

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Planning & Development Executive Committee

AGENDA - September 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM

Session #14

MEETING - Civic Centre

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #13

August 3, 2021

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually in the Civic Centre on August 3, 2021 from 0830 to 0905 hrs

PRESENT: J. McTaggart - Chairperson, W. Brunetta - Councillor, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, C. Vangel, CBO/Planner, E. Slomke, Clerk, P. Briere, By-law Enforcement Officer, K. Haney, Deputy Clerk, T. Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities, M. Strachan, Transportation Superintendent, R. Thoms B93, M. Emara, Fort Frances Times.

GUESTS: J. Ogden (0832 - 0853 hrs) S. Mann (0841 - 0853 hrs)

REGRETS: D. Judson

1. **Call to Order @ 0830 hrs / Roll Call**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none**
3. **Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**
 - 3.1 Session no 12 - 05 July 2021 - Accepted as presented
4. **Items Referred from Council - NA**
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1 Letter to Town re Parking Space July 20, 2021 - Committee addressed potential blockage of Scott Street/truck route. Concerns re line up and overflow of vehicles. List of parking areas in close proximity can be provided to gymnastics club. Club to determine how to manage cue and logistics.
6. **Outstanding Items - NA**
7. **Information**
 - 7.1 By-law July report - Accepted as presented
8. **In-Camera - 0900 to 0905 hrs**

K. Haney was connected virtually with D. Brown, C. Vangel, P. Briere, J. McTaggart, W. Brunetta, J. Caul, E. Slomke for this item. Committee agreed to proceed as recommended.
9. **Adjourn @ 0905 hrs / Next Meeting Date - 07 September 2021**

Executive Committee Chair

Secretary, Planning & Development Executive
Committee

August 4, 2021

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: 515,523,525 Colonization Road East Re-addressing and Services

This matter was brought forward by Councillor Wiedenhoeft, OFEC Chair on July 16 for inclusion on the next OFEC agenda. Given the reduced frequency of meetings in the summer months, the request was included without formal referral. Mr. Cody Vangel, EIT CBO/Municipal Planner, Mr. Craig Miller, P.Eng. Environmental Superintendent and I have been in discussions on these properties and the unique servicing situation since the original request to re-address/consolidate was received.

Attached to this report you will find a detailed report from Mr. Craig Miller outlining the information contained within the O&F Property file and correspondence related to this matter.

It is the recommendation of Administration that the services installed specifically for 515 Colonization Road East either be terminated at the main or that a proper service easement be registered on title for 523 Colonization Road East such that the services are properly acknowledged, and the conditions of the Consent applications dated 2006 be fulfilled by the property owner and further that this requirement be placed as a condition for the re-addressing of 525 Colonization Road East.

It is the Recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that:

1. The Services previously installed to service 515 Colonization Road East be either terminated at the main or that a proper service easement be registered on the title of 523 Colonization Road East to allow the services to remain.
2. That either one of the above options be stipulated as a condition to re-address 523 Colonization Road East.
3. That all costs associated with either of the above options be borne by the property owner.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng

Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that:

- 1. The Services previously installed to service 515 Colonization Road East be either terminated at the main or that a proper service easement be registered on the title of 523 Colonization Road East to allow the services to remain.**
- 2. That either one of the above options be stipulated as a condition to re-address 523 Colonization Road East.**
- 3. That all costs associated with either of the above options be borne by the property owner.**

Manager of Operations and Facilities

July 28, 2021

Report To: Travis Rob, P.Eng., Manager of Operations & Facilities

From: Craig Miller, P.Eng., Environmental Superintendent

SUBJECT: 515-523-525 Colonization Road West

On June 20, 2021, a request was received from Travis Rob for comments on an application to consolidate the lots 515 and 523 Colonization Road East and then change the municipal address of the consolidated lot to 1235 First Street East.

Initial comments returned to Travis were:

“523 has 2 sets of water and sewer services. The eastern most set was intended to service 515. An easement was supposed to registered on title to run services for 515 through 523.

Further, the unused services should be properly terminated at the mains, as the property owner’s expense if the properties are consolidated.”

Travis consolidated all comments received and forwarded them to Town Planner Cody Vangel, who communicated with the applicant.

Following receipt of the comments, the application was amended to not longer consolidate the lots. 515 Colonization Road East would remain as addressed and 523 Colonization Road East address would change to 1235 First Street East.

Comments returned to Travis and Cody, from myself, with respect to this amendment, were:

“... the condition needs to remain that he terminate the services on the one lot intended for the other lot. Or, a legal easement is registered against the lot with the services to provide access to the vacant lot if services are ever to be run in to the vacant lot. ”

Background – Property File Information

515 Colonization Road East

- June 2006 – Mr. Doug Brown commented on application B1/2006 that an easement would be required to be registered on the severed lot known as 515 Colonization Road East. Application B1/2006 was to severe 515 Colonization Road East from 523-525 Colonization Road East. See attachment A

- A building permit appraisal dated June 15, 2006, to build a dwelling on 523 Colonization Road East, included a note from Doug Herr, Environmental Superintendent, that an easement was required to be registered for 515 Colonization Road East and that services must be paid for at the time of connection. See attachment B.

523 Colonization Road East

- Application B1/2006 was approved on June 19, 2006 allowing for the severing of 515 Colonization Road East from 523 Colonization Road East. The approval was subject to four (4) conditions. Condition 4 – "...an easement, 7 metres wide as required by the Operations and Facilities Division for municipal services to service the retained property known as 515 Colonization Road East. See attachment C, page 3.
- Application B1/2006 also included Note A – "The property owner is responsible for payment of the sum of \$6,434.78 to cover the cost of two water and sanitary sewer services to the properties." See attachment C, page 3.

525 Colonization Road East

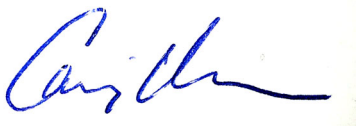
- No significant information

Summary

The 2nd set of water and sanitary sewer services on the west side of 525 Colonization Road East were installed for the purposes of servicing 515 Colonization Road East. However, an easement has never been put in place to protect the servicing of 515 Colonization Road East.

If the lots are to remain severed, it is my recommendation that an easement be put in place for services. If the lots are to consolidate, then the 2nd set of services on the property are superfluous and it is my recommendation that they should be terminated. It is also my recommendation that the cost to initially install the services should be considered with this application if the services are not going to be used in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Miller, P.Eng.
Environmental Superintendent

Cc: Cody Vangel, Town of Fort Frances Planner

Attached:

- Attachment A – Application B1/2006 Comments
- Attachment B – Building Permit Appraisal
- Attachment C – Application B1/2006 Approval Decision

Attachment A

Doug Brown

06/07/06 03:30 PM

To: Faye Platt/Frances@Frances, Doug Herr/Frances@Frances, Milt Strachan/Frances@Frances, Julie Crichton/Frances@Frances, Mark McCaig/Frances@Frances

Subject: Re: Minor Variance Application A10/2006 - 1231 Minnie Ave. & consent application B1/2006- 515 -523 Colonization Road

Hi Faye, the staff of the O & F Division have reviewed both applications and there are no real concerns with either application. However the following comments should be taken into account prior to approving the applications.

In regards to A10/2006 Application -1231 Minnie Ave.- there is a holding provision which doesn't allow new development until the holding provision issue is addressed. Does it apply to new accessory buildings? Isn't fire protection an issue in this section of the community? Last year Minnie Ave. development proposal.

In regards to B1/2006 application - 515& 523 Coloniozation Road East- an easment for water and sewer services will be required to be registered on the sevred lot known as 515 colonization road east. Last year during the construction along First street east, the property owner requested that two water and sanitary sewer services be brought into this property. The owner is well aware of the future easement requirement. Also the owner will be responsible to pay \$ 6434.78 once the sewer and water services are connected for 523 Colonization Road. KGS Group is preparing the as-built drawings for 2005 reconstruction of First street. I will forwarded you a drawing showing exactly where the easement will be required on 515 Colonization Road East.

Regards Doug Brown

SASKATOON
TEL: 306-242-3686
FAX: 306-242-1718
TOLL FREE
1-877-242-3686

REGINA
TEL: 306-525-6581
FAX: 306-525-9120
TOLL FREE
1-800-667-4021

WINNIPEG
TEL: 204-786-7861
FAX: 204-772-4895
TOLL FREE
1-800-361-3612

BRANDON
TEL: 204-571-2300
FAX: 204-725-5286
TOLL FREE
1-800-862-6328

THUNDER BAY, ON.
TEL: 807-622-5355
FAX: 807-623-5793
TOLL FREE
1-888-860-0039

523/515 Colonization Road East

— June 7/06

REGARDING COST FOR SEWER / WATER SERVICES
(ADDITIONAL NEW)

WATER 19 mm ϕ — \$ 2,000

SANITARY SEWER — 150mm ϕ — 3,300

SUBTOTAL

5,300

5300

395,938.37

$\times \$45,082.20 = \603.47

Bond, Insurance
(demobilization)

5300

395,938.87

$\times \$39,691.90 = \531.31

ENGINEERING
COST

TOTAL

$= \$6434.78$

NO GST

To: Julie Guitton, Milt Strachan, Doug Herr

Re: Consent Application 515 & 523 Colonization Road East

Please review and provide comments and pass on

Julie please attach sewer and water information
both lots are feed from 1st Street, thus
probably need a registered Easement - water and
sewer service lines.

