries are small in scale and intend to primarily serve a community which relies on horse-drawn vehicles subject to the following criteria:

(a) Reasonable justification in support of the selected site must be provided. Such justification must consider alternative sites ~~o~~ **in non-prime agricultural farmland areas, lower priority agricultural lands,** and hamlet areas in the vicinity;

~~(a)-(c)~~ Schools, places of worship, and cemeteries intended to primarily serve a community which relies on horse-drawn vehicles are required to satisfy the minimum distance separation provisions of MDS I. Such uses will be considered as Type A land uses for the purposes of both MDS I and MDS II;

~~(b)-(d)~~ To assist in meeting the provisions of MDS I, a school and/or church may be located on a farm property as a part of a farm **building**-cluster and served by the principal farm access driveway;

~~(c)-(e)~~ Where a place of worship is to be located on a farm property and adjacent to a cemetery on a separate lot, the access to the church may be by the access driveway serving the cemetery use;

~~(d)-(f)~~ In the case of schools, the use of long-term leases as opposed to land severances, shall be encouraged;

~~(e)-(g)~~ In respect to cemeteries, acceptable arrangements must be made for the perpetual care of the cemetery; ~~and~~

(h) There is an identified need within the planning horizon for additional land to accommodate the proposed use;

(i) Impacts from any new or expanding schools, places of worship, or cemeteries on the agricultural system are to be avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated as determined through an agricultural impact assessment or equivalent analysis, based on provincial guidance; and

~~(f)-(j)~~ An amendment to the Lower-tier Municipality's implementing Zoning By-law and a site plan agreement shall be required for such schools, places of worship and cemeteries.

16. A new Section 3.5.4.4.5 Mineral and Resource Extraction is created as follows:

3.5.4.4.5 Mineral and Resource Extraction

The extraction of *minerals, petroleum resources and mineral aggregate resources* is permitted in the 'Agriculture' designation as an interim use, subject to Section 3.6 and the following criteria:

(a) Impacts on the *agricultural system* from any new or expanding uses related to the extraction of *minerals, petroleum resources and mineral aggregate resources* are to be addressed.

(b) The land impacted by the interim use will be rehabilitated back to an *agricultural condition*.

(c) Notwithstanding (b), complete rehabilitation to an *agricultural condition* is not required if the depth of planned extraction makes restoration of pre-extraction agricultural capability unfeasible and agricultural rehabilitation in remaining areas is maximized.

17. Section 3.5.6 Site Specific Policy Areas is modified by adding a new clause e) as follows:

e) Part of Lots 18 & 19, Concession 14, Blanshard Ward, Municipality of Perth South

Notwithstanding the policies of this Official Plan to the contrary, a 'haul road' (including related ditches/screening/berms) accessory to an aggregate extraction facility on *adjacent lands* to the south may be permitted within a portion of the subject property subject to the following condition:

i. Upon rehabilitation of the aggregate extraction facility, the 'haul road' and related features shall either be removed, and the land *rehabilitated* for agricultural use, or incorporated into the future use(s) of the land.

18. Section 3.6.2 Mineral Aggregate Resources is modified by modifying clauses (g) and (m) as follows:

(g) *Development* and activities that would preclude or hinder the establishment of new operations or access to the resources in known *deposits of mineral aggregate resources* and/or within 300 metres of sand and gravel resources ~~or the licensed boundary of an existing pit,~~ and within 500 metres of bedrock resource areas ~~or the licensed boundary of an existing quarry,~~ will only be permitted if:

~~i. The use will not preclude or hinder the establishment of new mineral aggregate resource operations or access to the resources; or~~

~~ii. i.~~ The resource use would not be feasible; or

~~iii. ii.~~ The proposed land use or *development* serves a greater long-term public interest; and

~~iii.~~ iii. Issues of public health, public safety and environmental impact are addressed.

