

Zoning By-law Comprehensive Review

& LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

# Background

- MHBC Planning has been retained by the Township to complete a comprehensive review of Zoning By-law 2001-87
- Township's new Official Plan was approved in 2016
- Planning Act requires municipalities amend their Zoning By-laws within 3 years of a new Official Plan being in effect
- Review also allows opportunity to make changes that reflect current practices, changes to provincial policy and supports the strategic direction of the Township.



## Purpose of By-law Review

- 1. Conform with Provincial, County and local policies
- 2. Improve the usability and readability of the By-law
- 3. Eliminate redundancies
- 4. Reflect best practices



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## Purpose

The purpose of tonight's open house is to:

- Introduce the Zoning By-law
   Comprehensive Review process
- Understand the issues that the public would like addressed through this process
- 3. Receive feedback from the public



## Proposed Zone Removals?

### Restricted Agriculture (AR)

Remove as Minimum Distance Separation (MDS)
 Guidelines now achieve the same goal separating
 incompatible land uses

### **Service Commercial (SC)**

 Remove as it duplicates the Highway Commercial (HC) Zone

### **Rural Commercial (RC)**

 Consider merging this zone with the Rural Industrial (MR) Zone to consolidate the agricultural industrial/commercial uses



## Proposed Zone Additions?

#### **Rural Zone**

- Would implement Rural Area designation in Bruce County OP
- Permitted uses are more flexible and permissive
- Includes rural commercial (space extensive recreational commercial, tourism related commercial, rural commercial enterprises) and non-farm residential use and seasonal residential uses

#### **Hamlet Mixed-Use**

- Would implement the Hamlet designation in the HK OP
- Could be a modified General Commercial (GC) Zone that applies within the hamlets along main streets to allow for a greater range of permitted uses (e.g. community facilities, commercial uses, residential).
- Allows greater flexibility



### Efficiencies

### **Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances**

- PPS and Bruce County OP require that a residence be prohibited on the retained farmland. Currently, applicant applies for a Zoning By-law Amendment.
- Can add a General Provision & Special Provision to the By-law, which could allow for the prohibition to occur 'automatically'
- Eliminates requirement for a Zoning By-law Amendment application



### Efficiencies

#### **Technical Revisions**

- Township does not have any provision to allow for technical amendments
- Many By-laws now include a General Provision allowing for technical revisions to be made without further public notice or Council approval
- Technical amendments include correction of numbering, cross-referencing, grammar and punctuation
- Technical amendments do not impact the zoning of any property or the intent of the By-law



### On-Farm Diversified Uses

On-Farm Diversified Use: means uses that are secondary to the principle agricultural use on 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 provide value-added agricultural products (PPS definition)

**Examples:** winery, professional office, sawmill, welding shop, equipment repair, corn maze, B&B, farm market, etc



## **Accessory Buildings**

Staff have identified two primary issues:

- 1. Maximum height of 4.0 metres is too small because of growing demand to store RVs
- 2. A need to establish a maximum lot coverage or maximum number of buildings and structures



## **Secondary Units**

- Official Plan permits secondary units within a detached dwelling, a semi-detached dwelling or a row house dwelling in the Residential and Hamlet designations
- Official Plan directs the Zoning By-law to establish performance standards that may include: minimum lot area, minimum lot width, parking requirements, size and number of driveways



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