Need ^{give} back information by June 9/06 (Friday)

JULIE:
2006.06.05 ATTACHED: PLAN OF FIRST STREET SHOWING NEW SERVICES
TO 525 & 515 - 515 WILL NEED EASEMENT FOR THE
SERVICES TO CROSS 525.

D. HERR.
JUNE 07/06 NO FURTHER COMMENT.
ARE SERVICE PAID FOR?

M. Strachan NO CONCERNS.
June 7/06

**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
APPLICATION SUMMARY**

RECEIVED
JUN - 2 2006

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: June 19, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

(See ** below if you are a commenting agency)

CONSENT

☒

MINOR VARIANCE

☐

FILE NO.:

B1/2006

PROPERTY:

515 and 523 Colonization Rd. E.

OWNER:

1058876 Ontario Inc.

AGENT:

Roy Avis

PURPOSE:

This is an application for the creation of a new lot having frontage of approx. 26.17 metres. Both the severed and retained properties are zoned "Residential type Two – R2" and contain no buildings or structures.

APPLICATION CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT TO:

J. Kibiuk,
Fort Frances Power Corporation

☒

D. Brown,
Manager of Operations & Facilities

☒

R. Hallam,
Planning & Development Supt.

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Planning Department

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S. Richardson,
Fort Frances Fire Department

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Northwestern Health Unit

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Canadian National Railway

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Ministry of Natural Resources

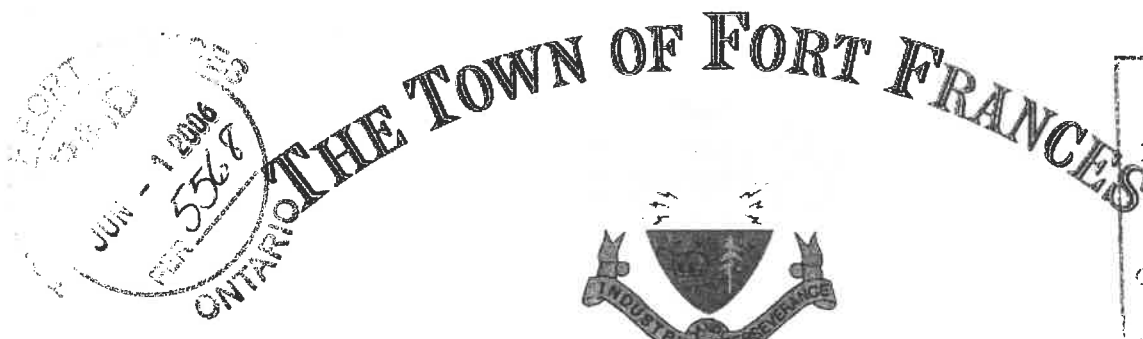
☐

Ministry of Environment

☐

Other _____

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| RECEIVED |
| Date: 31 May 06 |
| Secretary - Treasurer Committee of Adjustment Town of Fort Frances |

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| File Number: B1/2006 | | |
| Property: 515/523 Col. Rd. E. | Roll #: 3-6-129 & 3-6-130 | |
| Date Application Received: 31 May 06 | Date Fee Received: | |
| Date Application Complete: | Receipt #: | Application Fee: \$450.00 |

Please Print and Complete or (✓) Appropriate Box(es)

1. Applicant Information

| | | | | | | |
|-------|---|----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|
| ► 1.1 | Name of Applicant | ROY AVIS | Home Telephone No. | 807-274-9651 | Business Telephone No. | 807-274-7751 |
| | Address | | | | 1013 FRENETTE AVENUE, FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO | |
| | | | | | Postal Code | |
| | | | | | P9A 3V5 | |
| ► 1.2 | Name of Owner(s) (If different from the applicant). An owner's authorization is required in Section 11.1 if the applicant is not the owner. | | | | | |
| | Name of Owner(s) | | Home Telephone No. | | Business Telephone No. | |
| | 1058876 ONTARIO INC. | | | | 807-274-7751 | |
| | Address | | Postal Code | | | |
| | 600 KING'S HIGHWAY, FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO | | P9A 2W9 | | | |
| 1.3 | Please indicate to whom all communications should be sent: | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Agent | |

Note: If this application is being submitted by an agent on behalf of the Property Owner, the owner's written authorization must accompany the application. If the applicant is a corporation acting without agent, the application must be signed by an officer of the corporation and the corporation's seal (if any) must be affixed.

2. Location of Subject Land (Severed and Retained) Complete Applicable Boxes in Section 2.1

| | | | |
|-------|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| ► 2.1 | Municipality | Township | Property Roll No. |
| | FORT FRANCES | MCIRVINE | 3-6-129 3-6-130 |
| | Property descriptor: | Lot/Section No. | Reference Plan No. |
| | LOT 3 SM 158 RR20 PT4 | RR20 | 48R2071 |
| | Other Information (parcel #, etc.) | | Registered Plan No. |
| | | | SM158 |
| ► 2.2 | Are there any easements or restrictive covenants affecting the subject land? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | |
| | If Yes, describe each easement or covenant and its effect | | |

3. Purpose of this Application

► 3.1 Type and purpose of proposed transaction (X appropriate box):

Transfer ☒ Creation of a new lot ☐ Addition of a lot (see also 3.3) ☐ An easement /encroachment agreement

Other

☐ A charge

☐ A lease

☐ Correction of title

☐ Other purpose _____

► 3.2 Name of person(s), if known, to whom land or interest in land is to be transferred, leased or charged

ROY AVIS

► 3.3 If a lot addition, identify on the accompanying sketch the lands to which the parcel will be added.

N/A

4. Existing or Proposed servicing information regarding the subject land.

(complete each section)

Severed

Retained

| ► 4.1 Dimensions | Frontage (m) (# of ft x .3048) | F 26.17 R 24.38 | F 20.19 R 18.28 |
|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Depth (m) (# of ft. x .3048) | 53.94/44.48 | 36.04/44.48 |
| ► 4.2 Use of Property | Area (ha.) (# of acres x .4047) | | |
| | Existing Use(s) | VACANT | VACANT |
| ► 4.3 Buildings or Structures | Proposed Use(s) | RESIDENTIAL | RESIDENTIAL |
| | Existing | N/A | N/A |
| ► 4.4 Access (✓ appropriate space) | Proposed | SINGLE FAMILY HOMES | SINGLE FAMILY HOME |
| | Provincial Highway (secondary or primary) | | |
| ► 4.5 Water Supply (✓ appropriate space) | Municipal Road (maintained all year) | COLONIZATION ROAD | COLONIZATION ROAD |
| | Municipal Road (seasonally maintained) | | |
| ► 4.6 Sewage Disposal (✓ appropriate space) | Other Public Road | FIRST STREET | |
| | Right of Way | | LANE |
| ► 4.7 Other Services (✓ if service is available) | Publicly owned & operated piped water system | YES | YES |
| | Privately owned & operated individual well | | |
| | Privately owned & operated communal well | | |
| | Lake or other water body | | |
| | Other means | | |
| | Publicly owned & operated sanitary sewage system | YES | YES |
| | Privately owned & operated individual septic tank* | | |
| | Privately owned & operated communal septic system | | |
| | Privy | | |
| | Other means | | |
| | *A certificate of approval from the local Health Unit or Ministry of the Environment and Energy submitted with this application will facilitate the review. | | |
| | Electricity | YES FFPC | YES FFPC |
| | School Bussing | | |
| | Garbage Collection | | |

- 4.8 If access to the subject land is by private road, or if "other public road" or "right of way" was indicated in section 4.4 above, indicate who owns the land or road, who is responsible for its maintenance and whether it is maintained seasonally or all year.

N/A

5. Land Use

- 5.1 What is the existing Official Plan designation(s), if any of the subject land? Living Area
- 5.2 What is the zoning, if any, of the subject land? R2 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY
- 5.3 Are any of the following uses or features on or adjacent to the subject land. (4appropriate boxes if any apply)

| Use or Feature | On subject land | Adjacent to subject land |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| An agricultural operation | NO | NO |
| A landfill | NO | NO |
| An industrial or commercial use (specify uses) | NO | NO |
| An active railway line | NO | NO |
| A Municipal Airport | NO | NO |

6. History of the Subject Land

- 6.1 Has the subject land ever been the subject of an application for approval of a plan of subdivision or consent under the **Planning Act**?
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown
If **Yes**, and if **known**, provide the Ministry or Municipal Application file number and the decision made on the application
- 6.2 If this application is a re-submission of a previous consent application, describe how it has been changed from the original application.
- 6.3 Has any land been severed from the parcel originally acquired by the owner of the subject land?
☒ No ☐ Yes
If **yes**, provide for each parcel severed the date of transfer, the name of the transferee and the land use.