(m) *Mineral aggregate operations* shall be protected from *development* **and** activities that would preclude or hinder their expansion or continued use or which would be incompatible for reasons of public health, public safety, or environmental impact. Existing *mineral aggregate operations* shall be permitted to continue without the need for an Official Plan amendment, rezoning or development permit under the *Planning Act*. Where the *Aggregate Resources Act* applies, only processes under the *Aggregate Resources Act* shall address the depth of extraction of new or existing mineral aggregate operations. **When a license for extraction or operation ceases to exist, policy 3.6.2 (g) continues to apply.**

19. Section 3.6.3 Existing, New, or Expanding Mineral Resource Operations is modified by modifying the first clause (c), creating a new clause (h), and relabeling subsequent clauses as follows:

(c) Wayside pits and quarries, portable asphalt plants and portable concrete plants used on public authority contracts will be permitted in all designations without the need for amendment to the County Official Plan or local ~~z~~**Zoning** ~~b~~**By-law**, except in *Settlement Areas*, **within Provincially protected features and areas of the 'Natural Heritage Features' Overlay identified on Schedule D, within Environment designation the 'Provincially Significant Wetlands' designation,** or environmentally sensitive areas;

(h) Impacts from any new or expanding mineral aggregate resource operations on the agricultural system are to be addressed, minimized, and mitigated as determined through an agricultural impact assessment or equivalent analysis, based on provincial guidance. Where Section 3.6.3 (c) exempts Wayside pits and quarries, portable asphalt plants and portable concrete plants used on public authority contracts from a Planning Act application, such uses are also exempt from providing an agricultural impact assessment.

~~(h)~~ **(i)** Applications for new mineral aggregate resource operations, or expansions to an existing mineral aggregate resource operation, will prepare studies to address the following to the satisfaction of the County and Lower-tier Municipality:

~~(a)~~ **i.** Surrounding land uses and siting of extraction operations, including demonstration of compatibility with the rural character and landscape, including visual impacts;

~~(b)~~ **ii.** Surrounding sensitive uses through adequate buffering, screening, and other mitigation measures;

~~(c)~~ **iii.** Transportation *infrastructure*, according to the requirements of the Lower-tier Municipality, County Highways and/or the Ministry of Transportation;

~~(d)~~ **iv.** Surface water and groundwater quality and quantity;

~~(e)~~ **v.** Provincially significant natural features, natural **heritage environment** features and areas;

~~(f)~~ **vi.** Cultural heritage and archaeological resources;

~~(g)~~ **vii.** Noise, dust and vibration, in accordance with Provincial Standards;

~~(h)~~ **viii.** The removal and placement of fill, topsoil or overburden;

~~(i)~~ **ix.** Demonstration that the final rehabilitation plan is consistent with *Aggregate Resources Act* requirements;

~~(j)~~ **x.** Other matters identified by the Province, County, or Lower-tier Municipality; and

~~(k)~~ **xi.** Requirements under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

~~(l)~~ **xii.** The matters identified in Section 3.6.2(c) will consider the potential *cumulative impacts*

that may result from a proposed new or expanding mineral aggregate resource operation when added to other past, present and known mineral aggregate resource applications in the vicinity. The appropriate level of detail, analysis, boundaries and baseline data to be used in the *cumulative impact* assessment will be determined by the County and Lower-Tier Municipalities, applicable Conservation Authority(ies), and in consultation with the owner/applicant as part of the pre-application consultation meeting prior to applying;

~~(m)-xiii.~~ A pre-application consultation meeting is strongly encouraged in accordance with Section 6.5 of this plan;

~~(n)-xiv.~~ Where the licensee has circulated an application under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, to expand an existing licensed mineral *aggregate operation* or increase the depth of extraction which does not require the approval of a *development* application, the County and Lower-tier Municipality will review and provide comments on the application to the Province in the context of all policies in this Plan that would apply to an application for a new or expanding mineral *aggregate operation*;

~~(o)-xv.~~ The County will encourage the Province to ensure that all appropriate requirements resulting from the review of an application for a new or expanding mineral *aggregate operation* are imposed and enforced as conditions on the license or through the site plan required under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, particularly as it relates to the matters identified in policy 3.6.2.1 c).

20. Section 3.6.6 Site Specific Policies – Mineral Aggregate is modified by deleting clause a) and adding a new clause a) as follows:

~~a) OPA 155 – Part of Lots 18 & 19, Concession 14, Blanshard Ward, Municipality of Perth South~~

~~Notwithstanding the policies of this Official Plan to the contrary, a ‘haul road’ (including related ditches/screening/berms) accessory to an aggregate extraction facility on adjacent lands to the south may be permitted within a portion of the subject property subject to the following conditions:~~

~~i. Upon rehabilitation of the aggregate extraction facility, the ‘haul road’ and related features shall either be removed and the land rehabilitated for agricultural use, or incorporated into the future use(s) of the land.~~

a) Notwithstanding Section 3.6, the following properties are exempt from policies 3.6.2 (g) and (h) in the County Official Plan:

i. Lands described as Lot 19, Concession 7, North Easthope Ward, Township of Perth East.

ii. Lands described as Concession 4, Lot 6, Township of Perth South.

