

Nothing in this By-law shall prevent the strengthening or restoration to a safe condition of any **existing**, legal **non-conforming building** or **structure** or part thereof, provided that the strengthening or restoration does not increase the **building** height, size or volume or change the **existing**, lawful **use** of such **existing building** or **structure** unless these changes are necessary to provide for floodproofing of the **building**.

The provisions of this By-law shall not apply to prevent the **erection** or **use**, for a purpose prohibited by this By-law, of any **building** or **structure**, the plans for which have, prior to the date of passing of this By-law, been approved by the **Municipality**, so long as the **building** or **structure**, when **erected**, is used and continues to be used for the purpose for which it was **erected**.

3.17 NON-COMPLYING LOTS, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Where a **building** or **structure** is located on a **lot** having less than the minimum **frontage** and/or **lot area**, and/or having less than the minimum **setback** and/or **side yard** and/or **rear yard** required by this By-law, the said **building** or **structure** may be enlarged, reconstructed, repaired and/or renovated provided that:

- a) the enlargement, reconstruction, repair and/or renovation does not further reduce a **front yard**, and/or **side yard** and/or **rear yard** and/or **lot coverage** less than the minimum required by this By-law;
- b) the **building** or **structure** is being used for a purpose permissible within the **zone** in which it is located; and,
- c) all other applicable **Zone Provisions** of this By-law are complied with.

Nothing in this By-law shall apply to prevent the reconstruction of any permitted **building** which is accidentally damaged or destroyed by causes beyond the control of the owner. Such permitted **building** may be reconstructed in accordance with the previously **existing** standards, even if such did not conform with one or more of the provisions of this By-law, but the non-compliance may not be further increased provided that the reconstruction occurs within 12 months of the damage being done.

Where a **lot**, having a lesser **lot area** and/or **lot frontage** than required herein, existed on the date of passing of this By-law, or where such a **lot** is created by a **public authority** such smaller **lot** may be used and a permitted **building** or **structure**, may be **erected**, altered and/or used on such smaller **lot** provided that all other applicable **Zone Provisions** of this **By-law** are complied with. All vacant islands and **existing** vacant **lots** of record on islands must have an area of at least 0.5 ha above the normal or controlled high water mark.

A **lot** which has been increased in size following the passage of this By-law may also be used in accordance with this provision and the resultant **lot** shall be deemed to comply with all of the provisions of this By-law and all zone provisions applicable to any existing building on the benefiting **lot** shall be deemed to comply with the provisions of this By-law.