7. Current Applications

- 7.1 Is the subject land currently the subject of a proposed Official plan or Official Plan amendment, Zoning By-Law amendment, a minister's zoning order, a minor variance, an approval or a plan of subdivision or a consent?
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown
If **yes** and if **known**, specify the appropriate file number and status of the application.

11. Notice of Collection – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

- 11.1 Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 as amended, and will be used to assist in making a decision on this matter. All names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act should be forwarded to: Town Clerk, c/o Town of Fort Frances, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3P9, Telephone (807) 274-5323, Ext. 236.

12. Owner's Authorization and Consent

- 12.1 This form must be used in all cases where individual(s) are being authorized on behalf of the owner to file an application and to act on behalf of the owner of property that is the subject of the application. Some instances where this authorization will be required are: where a solicitor is acting for an owner; where an agent is acting for an owner; where one owner is acting on behalf of other joint owners; where one owner with a percentage interest in a property is acting for other owners with a whole or percentage interest in a property; where a single spouse only has signed the application. Anyone having an interest in the property must provide a signed authorization. This form, or separate individual copies of this form must be appended to and duly executed by any and all owners of the property that is the subject of this application.

Authorization to Applicant and Consent to Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

I, _____ of the _____ of _____ in the _____ of _____ am the owner of the land that is the subject of this application and, as evidenced by my signature below, I hereby authorize _____ to make this application on my behalf and further to provide any of my personal information that will be included in this application or collected during the processing of the application.

Date

Signature of Owner

A File Number will be assigned by the Secretary for the Committee of Adjustment, which will be used in all communication.

Applicant's Checklist: Have you remembers to attach

- ☐ 12 copies of completed application form
- ☐ 12 copies of sketch
- ☐ 2 copies of Certificate of Approval from Northwestern Health Unit or Ministry of Environment and Energy (if applicable)
- ☐ Payment of \$450.00 by cash certified cheque or money order

Forward to: Town of Fort Frances
Committee of Adjustment
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, On P9A 3P9

8. Sketch

- 8.1 The application shall be accompanied by a sketch showing the information indicated below . Mandatory information MUST be included on the sketch. Other information must be provided if it applies to the subject property.
- The boundaries and dimensions of the subject land, the part that is to be severed and the part to be retained.
 - The existing zoning use(s) on adjacent lands AND names of property owners for abutting property.
 - The location, width and name of any roads within or abutting the subject land, indicating whether it is an unopened road allowance, a public traveled road, a private road or a right of way.
 - ☐ The location of all land previously severed from the parcel originally acquired by the current owner of the subject land
 - ☐ The approximate location of all natural and artificial features on the subject land and adjacent lands that in the opinion of the applicant, may affect the application, such as buildings, railways, roads, watercourses, drainage ditches, river or stream banks, wetlands, wooded areas, wells and septic systems.
 - ☐ The boundaries and dimensions of any land owned by the owner of the subject land and that abuts the subject land
 - ☐ The distance between the subject land and the nearest township lot line or landmark, such as a railway crossing or bridge
 - ☐ The location and nature of any easement affecting the subject land.

9. Other Information

- 9.1 Is there any other information that you think may be useful to the Committee of Adjustments for the Township or other agencies in reviewing this application? If so, explain below or attach a separate sheet.
- SPLIT OF PROPERTY MERGED AS A RESULT OF PURCHASE BY ONE OWNER

10. Signature and Statutory Declaration

- 10.1 Signature and Statutory Declaration of Applicant

I, ROY AVIS of the TOWN of FORT FRANCES

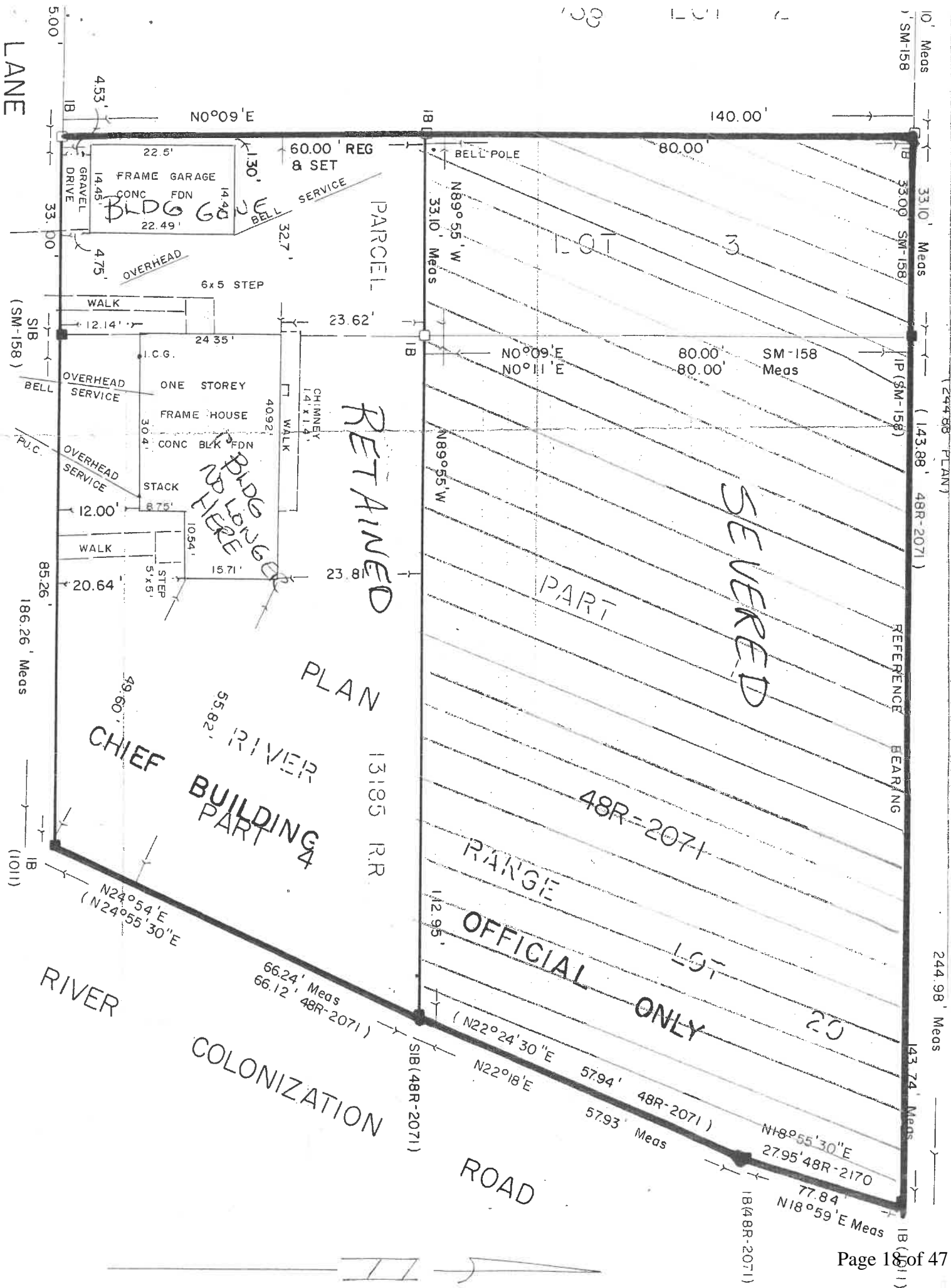
In the DISTRICT of RAINY RIVER, make oath and say OR solemnly declare that the
al of the above statements contained herein and all exhibits and supporting documentation submitted and attached
hereto are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the
same force and effect as if made under oath.