21. Section 3.7 Natural Environment and Water Resources is modified by modifying the section heading and second paragraph as follows:

Section 3.7 Natural **Heritage Environment** and Water Resources

[...]

The policies in this section do not apply to existing *agricultural uses* or farm practices and are only implemented through a *Planning Act* application such as a Zoning By-law Amendment, the creation of a new lot or lots, a site plan application or minor variance. The construction of new **agricultural** buildings or structures on lands with a **the Natural Heritage**

Features Overlay Environment designation is permitted in accordance with the applicable Zoning By-law. The policies of this section also do not apply to the maintenance of municipal drains.

22. Section 3.7.2 Natural Environment Designations is modified as follows:

3.7.2 Natural ~~Environment~~ **Heritage** Designations and Natural Heritage Features Overlay

The County recognizes the significance of the ecological connectivity between and among natural **heritage features and environment** areas. The policies of this plan consider the natural **heritage environment** features and areas as a system that is ecologically linked and relies on the interconnections between the natural environment, surface water features and *groundwater features*.

This Official Plan ~~contains two natural environment~~ utilizes the ‘Natural Heritage’ designation and the ‘Provincially Significant Wetlands’ designation-s on Schedule B and a Natural Heritage Features Overlay on Schedules B, D, and E to implement ~~this~~ protection of the Natural Heritage System framework.

• ~~‘Natural Environment’~~; and

• ~~‘Natural Environment—Provincially Significant Wetlands’~~

The ‘Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~’ designation, located inside settlement areas, and the Natural Heritage Features Overlay, located outside settlement areas, are shown on Schedule B of this Official Plan and ~~include-s~~ the following features:

• Provincially Significant Features and Areas, including S-significant woodlands, significant valleylands, and provincially significant life science and earth science areas of natural and scientific interest (ANSIs), as per the definitions of “significant” in the Provincial Policy Planning Statement and as outlined on Schedule D of this Official Plan; and

• Regionally Significant Features and Areas, such as V-various other ecologically important features from a natural heritage environment system perspective, including additional features and areas such as woodlands, locally regionally significant wetlands, and unevaluated wetlands, young plantations, vegetation connective links, lands that have been restored to a natural state, areas that support hydrologic functions, and environmentally sensitive areas that enable ecological functions to continue.

• The ‘Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~’ designation and the Natural Heritage Features Overlay ~~do-es~~ not include thickets or meadows.

The ~~‘Natural Environment—Provincially Significant Wetlands’~~ designation shown on Schedule B of this Official Plan includes provincially *significant wetlands*.

Natural **heritage features and environment** areas within Perth County, both within and outside *settlement areas*, will be protected, restored, and enhanced for the benefit of present and future generations by policies and/or mapping. The most significant and sensitive natural **heritage environment** features and areas have been designated or identified on the mapping contained in Schedules B, D, and E. Natural **heritage**

environment features and areas which may not be designated or identified on Schedules B, D, and E may still be protected from *development* and *site alteration* by the policies of this Official Plan.

The Perth Natural Heritage Systems Study (PNHSS), completed in 2018 and updated in 2019, provides the technical and scientific basis for the County's natural heritage system-natural environment designations. The PNHSS modelled the terrestrial ecology of the County using 2010 and 2015 aerial photography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping. Site visits were also undertaken to ground-truth the County's terrestrial ecology and updated geospatial data layers were obtained from the Province, where available, to ensure the County's natural heritage system was a representation of the most detailed and up-to-date information available.

A comprehensive inventory of natural heritage environment-features and understanding of their functions are the first steps in *natural heritage environment* system management. Building an inventory is an ongoing process that involves collaboration between the County, Lower-Tier Municipalities, the Province, landowners and the broader community. The 'Natural Heritage Environment designation, and 'Natural Environment—'Provincially Significant Wetlands' designation, s in Schedule B and Natural Heritage Features Overlay in Schedules B, D, and E represent s the most detailed and up-to-date information available for the County's terrestrial *natural heritage environment* system.

Significant effort has been made to ground-truth the natural heritage environment features and areas shown on Schedules B, D, and E during the preparation of this Official Plan. Extensive public consultation and site visits contributed to creation of the mapping. Boundary confirmation and feature evaluation can be included as requirements of any Ecological Site Assessment (ESA) or Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that may be required in support of a proposed land use change or *development* application to further assess the natural heritage features and areas located on a property.

Fish habitat, habitat of *endangered species* and *threatened species*, and significant wildlife habitat are all significant within the Provincial Planning Statement; however, were not assessed by the PNHSS and will be evaluated on a site-by-site basis at the time of *development* applications in accordance with Section 3.7.5.2 and 3.7.5.4 of this Plan.

~~Provincially and regionally significant Earth Science ANSIs are shown on Appendix 2: Earth Science ANSIs. Earth Science ANSIs do not have unique vegetation community features that result from their characteristics, and are not designated Natural Environment on Schedule B of this Plan.~~

~~Note: The Provincial Policy Statement (2020) refers to “natural heritage” features and areas and “natural heritage” system, rather than “natural environment” features and systems, as referred in this document. Natural heritage features and areas and *natural heritage systems* as defined in the Provincial Policy Statement should be considered synonymous with natural environment features and areas and *natural environment systems* referred to in this Plan. Throughout this document ‘natural environment’ will be used in place of ‘natural heritage’.~~

23. Section 3.7.5 Permitted Uses is modified as follows:

Uses such as conservation, forestry, wildlife areas and passive recreation are permitted within the 'Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~' and '~~Natural Environment~~—Provincially Significant Wetlands' designations. Passive recreational uses are those that do not require the *development* of specific facilities or those that cause minimal impact on the natural features and functions of the area. This could include activities such as walking/hiking, birdwatching, ~~hunting/target shooting~~, fishing, swimming, or picnicking. ~~Existing S-~~ shooting ranges shall only be permitted where approved by the Provincial Chief Firearms Office and compliant with the *Firearms Act*. Hunting shall only be permitted in alignment with the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*. The policies in this section provide direction for the 'Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~' designation inside settlement areas, the Natural Heritage Features Overlay outside settlement areas, and the '~~Natural Environment~~—Provincially Significant Wetlands' designation.

Nothing in this Plan shall limit the ability of existing recreational uses ~~or agricultural uses within settlement areas~~ to continue on lands within or adjacent to lands designated 'Natural ~~Heritage~~ Environment'.

Nothing in this Plan shall limit the ability of agricultural uses to continue on lands designated 'Agriculture' within or adjacent to the Natural Heritage Features Overlay.
~~New agricultural uses shall comply with Section 3.7.5.1.~~

24. Section 3.7.5.1 Natural Environment Policies is modified by modifying the section heading, introductory paragraph, and clauses (a), (b), (f), and (g), and by creating new clauses (h) and (i) as follows:

3.7.5.1 Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~ Policies

The '~~Natural Heritage~~ Environment' designation within settlement areas and the Natural Heritage Features Overlay outside settlement areas ~~do-es~~ not preclude *development*; however, there is an interest in protecting these areas from incompatible *development*. As such, *development* shall be directed away from forested and other natural areas where an alternative location exists on the property. Further, the Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~ policies encourage that the importance and ecological context of a Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~ feature be considered when land use changes and development decisions are considered. Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~ areas identified as ~~locally regionally~~ significant wetlands, *significant woodlands*, significant valleylands, *significant wildlife habitat*, and significant areas of natural and scientific interest ~~life science ANSIs~~ shall be protected in accordance with the following policies:

(a) *Development* and *site alteration* shall not be permitted within areas designated 'Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~' or within the Natural Heritage Features Overlay on Schedules ~~B, D, and E~~ or on *adjacent lands* unless it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the County there will be no *negative impacts* on the natural features or their ecological functions ~~to the natural environment~~;

(b) In cases where the accuracy of the mapping provided on Schedules ~~B, D, or E~~ is disputed, an applicant may submit an Ecological Site Assessment (ESA), prepared by a qualified professional, for review by the County and the Conservation Authority having

jurisdiction to confirm the location of the natural features. If the ESA demonstrates to the satisfaction of the approval authority that the proposed *development* would be outside the *adjacent lands* distance, then no further environmental studies will be required;