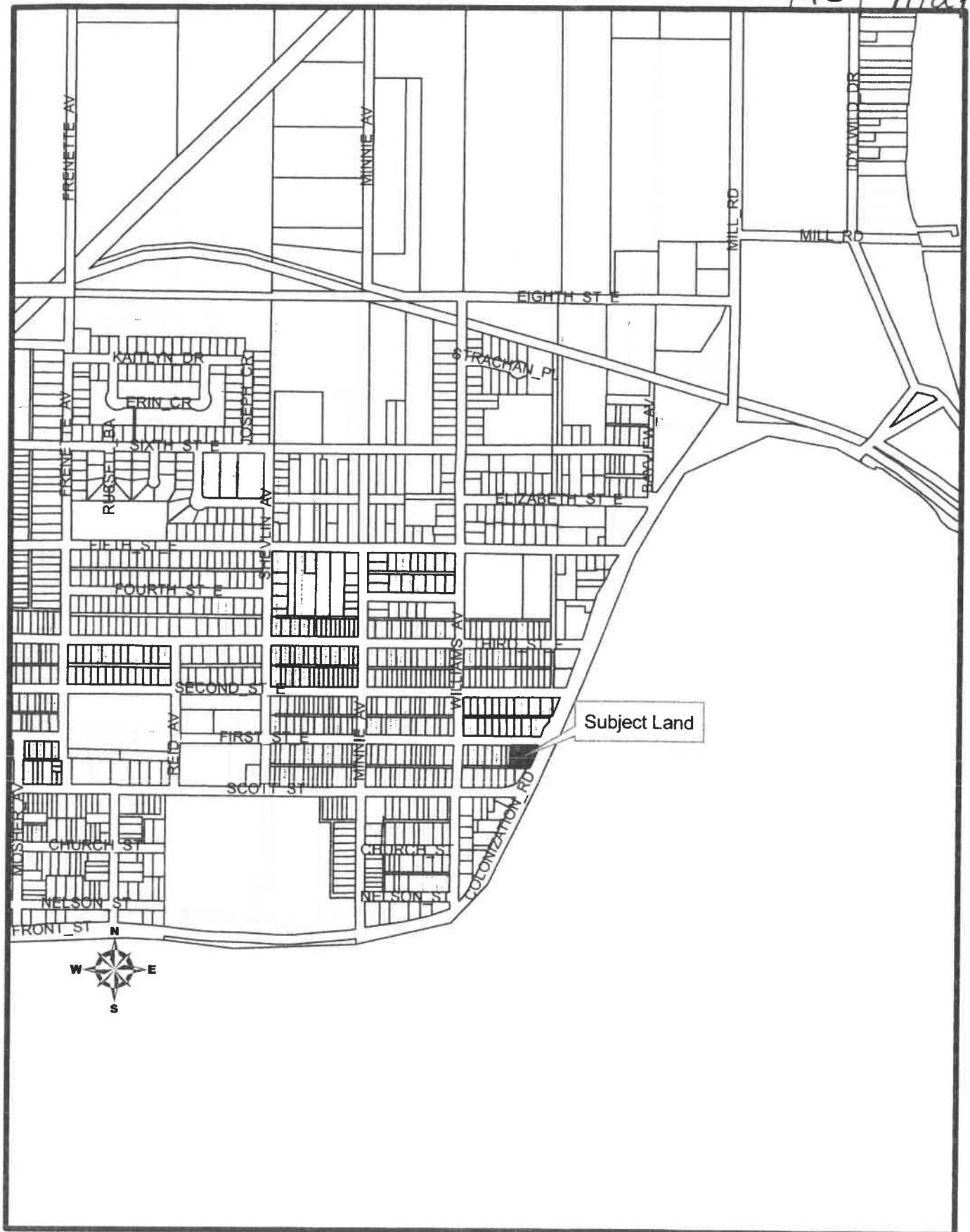
Sworn/Declared before me at the Town of Fort
Frances, in the District of Rainy River, this 3/4
day of May, 2006

QUEENIE TREPTAL, A.M.C.T.
CLERK
Commissioner for Oaths, etc.
CLERK OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS & OATHS

[Signature]

Applicant







Attachment B

BUILDING PERMIT APPRAISAL

CHECKED BY: JULIE M. CRICHTON DATE: JUNE 15, 2006

ADDRESS (of new construction): 523 COLONIZATION ROAD EAST

NAME (of developer): ROY AUIS

DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION: N/A

1. EXISTING SANITARY SEWER MAIN DEPTH: 2.0m - 200 ϕ PVC
2. EXISTING WATERMAIN DEPTH: 2.8m - 150 ϕ PVC
3. EXISTING STORM SEWER MAIN DEPTH: \pm 1.8m - 600 ϕ CMP
4. EXISTING CONNECTIONS TO PROPERTY: Sewer ☒ Water ☒ Storm ☐

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE TO THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING, IF APPLICABLE. ALL CONNECTIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES AT THE DEVELOPERS COST. FORMS FOR EACH MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY THE DEVELOPER BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED.

5. SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION: EXISTING - 150 ϕ PVC
6. WATER SERVICE CONNECTION: EXISTING - 19 ϕ COPPER
7. STORM SEWER CONNECTION: BY-LAW - CONNECTION TO BE APPLIED FOR @ PW.
8. PRIVATE CROSSING - CULVERT N/A
9. PRIVATE CROSSING - CONCRETE: THE NEW CONCRETE CROSSING DOES NOT MATCH THE LOCATION OF DRIVEWAY ON THE SITE PLAN.
10. WEEPING TILE PUMP DISCHARGE (where): OF SURFACE OR TO STORM SEWER IF CONNECTION IS MADE
11. BUILDING GRADE - ELEVATION IF SHOWN ON PLAN: TO BE SET BY PW.
12. ROAD TYPE: ASPHALT - URBAN RESIDENTIAL
13. DITCH OR CURB & GUTTER: CL & G
14. SWALES: AT SIDE YARDS.
15. COMMENTS: A LITTLE CONFUSION ON THE ADDRESS - ALL PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

SIGNATURE: Julie M. Crichton

HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AS 515/525 COLONIZATION ROAD EAST. NOT 523 COLONIZATION ROAD WEST. PLEASE CONFIRM.

* AN EASEMENT FOR 515 (BL. RD. E. SERVICES 7.0m IS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED. SERVICE MUST BE PAID FOR AT TIME OF CONNECTION.

Application for a Permit to Construct or Demolish

This form is authorized under the Building Code Sentence 2.4.1.1A.(2).

| For use by Principal Authority | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Application number: | Permit number (if different): |
| Date received: 2006 JUNE 9 | Roll number: 3-6-130 |

Application submitted to: **TOWN OF PORT FRANCES**
(Name of municipality, upper-tier municipality, board of health or conservation authority)

| A. Project information | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Building number, street name | 523 COLONIZATION RD W | Unit number | Lot/con. |
| Municipality | PT FRANCES | Postal code | Plan number/other description SM158 |
| Project value est. \$ | 220,000 | Area of work (m ²) | 220 |
| B. Applicant | | | |
| Applicant is: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner or <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized agent of owner | |
| Last name | AVIS | First name | ROY |
| Street address | | Corporation or partnership | 1058876 ONT LTD |
| 600 Kings Hwy | | Unit number | Lot/con. |
| Municipality | PT FRANCES | Postal code | Province ONT. |
| Telephone number | 807-274-7751 | Fax | Cell number |
| () | () | () | () |

| C. Owner (if different from applicant) | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Last name | First name | Corporation or partnership | |
| Street address | | Unit number | Lot/con. |
| Municipality | Postal code | Province | E-mail |
| Telephone number | Fax | Cell number | |
| () | () | () | |

| D. Builder (optional) | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|----------|
| Last name | First name | Corporation or partnership (if applicable) | |
| Street address | | Unit number | Lot/con. |
| Municipality | Postal code | Province | E-mail |
| Telephone number | Fax | Cell number | |
| () | () | () | |

| E. Purpose of application | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New construction <input type="checkbox"/> Addition to an existing building <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration/repair <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Permit | |

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Proposed use of building | Current use of building |
| RESIDENCE | |
| Description of proposed work | |
| CONSTRUCT NEW RESIDENCE AS PER PLANS SUBMITTED. | |

| F. Tarion Warranty Corporation (Ontario New Home Warranty Program) | |
|--|---|
| i. Is proposed construction for a new home as defined in the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act? If no, go to section G. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ii. Is registration required under the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| iii. If yes to (ii) provide registration number(s): | |

G. Attachments

- i. Attach documents establishing compliance with applicable law as set out in Article 1.1.3.3.
- ii. Attach Schedule 1 for each individual who reviews and takes responsibility for design activities.
- iii. Attach Schedule 2 where application is to construct on-site, install or repair a sewage system.
- iv. Attach types and quantities of plans and specifications for the proposed construction or demolition that are prescribed by the by-law, resolution, or regulation of the municipality, upper-tier municipality, board of health or conservation authority to which this application is made.

H. Declaration of applicant

I Roy AVIS _____ certify that:
(print name)

1. The information contained in this application, attached schedules, attached plans and specifications, and other attached documentation is true to the best of my knowledge.
2. I have authority to bind the corporation or partnership (if applicable).

2006 JUNE 9

Date

Signature of applicant

Personal information contained in this form and schedules is collected under the authority of subsection 8(1.1) of the *Building Code Act, 1992*, and will be used in the administration and enforcement of the *Building Code Act, 1992*. Questions about the collection of personal information may be addressed to: a) the Chief Building Official of the municipality or upper-tier municipality to which this application is being made; or, b) the inspector having the powers and duties of a chief building official in relation to sewage systems or plumbing for an upper-tier municipality, board of health or conservation authority to whom this application is made, or, c) Director, Building and Development Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 777 Bay St., 2nd Floor, Toronto, M5C 2E5 (416) 585-6666.