(f) Uses that existed in the 'Natural Heritage' Environment designation-s and Natural Heritage Features Overlay on the date of passing of this Plan are permitted to continue and may be placed in a site-specific exception zone to recognize the use. Expansions to existing uses, and changes to existing uses will be subject to a zoning by-law amendment application and must demonstrate that the proposed change will have no *negative impact* on the natural feature or their *ecological functions*; ~~and,~~

(g) These areas are subject to change as new information becomes available and may be identified ~~as of~~ modified on the ~~s~~ Schedules of this plan without amendment-;

(h) Provincially Significant Features and Areas shall be given higher priority for protection than Regionally Significant Features and Areas in accordance with Provincial policy; and,

(i) An Environmental Impact Study is not required for existing *mineral aggregate operations* or *agricultural uses* on or adjacent to lands containing Regionally Significant Natural Heritage Features and Areas.

25. Section 3.7.5.5 Earth Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) is modified by modifying the section heading and part of the first and third paragraphs, as well as creating new clauses (e) and (f) as follows:

3.7.5.5 Earth Science and Life Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI)

Areas of natural and scientific interest include areas within Perth County that contain natural landscapes or features that have life science or earth science value related to protection, scientific study, or education.

Life Science ANSIs contain relatively undisturbed vegetation and landforms, representing the best examples of biodiversity and natural landscapes within the County. Only 1 Provincially Significant Life Science ANSI has been identified within Perth County and is locally known as Molesworth Woods in the Township of Perth East, and identified on Schedule D. Regionally significant Life Science ANSIs include Ellice Huckleberry Swamp, Phillipsburg Swamp, and Little Lakes Bog and Swamp Forest Complex, as illustrated on Schedule E.

Earth Science ANSIs consist of some of the most significant representative examples of the bedrock, fossil and landforms in Ontario, and include examples of ongoing geological process. Provincially ~~s~~ Significant Earth Science ANSIs have been identified in ~~seven-7~~ specific areas, as illustrated on Schedule D: [...]

Regionally ~~s~~ Significant Earth Science ANSIs have been identified in twelve specific areas, as illustrated on Schedule E: [...]

(e) Provincially Significant Earth Science and Life Science ANSIs shall be given higher priority for protection than Regionally Significant Earth Science and Life Science ANSI in accordance with Provincial policy.

(f) An Environmental Impact Study is not required for existing *mineral aggregate operations or agricultural uses* on lands containing Regionally Significant Earth Science or Life Science ANSI.

26. Section 3.7.5.6 Lands Adjacent to Natural Environment Features is modified by modifying the section heading, clauses (d) ii., (d) iv., and (d) viii., and by creating new clauses (e) and (f) as follows:

3.7.5.6 Lands Adjacent to Natural **Heritage Environment** Features

(d) ii. **Locally-Regionally** significant wetlands and unevaluated wetlands – 120 metres

(d) iv. Significant valleylands – **120-50** metres

(d) viii. Fish habitat – **120-100** metres

(e) Lands adjacent to Provincially Significant *Natural Heritage Features and Areas* shall be given higher priority for protection than lands adjacent to Regionally Significant Natural Heritage Features and Areas in accordance with Provincial policy.

(f) An Environmental Impact Study is not required for existing *mineral aggregate operations or agricultural uses* on lands adjacent to Regionally Significant Natural Heritage Features and Areas.

27. Section 3.7.6.1 Ecological Site Assessments (ESA) is modified by modifying the third paragraph as follows:

If an ESA determines that a Natural **Heritage Environment** feature is present, and *development* or site alteration is proposed either with the Natural **Heritage Environment** feature or within the *adjacent lands* distance identified in **Section 3.7.5.6 Table 3.1**, then an Environmental Impact Study shall be required to demonstrate the proposal will have no *negative impacts* on the natural feature or its *ecological functions*.

28. Section 3.7.6.2 Environmental Impact Studies (EIS) is modified by modifying the first paragraph as follows:

An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) may be required where *development* or *site alteration* is proposed in **areas designated the 'Natural **Heritage Environment** designation or **Natural Heritage Features Overlay****, lands adjacent to any 'Natural **Heritage Environment** designation **or Natural Heritage Features Overlay**, and any lands adjacent to '**Natural-Environment**—Provincially Significant Wetlands' designation. The primary objective of an EIS is first, to identify and assess the potential impacts of *development* on the natural features and functions of the site to ensure the proposed *development* conforms with relevant natural **heritage environment** policies and second, where *development* is concluded to be appropriate, to ensure its integration with the natural system through sensitive design and/or the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.

29. Section 3.7.6.3 Environmental Impact Study Scoping is modified by modifying the first paragraph as follows:

Where *development* is proposed within the *adjacent land* width of a natural feature as identified in **Schedule D, Schedule E, and Section 3.7.5.6 Table 3-1**, an applicant shall evaluate the extent to which *development* or site alteration on *adjacent lands* may affect natural **heritage-environment** features and areas and determine the likelihood that there will be a *negative impact* on the natural **heritage-environment** feature or its *ecological functions*. The County and/or Lower-tier Municipality will work with the applicant to determine the scope of the Environmental Impact Study.

30. Section 3.9.3.2 New and/or Expanded Recreational Uses is modified by modifying clause (b) as follows:

(b) An *Agricultural Impact Assessment*, **based on Provincial guidance**, will be required to consider the potential impacts that such *development* may have on the agricultural land base, **agri-food network**, and existing *agricultural uses*. If it is determined that the proposed recreational *development* will have an adverse affect on the surrounding *agricultural uses*, the recreational *development* shall not be permitted. Minimum distance separation will be required where a proposed recreational use is in proximity to livestock and/or poultry operations and it is a policy of this Plan that the MDS I provisions shall be applied and must be satisfied;

31. Section 4.6.2 Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes is modified by modifying the section heading and clauses (b), (g), and (i) as follows:

4.6.2 Built Heritage **Resources** and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

(b) Lower-Tier Municipalities may utilize their authority under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to designate individual properties under Part IV and heritage conservation districts under Part V that are of cultural heritage value or interest. Lower-Tier Municipalities may also prepare a conservation plan for municipally-owned **protected** heritage properties to address their on-going care and management of the ~~cultural heritage resource or~~ protected **heritage** property.

(g) Where proposed *development* has the potential to impact *cultural heritage resources*, the affected built heritage **resources**, *cultural heritage landscapes*, and archaeological resources shall be conserved. *Development* that may have an impact should promote construction and features that are distinguishable from, while sensitive and complementary to, the existing built fabric and the overall streetscape attributes.

(i) The County and Lower-Tier Municipalities must ensure adequate screening is undertaken for significant built heritage **resources** and significant *cultural heritage landscapes*, in alignment with Provincial Policy.

32. Section 4.7.8.3 Stormwater Management is modified by creating a new clause (o) as follows:

(o) Planning for stormwater management shall:

- i. be integrated with planning for sewage and water services and ensure that systems are optimized, retrofitted as appropriate, feasible and financially viable over their full life cycle;**
- ii. minimize, or, where possible, prevent or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and contaminant loads;**
- iii. mitigate risks to human health, safety, property and the environment;**
- iv. promote best practices, including stormwater attenuation and re-use, and water conservation and efficiency, and *low impact development*; and**
- v. align with any comprehensive municipal plans for stormwater management that consider cumulative impacts of stormwater from development on a *watershed* scale.**

33. Section 5.1.1 Agriculture Lot Creation and Adjustment is modified by modifying clauses (a), (b), (d), and (h) iv., deleting clause (f) in its entirety, and creating a new clause (l) as follows:

(a) Lot creation in *prime agricultural areas* is discouraged and may only be permitted in accordance with Provincial guidance for agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, one new residential lot per farm consolidation for a residence surplus to a farming operation, infrastructure, and lot adjustments for legal or technical reasons.

The splitting of original farm units (i.e. 40.5 hectare/100 acre) into smaller farm parcels is discouraged. The minimum lot area and lot frontage requirements for farm use as set out in the Lower-tier Municipality's implementing Zoning By-law must be met.

(b) For lot creation for *agricultural uses*, Farming must be the intended use of each resulting lot. The size of each lot must be of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural use(s) common in the area and large enough to provide the current/future farm operators with the flexibility to maintain a viable *farm operation* and change the type and size of agricultural operation of commodities produced to meet changing economic conditions and trends in agriculture.

(d) For lot creation for *agricultural-related uses*, lot creation and lot enlargement are permitted in accordance with Section 5.1.1. The lot created or enlarged the new lot shall be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services.