I have reviewed the attached application for zoning compliance and determined it to be:

compliant ☒ non-compliant ☐

Additional information below ☐ attached ☐

13 June 06
Date

N. F. Platt
N. F. Platt, Municipal Planner
Town of Fort Frances

- ☐ - Exceeds Lot Coverage
☐ - Does not meet - Front ☐ Side ☐ Rear ☐
☐ - Other - _____
☐ - Minor Variance
Required ☐ Granted ☐ (File # _____)

I have reviewed the attached application and drawings:

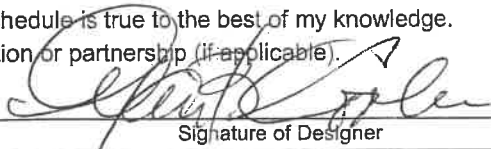
Additional information attached ☒

2006-06-15
Date

Julie M. Crichton
Julie M. Crichton, Engineering
Town of Fort Frances

Schedule 1: Designer Information

Use one form for each individual who reviews and takes responsibility for design activities with respect to the project.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| A. Project Information | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building number, street name Colonization Road | | Unit no. | Lot/con. Lot 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Municipality Fort Frances | Postal code | Plan number/ other description 48R-2071 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B. Individual who reviews and takes responsibility for design activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name Alan B. Cooke, C.E.T. | | Firm Northern Home Designs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Street address 316 Longbow Street | | Unit no. | Lot/con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Municipality Thunder Bay | Postal code P7G 1K3 | Province Ontario | E-mail NorthernHomeDesigns@Shaw.ca | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephone number (807) 344-4567 | Fax number (807) 344-4567 | Cell number (807) 621-1609 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C. Design activities undertaken by individual identified in Section B. [Building Code Table 2.20.2.1] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> HVAC – House</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Structural</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Buildings</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Building Services</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing – House</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Large Buildings</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Detection, Lighting and Power</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing – All Buildings</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Complex Buildings</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Fire Protection</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> On-site Sewage Systems</td> </tr> </table> | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC – House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Structural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing – House | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Detection, Lighting and Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing – All Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Complex Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Sewage Systems |
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| Description of designer's work Residential House Design. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. Declaration of Designer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I, <u>Alan B. Cooke, C.E.T.</u> declare that (choose one as appropriate): (print name) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I review and take responsibility for the design work on behalf of a firm registered under subsection 2.17.4. of the Building Code. I am qualified, and the firm is registered, in the appropriate classes/categories. Individual BCIN: <u>20258</u> Firm BCIN: <u>27286</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I review and take responsibility for the design work and am qualified in the appropriate category as an "other designer" under subsection 2.17.5. of the Building Code. Individual BCIN: _____ Basis for exemption from registration: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The design work is exempt from the registration and qualification requirements of the Building Code. Basis for exemption from registration and qualification: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I certify that: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. The information contained in this schedule is true to the best of my knowledge. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. I have authority to bind the corporation or partnership (if applicable). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 21, 2006 | |  Signature of Designer | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*For the purposes of this form, "individual" means the "person" referred to in Clause 2.17.4.7.(1)(d), Article 2.17.5.1. and all other persons who are exempt from qualification under Subsections 2.17.4. and 2.17.5.

NOTE:

1. Firm and Individual BCIN numbers are not required for building permit applications submitted prior to January 1, 2006
2. Schedule 1 does not need to be completed by architects, or holders of a Certificate of Practice or a Temporary License under the *Architects Act*.

Attachment C

Applicant: 1058876 Ontario Inc.
File No.: B1/2006
Property Address: 515-523 Colonization Rd. E.

Date of Decision: 19 June 2006
Date of Notice: 23 June 2006
Last Date for Appeal: 13 July 2006

NOTICE OF DECISION

On Application for Consent Subsection 53(17) of the Planning Act

Pursuant to Section 50(3)(f) or 53(1) of The Planning Act, the Committee of Adjustments for the Town of Fort Frances did, on the date referenced above, grant provisional consent to the Application as referenced above in respect of land in the subject land. A certified copy of the decision is attached.

When and How to File a Notice of Appeal:

Pursuant to section 53(19) of The Planning Act, you have twenty (20) days from the date of this Notice to file an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board. The last date for filing a Notice of Appeal is noted above.

The Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Municipal Clerk or the Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Fort Frances Committee of Adjustment at the address shown below and it must,

- (1) set out the reasons for the appeal, and
- (2) be accompanied by the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act in the amount of \$125.00, payable to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

Person – Appeal Limitations:

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal decisions in respect of applications for consent to the Ontario Municipal Board. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed on behalf of the association or group in the name of an individual who is a member of the association.

Notice of Changes to Conditions:

You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of the provisional consent if you make a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of approval of the provisional consent.

Other Related Applications:

The subject land is also the subject of an Application under the Planning Act for:

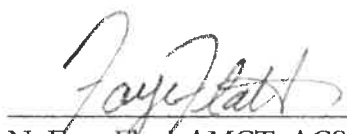
- ☐ An Official Plan Amendment
- ☐ A Zoning By-Law Amendment
- ☐ A Minor Variance

Additional Information:

Additional information about the application is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 at the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer for the Committee of Adjustment.

Address for Service of Committee of Adjustment for Town of Fort Frances:

Town of Fort Frances
Committee of Adjustments
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, On P9A 3P9
Telephone: (807) 274-5323 (ex. 275)



N. Faye Platt, AMCT, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, On P9A 3P9
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT DECISION

Application No.
B1 /2006

IN THE MATTER OF an Application under Section 53 of the Planning Act for Consent.

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Hearing 19 June 2006 | Date of Decision 19 June 2006 |
| Property Owner: 1058876 Ontario Inc. | Address of Property 515-523 Colonization Road East |
| Location of Property: (legal description) Severed - Part of River Range Lot 20 and the North 80 feet of Lot 3 Plan SM-158 Retained - Part of River Range Lot 20 and the South part of Lot 3 Plan SM-158 designated as part 4 on plan 48R-2071 | |
| This is an Application to: Sever the property known as 523 Colonization Road East from that known as 515 Colonization Road East that merged as a result of common ownership as a result of a purchase. | |

WE, the undersigned, in making the decision upon this application for consent, in addition to other matters, have had regard to the matters that are to be had regard to under subsection 50(4) of the Planning Act, 1983 and, having considered whether a plan of subdivision of the land in accordance with section 49 of the said Act is necessary for the property and orderly development of the municipality concur in the decision, conditions and reasons below and made on the date first written above.


DECISION:

That the above application is hereby: Denied: ☐ Approved: ☒

Subject to the following Conditions:

As attached ☒ None ☐

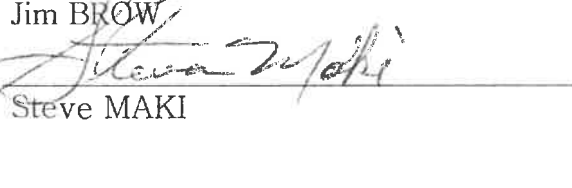
CONCURRING MEMBERS:

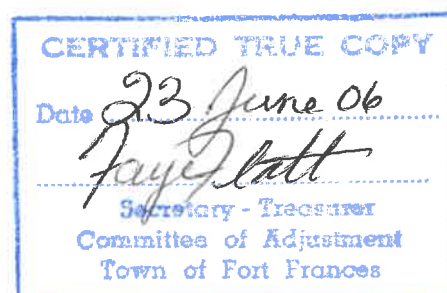

Dan BELLEUZ


Doug KITOWSKI


Bill MARTIN


Jim BROW


Steve MAKI



THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THE DECISION RELATIVE TO FILE B1/2006 AS ATTACHED.

1. That evidence that all current and outstanding taxes to date of Consent are paid in full.
2. That a proper legal description of the property being severed be provided to the Municipal Planner either by way of reference plan deposited and bearing the seal of the Land Registrar, Letter of Exemption from the Land Registrar.
3. That the Municipal Planner be provided with an appropriate legal description, including PIN number to clearly identify the severed property to be included in the Certificate of Official.
4. That the applicant provide, at no cost to the Municipality, an easement, 7 metres wide as required by the Operations and Facilities Division for municipal services to service the retained property known as 515 Colonization Road East.

WARNING:

**ALL CONDITIONS MUST BE FULFILLED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE
OF THE GIVING OF THE NOTICE OF DECISION, FAILING WHICH THIS
APPLICATION SHALL THEREUPON BE DEEMED TO BE REFUSED**

Section 53(41), The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990

THE FOLLOWING NOTES ARE INCLUDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE APPLICANT:

- A. The property owner is responsible for payment of the sum of \$6,434.78 to cover the cost of the two water and sanitary sewer services to the properties.

Ontario is now in Step Three of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#). Follow the [restrictions and public health measures](#).



Be Bear Wise and prevent bear encounters

Prevent and report encounters with black bears and learn who to contact.

Emergency

Call 911 or your local police

Non-emergency

Call 1-866-514-2327

TTY: 705-945-7641

Who to contact

Not every bear sighting is an emergency situation. Here is who to call if you encounter a bear.

Emergency situations

Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site

Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.

Non-emergency encounters

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 (TTY: 705-945-7641) if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

If you encounter a black bear

When bears are caught off guard, they are stressed, and usually just want to flee.

Stop. Do not panic. Remain calm.

Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, provided you do not approach. The noise is meant to “scare” you off and acts as a warning signal.