(f) Consents for the purpose of enlarging existing non-farm use lots may be permitted provided that the following criteria are satisfied:

- i. The need for the lot enlargement must be clearly identified and such need must prove satisfactory to the consent granting authority;**
- ii. The area being severed for lot enlargement purposes should be minimal in size and related to the demonstrated and accepted need;**
- iii. All of the lots involved in the consent application (e.g. enlarged lot and retained lot) must be in conformity with the provisions of the implementing Zoning By-law. Where such is not the case, consideration shall be given to imposing a condition requiring an amendment to the Zoning By-law to achieve by-law conformity;**
- iv. MDS I setback requirements from neighbouring livestock operations must be satisfied. An exception to this may be applied where the required MDS I distances**

~~were not met prior to the severance being considered and where the proposed lot enlargement will not further reduce any existing separation distance, or where the proposed lot addition is to either incorporate the existing services for the existing non-farm use or to allow for the installation of services where there is no other alternative location; and~~

~~v. The area being severed must be merged to the abutting lot through the provisions of Section 50(3) or 50(5) of the Planning Act.~~

(h) Where a farm acquisition has rendered a residence surplus to a farming operation, a consent may be permitted **for one new residential lot per farm consolidation** subject to the following: [...] iv. The new residential lot shall be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate and ~~shall not include any more prime agricultural land than what is required for~~ the residential use, ~~accessory uses and accommodation of appropriate sewage and water services. Existing buildings and landscape features such as ponds, gardens and windbreaks may be included in the surplus farm dwelling lot provided they are deemed accessory to the residential use and are in close proximity to the dwelling.~~

(l) Lot creation shall comply with the *minimum distance separation formulae*.

34. Section 5.1.2 Natural ~~Heritage Environment~~ Lot Creation and Adjustment is modified by modifying the introductory sentence and clauses (b) and (d) as follows:

The following policies shall apply to lands designated 'Natural Heritage Environment', 'Provincially Significant Wetlands', or lands within the Natural Heritage Features Overlay as appropriate:

(b) Where a severance of agricultural land within the 'Agriculture' designation is being considered and a part of the land use extends into the Natural Heritage Features Overlay Environment designation, such application may be approved provided it is demonstrated there will be no negative impact on the natural heritage environment features. Consideration will be given to appropriate zoning by-law regulations or *development* controls to prohibit or regulate buildings and structures which could have *negative impacts* on the natural heritage environment features.

(d) Consents that propose to fragment lands designated 'Natural Heritage' Environment' or and the 'Natural Environment' Provincially Significant Wetlands' designated lands, or lands within the Natural Heritage Features Overlay that are within the Conservation Authority Regulated Lands will require input be obtained from the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction prior to the consent granting authority making its decision.

35. Section 6.4.9 Non-conforming Uses is modified by modifying clause (f) as follows:

(f) The County and/or municipality may recognize the existing use of land in the local Zoning By-laws subject to regard for its compatibility with surrounding uses, limits to expansion, and if within a 'Natural Heritage Environment D designation, Natural Heritage Features Overlay, and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Lands, subject to the Natural Heritage Environment policies in Section 3.7. Notwithstanding the proceeding policy, the County, in co-operation with municipalities will attempt to reduce the number of non-conforming uses

whenever and wherever possible according to the policies of this Plan.

36. Section 6.5.2 Complete Applications is modified by creating a new clause (j) as follows:

(j) A Section 59 Restricted Land Use Permit, under the *Clean Water Act*, is required where an application for any use, except an exclusively residential use, is proposed within a portion of a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA).

37. Section 6.6 Interpretation Policies is modified by modifying clause (j) as follows:

(j) Public and private utilities, including activities and services provided under the *Municipal Act*, *Drainage Act*, or any other legislation, are will be permitted in any land use designation, save and except in natural *heritage environment* areas and limited uses on lands identified as being subject to natural hazards. This will be deemed to include activities and services provided under the *Municipal Act*, *Drainage Act*, or any other legislation. The County discourages utilities from being located within Provincially Significant Wetlands.

38. Section 7 Definitions is modified by modifying the defined terms of agricultural uses, housing for farm workers, on-farm diversified uses, prime agricultural area, and specialty crop lands, as well as adding a new defined term for farm cluster, in alphabetic order:

Agricultural uses: means the growing of crops, including nursery, biomass, and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and fish; aquaculture; apiaries; agri-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures, including, but not limited to livestock facilities, manure storages, value-retaining facilities, and ~~accommodations~~ **housing for farm workers full-time farm-labour** when the size and nature of the operation requires additional employment.

Farm cluster: means the grouping of farm related buildings and farm dwelling(s) in close proximity to one another, in an arrangement which maximizes the area protected for agricultural production.

Housing for farm workers ~~Farm accommodations:~~ means additional permanent or portable dwellings on agricultural lots required to accommodate **farm workers full-time farm-labour**, when the size and nature of the farm operation **requires additional employment of additional full-time farm-labour necessary, and where such additional dwellings do not have a significant effect on the tillable area of the farm or its viability.**

On-farm diversified uses: means uses that are secondary to the principal *agricultural use* of the property, and are limited in area. *On-farm diversified uses* include, but are not limited to, home occupations, home industries, *agri-tourism uses*, ~~and~~ uses that produce value-added agricultural products, **electricity generation facilities and transmission systems, and energy storage systems.** Ground-mounted solar ~~panels facilities~~ and wind turbines for personal use are **only** permitted in *prime agricultural areas*, including specialty crop areas, ~~only~~ **as on-farm diversified uses.**

Prime agricultural area: means areas where *prime agricultural lands* predominate. This includes: areas of *prime agricultural lands* and associated Canada Land Inventory Class 4 through 7 lands, and additional areas where there is a local concentration of farms which exhibit characteristics of ongoing agriculture. **Prime agricultural areas may be identified by a municipality based on provincial guidance or informed by mapping obtained from the Province. Prime agricultural areas may be identified by the Province, using established evaluation procedures as amended from time to time, or may also be identified through an alternative agricultural land evaluation system approved by the Province.**

Specialty Crop **Area: Land: means areas where means areas within the agricultural land base designated based on provincial guidance. In these areas,** specialty crops such as tender fruits (peaches, grapes, cherries, plums), other fruit crops, vegetable crops, greenhouse crops, and crops from agriculturally developed organic soil lands are predominantly grown, usually resulting from:

- (a) Soils that have suitability to produce specialty crops, or lands that are subject to special climatic conditions, or a combination of both; and/or
- (b) Farmers skilled in the production of specialty crops; and
- (c) A long-term investment of capital in areas such as crops, drainage, infrastructure and related facilities and services to produce, store, or process specialty crops.

39. Throughout the official plan, all remaining references to the various Ministries of the Province of Ontario are replaced with "the Province".
40. Throughout the official plan, the following terms are modified by italicization as appropriate to indicate they are defined in the Provincial Planning Statement:
 - *agricultural condition,*
 - *agricultural impact assessment,*
 - *agricultural system,*
 - *agricultural uses,*
 - *agri-tourism uses,*
 - *natural heritage features and areas,*
 - *prime agricultural area,*
 - *rural areas,* and
 - *specialty crop areas.*
41. Throughout the official plan, the names of statutes, laws, acts, or similar documents are underlined and italicized, in accordance with section 1.2.1 of the official plan.
42. Throughout the official plan, all instances of the term "flood plain" are replaced with the term "floodplain".
43. Throughout the official plan, all OPA numbers in reference to site-specific policies are deleted.

44. Throughout the official plan, all remaining instances of the terms 'Natural Environment – Provincially Significant Wetlands' or 'Natural Environment Provincially Significant Wetlands' are replaced with the term 'Provincially Significant Wetlands'.
45. Throughout the official plan, all remaining instances of the terms "natural environment" or "the natural environment" are deleted and replaced with the terms "natural heritage" or "the natural heritage" as appropriate.
46. Schedule 'B' Atwood Land Use Designations is deleted and replaced with modified Schedule 'B' Atwood Land Use Designations attached to this decision.
47. Schedule 'B' Brunner Land Use Designations is deleted and replaced with modified Schedule 'B' Brunner Land Use Designations attached to this decision.
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78. Appendix 4: Source Protection Regions is deleted and replaced with Appendix 3: Source Protection Regions attached to this decision.
79. Appendix 5: Wildland Fire Hazard Level is deleted and replaced with Appendix 4: Wildland Fire Hazard Level attached to this decision.

Dated at Toronto this 11th day of September, 2025

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