Do

- Slowly back away while keeping the bear in sight and wait for it to leave.
- If the bear does not leave, throw objects, wave your arms and make noise with a whistle or air horn.
- Prepare to use bear spray.
- If you are near a building or vehicle get inside as a precaution.
- Drop any food you may be carrying and slowly move away.
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Leave the area. The bear will come down when it feels safe.

Do not

- Run, climb a tree or swim.
- Kneel down.
- Make direct eye contact.
- Approach the bear to get a better look.
- Attempt to feed a bear.

Bear warning signs

Black bear attacks are **extremely rare**.

A threatened black bear will give off warning signs to let you know you are too close. A black bear standing on its hind legs is not a sign of aggressive behaviour. The bear is trying to get a better look at you or catch your scent.

A defensive bear

A bear that feels threatened will:

- salivate excessively and exhale loudly
- make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws
- lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you
- charge forward, and/or swat the ground with its paws (known as a ‘bluff’ charge)

A predatory bear

The bear will approach silently, usually in rural or remote areas, and may continue to approach regardless of your attempts to deter them by yelling or throwing rocks. If the bear attacks:

- use bear spray
- fight back with everything you have
- do not play dead unless you are sure a mother bear is attacking in defence of her cubs

After the bear leaves

- Report the bear encounter by calling 1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641)
- Tell your neighbours about bear activity in the area.
- If the bear was eating non-natural food (such as garbage or bird food), remove or secure the item.

When to use self defence

If you have tried everything possible to get a bear to leave your property and you are afraid for your safety, you have the right to protect yourself and your property.

Killing a bear in self-defence must be an action of last resort.

Any action you take must be done:

- according to applicable laws (for example, discharging a firearm by-laws)
- safely
- in the most humane way possible

You do not need a hunting licence to kill a bear in self-defence. If you kill a bear and do not intend to keep it, you must **report it immediately** to your [local Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry office \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices).

If you kill a bear and want to keep it, you must [register for a Notice of Possession \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/keep-dead-wild-animal\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/keep-dead-wild-animal) with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Bear fact:

Most bears encountering a barking dog will climb a tree or run away, but in some instances the bear may chase the dog back to its owner and react defensively against the dog or person.



Prevent conflicts with black bears

Bears usually avoid humans, but they are attracted into urban and rural areas to get food.

Bears will be attracted to your neighbourhood by:

- strong food aromas
- the scent of garbage
- cooking smells
- ripe fruits and pet food left outside

If bears learn that they can find food where people live, they will return again and again as long as the food source is available and will even try to enter buildings. Relocation and dispatch of bears are poor ways of trying to prevent conflicts with bears.



(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKAmlh7U19c>).

[Be Bear Wise - Food \(Video\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKAmlh7U19c) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKAmlh7U19c>).

Be Bear Wise - Relocating | Attention Ou...



[Be Bear Wise - Relocating \(Video\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bQkmBnUlrc) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bQkmBnUlrc>).

To avoid bear encounters, follow these Bear Wise tips.



Garbage:

- put garbage out only on the morning of garbage day, not the night before
- put meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- put garbage in containers that have tight-fitting lids and store it in a bear-proof location such as your basement or a sturdy garage
- frequently wash garbage cans and recycle containers and lids with a strong-smelling disinfectant, such as bleach
- take garbage to the dump often, if you do not have curbside pick-up

**Bird feeders:**

- fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- put away feeders in the spring and instead, offer birds natural alternatives (for example, flowers, nesting boxes and fresh water)

**Barbecue:**

- burn off food residue and wash the grill right away
- empty the grease trap every time you barbecue
- remove all utensils, dishes and food after eating
- be aware that cooking odours can attract bears

**Fruits and berries:**

- pick all ripe and fallen fruit from trees and shrubs on your property
- plant non-fruit bearing trees and shrubs

**Pet food:**

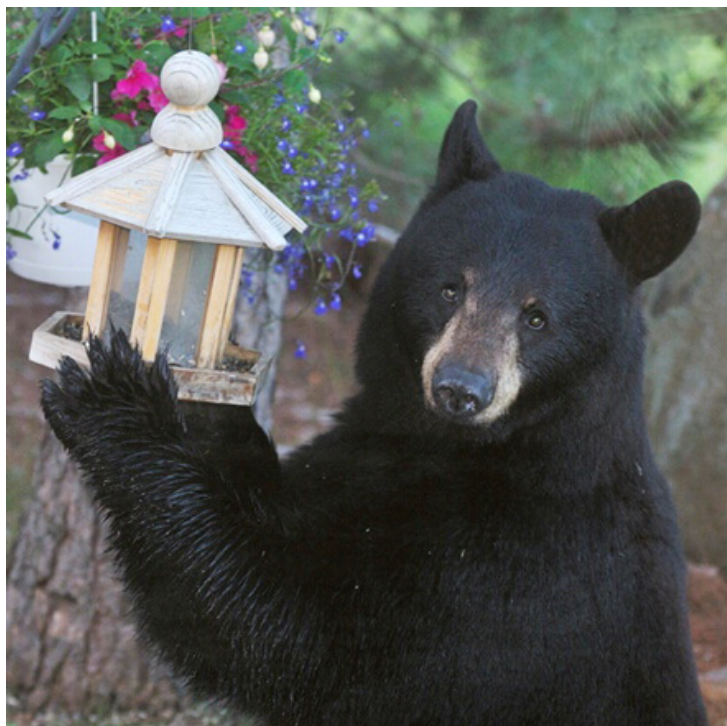
- do not leave pet food outdoors, in screened-in areas or porches

**Dogs:**

- leash your dog(s) when walking through communities or out in bear country to reduce the potential of dogs harassing a black bear or of being attacked by one
- unleashed dogs may instigate a chase response that may lead the bear back to you
- check your yards for the presence of a black bear before letting your dogs out

Bear fact:

Bears love bird feeders. Bird seeds are a high source of calories for bears. Store bird seed and feeder indoors until winter months.

**Bear Wise tips and tools**

Learn how to [keep bears away from your school, cottage and farm \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/bear-wise-tips-and-tools\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/bear-wise-tips-and-tools).

When out in bear country

Bears are smart, curious, powerful and potentially dangerous. **And they don't like surprises.** If you are a hiker, cyclist, jogger, berry picker or you plan to spend some time in "bear country," learn to be Bear Wise to avoid an encounter.

Avoid bear-human interactions

Alert bears to your presence so they can avoid you. Make noise, such as singing, whistling or talking while in areas with restricted visibility or with high background noise, such as near streams and waterfalls.

While outdoors:

- travel in groups of two or more—people who travel alone are most vulnerable
- scan your surroundings and do not wear music headphones
- watch for signs of bear activity such as tracks, claw marks on trees, flipped-over rocks or fresh bear droppings
- leash your dog, as uncontrolled, untrained dogs may actually lead a bear to you
- pay attention, especially if you are working, gardening or berry picking
- rise slowly if you are in a crouched position so that you don't startle nearby bears
- avoid strong fragrances that may cause a bear to be curious
- put any food you are carrying in sealed containers in your pack

Be prepared

You should:

- carry a whistle or air horn
- learn how to use bear pepper spray and carry it somewhere that's easy to access
- consider carrying a long-handled axe, if you are in remote areas or deep in the forest

Bear fact:

Discuss bears with children. Teach children simple things like making sure they can always see an adult; to never approach a bear or other animals; to never run from a bear and if they see a bear to stay calm and call for help.



About black bears

Black bears live throughout most of Ontario. They primarily inhabit forested areas where they are best able to find food, refuge and den sites.

Eating habits and diet

Their entire life revolves around food. When they are not hibernating, bears spend most of their time looking for food.

From the time they come out of hibernation until berry crops are available, bears live off their stored fat and the limited energy provided by fresh spring greens. They get most of their food energy by feeding on summer berry crops like blueberries, raspberries, and cherries. In the fall, they turn their attention to hazel nuts, mountain ash, acorns and beech nuts.

Though black bears will eat carrion, insects, fish, deer fawns and moose calves, the bulk of their diet is plant material. Their natural preference is to find lots of high energy food – like berry patches – that will help them fatten up fast. Their survival and ability to have and raise young depend on their ability to put on weight before going into winter hibernation.

The availability of their natural food varies from season to season and from year to year. When natural food sources are poor, black bears will travel long distances to seek out alternative sources of food.

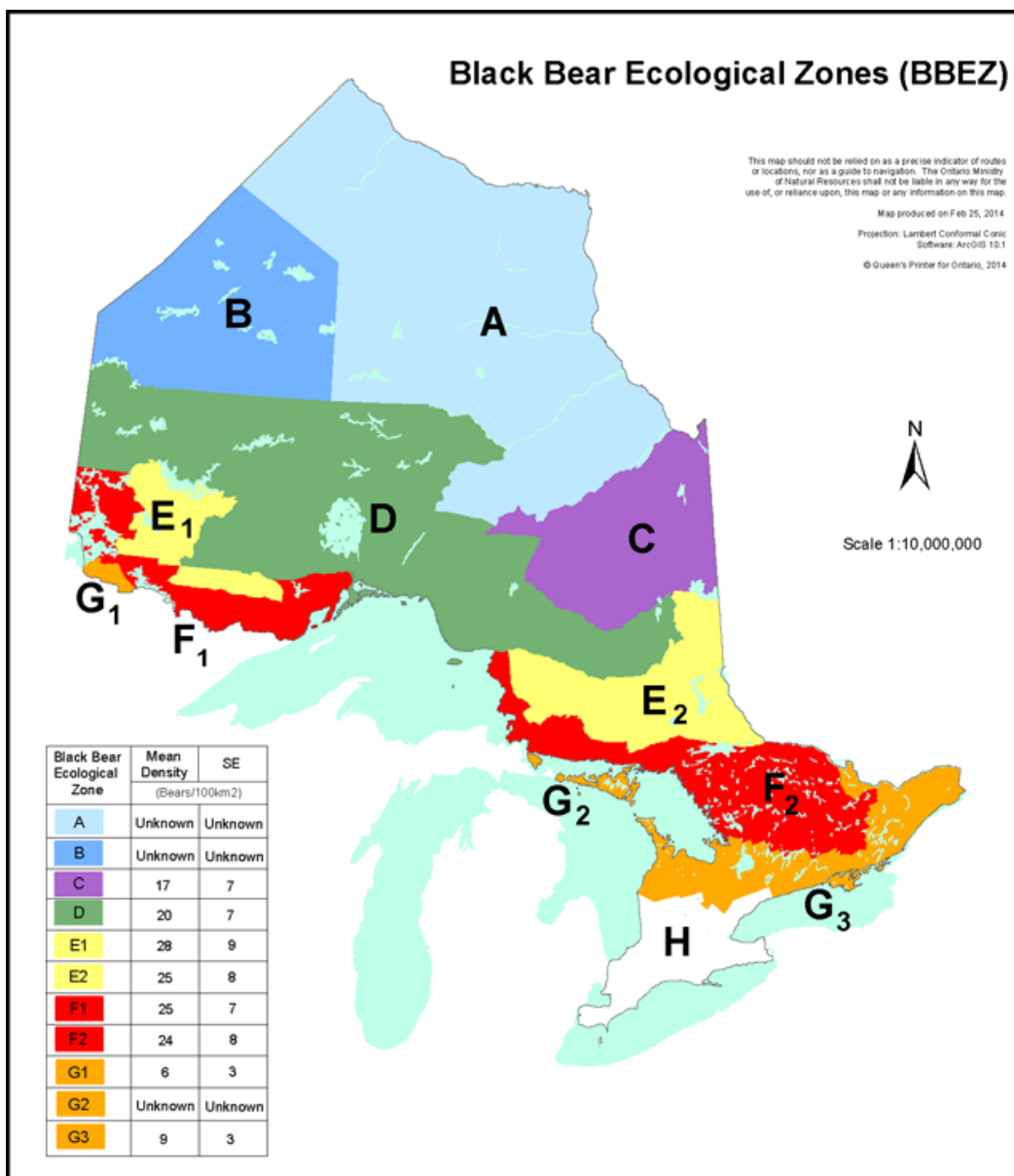
Bear reports in Ontario

The number of calls reporting bear sightings was down in 2019 due to a good natural food crop.



(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYhboT9ggFQ>).

[Be Bear Wise – Risk and Reward \(Video\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYhboT9ggFQ) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYhboT9ggFQ>).



(<https://files.ontario.ca/blackbear-ecological-zones-english-04022019.pdf>)

Enlarge bear density map (<https://files.ontario.ca/blackbear-ecological-zones-english-04022019.pdf>)

Take community action

It takes the local community to prevent conflicts with bears. You may be doing your part, but if your neighbour is not, you may still encounter a bear on your property as a result.

Commit your community to becoming Bear Wise. Remind your neighbours to do their part by:

- sharing [Bear Wise tips \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/bear-wise-tips-and-tools\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/bear-wise-tips-and-tools) with your neighbours
- starting a conversation about how you can work together to prevent conflicts with bears (for example, make sure the whole street waits until morning to put out garbage for collection)

Updated: May 4, 2021

Published: May 16, 2016



What to do if you see or encounter a bear *on your property.*

Black bears live mostly in forested areas where they are best able to find food, winter den sites and refuge. With human activity, development and population increasing in what we often call "bear country" or "cottage country" so too are the possibilities for people to see or encounter bears. Knowing what to do if you see a bear on your property is being Bear Wise.



In an immediate emergency,
call your local police or 911.
To report bear problems call:

1 866 514-2327

(1 866 514-BEAR)

TTY 705 945-7641

For more information, visit our
website:

ontario.ca/bearwise

Every encounter with a black bear is unique. The following information is what experts recommend you do. There is no guarantee that what works in one instance will work in another.

Black Bear safety basics:

- Never approach the bear to get a better look
- Do not attempt to feed a bear
- Anticipate and avoid encounters
- Know what to do if you encounter a bear
- Learn about bears and their behaviour
- When outdoors, supervise children and never leave pets unattended

If you spot a black bear:

- Stay calm. Often the bear is simply passing through
- Do not run away. Walk towards a building or vehicle and get inside
- If you have children and pets, bring them inside too
- Once indoors, observe the bear. Did it move on or did it stay on your property? If the bear stayed, what was it doing or eating?
- Encourage the bear to leave. Bang pots and pans, or blow an air horn or whistle. The more stressful a bear's encounter with you, the less likely it is to come back
- If the bear got food (like garbage or bird food), or if the bear tried to get food, you will need to remove or control the item that attracted the bear
- Once the bear leaves, remove the attractant and assess your property for other possible attractants like garbage; dirty barbecue; bird or pet food or fruit or berries from your trees or bushes
- It is possible for a bear to return even though you removed the attractant. Bears do return to places where they have found food. Once the bear does not get food, it will move on
- If you have done everything you can to remove attractants, and the bear persists, call 1-866-514-2327
- If a bear is damaging your property, breaking into your home or threatening your personal safety or that of others, call 911 or your local police
- Alert your neighbours about bear activity, and work together to keep your neighbourhood free from items that attract bears
- Work with your municipality to solve problems before they happen
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs from the area. The bear will usually come down and leave when it feels safe

NOTE: If you have shot a bear in defense of your property, you are required by law to immediately report it to your local Ministry of Natural Resources office either in person or by telephone. This requirement applies whether you intend to keep the bear or not. Failure to do so is a violation of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

To learn more about bear encounters, see our Fact Sheets
"Be safe in bear country" and "What to do if you encounter a bear".

There's more ...
see over!





Keep bears out of your neighbourhood.

You may not even know you are doing it. You could be attracting bears onto your property and into your community. Garbage is the main reason why bears are drawn into communities. Bird and pet food, greasy barbecues and ripe or decaying fruit, berries and vegetables are other invitations to bears to forage for food in your yard. This is not good for you, for your neighbours or for bears.

BEARS CAN
BE DANGEROUS



In an immediate emergency,
call your local police or 911.
To report bear problems call:

1 866 514-2327

(1 866 514-BEAR)

TTY 705 945-7641

For more information, visit our
website:

ontario.ca/bearwise

Problems with bears are usually created by people. By following these tips every spring, summer and fall, you can avoid attracting bears to your property:

Garbage:

- Eliminate odours. Put garbage in containers that have tight fitting lids, and only put it out on the morning of garbage day, not the night before
- Whenever possible, store garbage in bear-resistant containers, or indoors (house, shed, garage). Do not store garbage in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles
- Put meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- If you do not have curbside pick up, take your garbage to the dump often
- Frequently wash garbage cans and recycle containers and lids with a strong smelling disinfectant

Bird/Pet food:

- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- Do not leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors, not outside or in screened in areas or porches

Fruits/Vegetables/Compost:

- Avoid landscaping with trees, shrubs or plants that produce food known to attract bears (some examples include crab apple trees, mountain ash, beech and oak)
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter
- Remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- Pick all ripe fruit from trees and bushes

Smells:

- Be aware that cooking odours can attract bears
- Remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease cup underneath, after each use

Learn about bears, their needs and behaviour. Share your knowledge with others. Encourage your neighbours and your community to practice Bear Wise habits. It takes everyone working together to keep bears away.

For more information about bears, see our Fact Sheets "Bears travel far for food" and "Bears are part of our natural heritage".

There's more ...
see over!





Be Bear Wise

Bears in your schoolyard. What you can do.

If you see a bear on or around school property:

- GO INSIDE the school right away
- TELL the first adult you see

If the bear sees YOU:

- DON'T APPROACH the bear
- SLOWLY BACK AWAY toward the school
- REMOVE and drop your backpack if it contains food
- TELL the first adult you see

If the bear MOVES TOWARD you:

- SLOWLY BACK AWAY toward the school while MAKING NOISE
- YELL at the bear to GO AWAY!
- DO NOT "play dead"
- DO NOT turn and run
- GET INSIDE the school as soon as you can, without running
- TELL the first adult you see

Help keep bears away:

- Keep your lunch inside the school
- Do not leave food, wrappings or lunch bags in the schoolyard. Take them inside the school to throw away
- Tell your teacher if you see food or garbage left in open bins or in the schoolyard

If you would like to report a bear problem, call 1 866 514-2327.

In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or the local police.

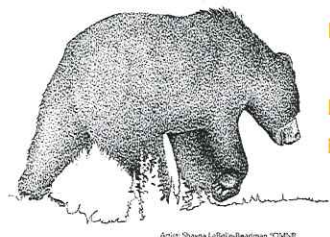
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Be Bear Wise

Bear Basics



- Black bears are large, powerful animals.
- Adult males can weigh between 120-280 kilograms (kg) (250-600 lbs). Adult females can weigh between 45-180 kg (100-400 lbs).
- Most black bears in Ontario have black fur, but a few can be dark brown to light brown.
- In Ontario, black bears live in forests from Lake Ontario in the south to Hudson Bay in the north.
- Black bears are omnivores. They eat both plants and animals; anything that is easy to get at.
- In Ontario, black bears feed from the middle of April until late fall.
- In the fall, black bears eat for up to 20 hours a day! They like raspberries, blueberries, acorns and the nuts of the beech tree.
- If black bears cannot find natural foods, they can travel more than 100 kilometers (km) to find other food, including our garbage!
- Black bears double their body weight getting ready for winter.
- By early November, most black bears move into their dens for the winter.



**Black bears are not usually dangerous animals.
Admire them. Respect them. But please, don't feed them.**

**If you would like to report a bear problem, call 1 866 514-2327.
In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or the local police.**

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Low wild food supplies bringing bears to town

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By Megan Walchuk

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Whether you call her Mrs Apples or a safety risk, a mother bear with her three cubs has caught the attention of East end Fort Frances.

The family unit has been spotted regularly over the past few weeks, and her movements tracked over social media.

She's also caught the attention of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. They have been monitoring her through tips to the Bear-Wise Hotline. Although she has cubs, she is not considered a bigger risk to safety than a solitary bear, but the public has an important role to play in keeping it that way, according to Michelle Nowak, Regional Outreach Specialist for the NDMNRF.

"From the reports NDMNRF is receiving, this family group is frequenting fruit trees and getting into household garbage in the east end," she said. "The best practice to avoid human bear interactions is the management of attractants. Garbage should be stored in secure locations and only put out the morning of pick up. Fruit that has fallen to the ground should be cleaned up as quickly as possible and ripe fruit should be picked."

Being aware of your surroundings is also essential, she added.

“Avoid wearing headphones when out walking and ensure dogs are leashed, as dogs that are not under control may actually lead a bear to you,” she said.

According to Nowak, the Fort Frances District – which includes Emo, Devlin and Stratton – has seen 35 bear reports between April and July 30 this year. That’s compared to 28 for the same time last year.

However, that doesn’t necessarily mean more bears – just more reports, she noted.

“A single bear can generate multiple calls into the Bear Wise Hotline or several posts on social media,” she said.

The role of the ministry is educating the public on how to safely reduce and manage bear interactions, not eliminate bears, said Nowak. Through experience, the ministry has discovered that relocating a bear is largely unsuccessful and shooting a bear is a last resort, and will only be done at the request of police assistance. Instead, the ministry works with residents to create an environment that’s less attractive to bears, and educates people on how to respond to bears in the region.

Bears are attracted into urban areas in the search for food, which is in short supply in the wild, said Nowak. An early spring, followed by a late frost and drought conditions have reduced the wild berry supply – a staple food source for hungry bears.

“When natural food sources are poor, bears will travel long distances in search of alternatives, potentially leading to increased human bear conflict,” she said.

The search for high calorie food is the sole preoccupation for bears; their survival depends on their ability to put on weight before hibernation. In their natural habitat, their energy comes from berry crops throughout summer, then mountain ash, acorns and other nuts towards the fall. Although they will also eat carrion, insects, fish, deer fawns and moose calves, the bulk of a bear’s natural diet is plant material – unless, like this year, that food is in short supply.

“This leads bears into urban areas in the search for food, like garbage, bird seed and fruit trees which are relatively easy to acquire. Once bears have learned they can find food where people live they will return again and again,” said Nowak. “Managing known attractants is the best practise to avoid interactions.”

That includes storing garbage in an inaccessible location, keeping bird feeders in storage until the winter months, and keeping pet food indoors and off porches.

Be aware of odours which may attract bears. Choose trees and shrubs which don’t produce fruits or nuts for your property. If you already have them, be diligent in picking ripe fruits and

For information on preventing bear encounters, and how to react when faced with a bear, visit www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise.

Non-emergency encounters

removing fallen ones. Cooking odours from a barbecue can also attract attention from bears and if your barbecue becomes a reliable source of calories, they may continue to return to it. To discourage regular visits, burn off food residue, clean the grill and empty the grease trap right after every use, and remove utensils, dishes and leftovers immediately after eating.

When encountering a bear, the public has a number of options. Most bear encounters are not cause for alarm. These would include bears roaming through yards, checking in or knocking over garbage cans, barbecues and bird feeders, climbing up trees, or breaking into sheds where garbage is kept. In these cases, the public is asked to call the Bear-Wise hotline, at 1-866-514-2327. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and alerts the ministry of bear activity in the area. The data is used to determine ministry responses. An employee may visit the site to determine any attractants in the area, and may help residents to make the area less attractive to bears.

An emergency encounter with a bear would include a bear in a schoolyard while class is in session, or a bear that is stalking people, attempting to enter a residence, wandering into a public gathering, killing livestock or pets, or lingering at a site instead of roaming through. In these cases, a call to 911 or the local OPP is appropriate.

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at **1-866-514-2327** if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

Emergency situations

Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site

Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.



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Date: September 2nd, 2021

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee.

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

RE: August Activities for By-Law Enforcement Department.

Please see the below information for the month of August activities for this department.

Operational Constraints

- Nothing to report.

August 2021

Animal Pound Statistics

| | |
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| Impounded Dogs | 0 |
| Impounded Cats | 0 |
| After Hours Visits | 0 |
| Total Shelter Visits for Month | 6 |

Monthly Parking Statistics

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Tickets for Month | 2 |
| Ticket by OPP | 1 |
| Monthly Total | 3 |
| Yearly Total Issued | 118 |

Daily Activities completed by By-Law Officers.

- Animal Pound Activities.
- Pawn Shop Visits.
- Checking Parking Equipment (Repairs/Maintenance to Meter Equipment).
- Garbage Collection Issues.

Other Duties Completed by By-Law Officers

- Month End Office Reports.
- Fine Box Collections & Ticket Processing.
- Parking Enforcement Complaint Driven.
- OPP Monthly Parking Stats.
- Emergency Management COVID-19 Response.
- Emergency Management 2021 Compliance Ongoing.
- Operation Walleye Full Scale Exercise Planning Meetings.
- Hospital Evacuation Centres Review/Planning.
- Review & Comment on CN Extreme Weather & Fire Plans.
- OFMEM PEOC Calls Twice per Week.
- Amethyst Sector (Emergency Management) CEMC Bi-Weekly Calls.
- JHSC Activities & Monthly Inspections.
- Monthly Activities Reporting to PDEC.
- OFMEM - EEPMO Project Meetings.
- OAPSO Fall Chapter Meeting Planning
- Maintain/Attend Town Vehicle's in Parking Lot (Civic Centre).
- Monitoring NW Region Fire Hazards & Evacuation Situation.

- POA Court Reopening Meetings/Planning.
- Court Appearance – DOLA
- RL Gymnastics Parking Request.

| Occurrence Type (Complaints & Information) | Calls for Complaints/ Information |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Fireworks (Includes Inquiries) | 1 |
| Parking (Includes Inquiries) | 8 |
| Animals (Includes Inquiries) | 15 |
| Business Licensing (Includes Inquiries) | 10 |
| Property Standards (Includes Landlord/Tenant & Grass Cutting) | 13 |
| Taxi (Includes Inquiries) | 5 |
| Off-Road Vehicles By-Law (Includes Inquiries) | 3 |
| Moving Permits (Includes Inquiries) | 1 |
| Smoking By-Law & Cannabis (Includes Inquiries) | 3 |
| Heavy Trucks (Includes Inquiries) | 2 |
| Waste Management (Includes Asselin Forms) | 24 |
| Fences (Includes Inquiries & Pools) | 4 |
| COVID Legislation/Vaccination | 3 |
| OPP Call Outs/Questions | 2 |
| Building Code/Zoning Issues (Includes Tents, Trailers, etc). | 3 |
| Noise Issues (Includes Inquiries) | 8 |
| Fire Issues (Includes Inquiries) | 3 |
| Water Permits & Information (Issued, Inquiries & Enforcement) | 14 |
| Sign Permits (Includes Inquiries) | 4 |
| TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE | 126 |

Respectfully submitted,

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