



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

Monday, October 21st, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
Municipal Office – Council Chambers – 217 Harper Road

Chair, Larry Sparks

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Suggested Motion by Peter Siemons/Richard Schooley:
“THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.”*

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) **Committee of Adjustment Meeting – August 19th, 2024 - attached, page 4.**

*Suggested Motion by Peter Siemons/Richard Schooley:
“THAT, the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting held August 19th,
2024, be approved as circulated.”*

5. INTRODUCTION

- The purpose of this meeting is to hear application for Minor Variance:
 - **Thornton**
- The Committee is charged with making a decision on the applications on the agenda. The decision will be based on both oral and written input received and understandings gained.
- The Planner will provide a brief overview of the details of the file. The applicant will then be given an opportunity to explain the need for the variance. Then, any person or public body, in opposition and then in favour, to the application will be heard.
- If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect to the below listed application(s), you must submit a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment at adminassistant@tayvalleytwp.ca.

- The Secretary/Treasurer must provide notice of the Committee’s decision to all those who request a copy.

6. APPLICATIONS

i) **FILE #:** **MV24-12 - Thornton – attached, page 11.**
580 Lally Lake Lane A
Part Lot 11, Concession 5
Geographic Township of North Burgess

- (a) PLANNER FILE REVIEW
- (b) APPLICANT COMMENTS
- (c) ORAL & WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS
- (d) DECISION OF COMMITTEE

*Recommended Decision by Richard Schooley/Peter Siemons:
“THAT, in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, that Minor Variance Application MV24-12 is approved, to allow a variance from the requirements of Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, for the lands legally described as 580 Lally Lake Lane A, Part Lot 11, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of North Burgess, now known as Tay Valley Township in the County of Lanark – Roll Number 0911-911-025-21706;*

- *To allow a proposed cottage addition at a water setback of 15m (50 ft) rather than the minimum 30m required;*
- *To permit the construction of a garage at a water setback of 18.5m (60.7ft) rather than the minimum 30m required;*

AND THAT, the existing Site Plan Control Agreement be updated.”

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

Monday, August 19th, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario
Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:	Chair, Larry Sparks Richard Schooley
Members Absent:	Peter Siemons
Staff Present:	Noelle Reeve, Planner Garry Welsh, Secretary/Treasurer
Staff Absent:	None
Applicants/Agents Present:	Sean Rathwell, Owner Ann Chapman, Owner Brent Cheff, Owner Samuel Laplante, Applicant/Agent
Public Present:	None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
A quorum was present.

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i) **Committee of Adjustment Meeting – May 27th, 2024.**

The minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting held on May 27th, 2024, were approved as circulated.

5. INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed the attendees. The Chair then provided an overview of the Minor Variance application review process to be followed, including:

- the mandate and responsibilities of the Committee
- a review of available documentation
- the rules of natural justice, the rights of persons to be heard and to receive related documentation on request and the preservation of persons' rights.
- the flow and timing of documentation and the process that follows this meeting
- any person wanting a copy of the decision regarding this/these application(s) should leave their name and mailing address with the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Chair advised that this Committee of Adjustment is charged with making a decision on the applications tonight during this public meeting. The decision will be based on both the oral and written input received and understandings gained.

Based on the above, the Committee has four decision options:

- Approve – with or without conditions
- Deny – with reasons
- Defer – pending further input
- Return to Township Staff – application deemed not to be minor

The agenda for this meeting included the following application(s) for Minor Variance:

MV24-08 – Rathwell, Concession 8, Part Lot 3, geographic Township of North Burgess

MV24-09 – Chapman, Concession 2, Part Lot 5, geographic Township of South Sherbrooke

MV24-10 – Cheff, Plan 30, Concession 9, Lot 25, geographic Township of Bathurst

6. APPLICATIONS

i) **FILE #: MV24-08 – Rathwell**

a) **PLANNER FILE REVIEW**

The Planner reviewed the file and PowerPoint in the agenda package. The Planner noted that the proposed cottage location is constrained by the driveway and a steep slope towards the rear of the property.

The Planner also explained that the owner's deed must be updated to include the description of the legal right-of-way access across the neighbouring properties.

b) APPLICANT COMMENTS

None.

c) ORAL & WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

None.

d) DECISION OF COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #COA-2024-10

MOVED BY: Richard Schooley
SECONDED BY: Larry Sparks

“THAT, in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, that Minor Variance Application MV24-08 is approved, to allow a variance from the requirements of Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, for the lands legally described as 673 Beaver Dam Lane, Part Lot 3, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of North Burgess, now known as Tay Valley Township in the County of Lanark – Roll Number 0911-911-010-23000;

- to allow a 149.4m² cottage to be built at a water setback of 12m with the second storey at 15m rather than the minimum 30m required;

THAT, the owners enter into a Site Plan Control Agreement prepared by the Township;

AND THAT, the legal description of the property be updated to include the description of right-of-way legal access.”

ADOPTED

ii) **FILE #: MV24-09 – Chapman**

a) PLANNER FILE REVIEW

The Planner reviewed the file and PowerPoint in the agenda package. The Planner noted that although the proposed lot coverage of 12% exceeds the allowable maximum of 10%, the Floor Space Index (FSI) of 12% meets the maximum allowed. The new cottage will be expanded by just 0.6m (2 ft) on either side. A new septic system and a Site Plan Control Agreement will ensure a net environmental gain.

The Planner also explained that the proposed building location has a surrounding buffer of existing trees.

b) APPLICANT COMMENTS

None.

c) ORAL & WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

None.

d) DECISION OF COMMITTEE

The Committee noted that although the lot is smaller than usual it is part of what was historically a grouping of family cottage lots.

RESOLUTION #COA-2024-11

MOVED BY: Richard Schooley

SECONDED BY: Larry Sparks

“THAT, in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, that Minor Variance Application MV24-09 is approved, to allow a variance from the requirements of Section 5.2.2 (Zone Provisions) and Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, for the lands legally described as 159 Bob’s Lake Lane 21, Part Lot 5, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of South Sherbrooke, now known as Tay Valley Township in the County of Lanark – Roll Number 0911-911-010-23000;

- To permit a 120.4 m² (1,296 sq ft) cottage to be built, at a north side yard setback of 3.0 m, and a south side setback of 2.9 m, rather than the 6 m required;
- To allow proposed lot coverage of 12%, rather than the 10% allowed;
- To allow a proposed water setback of 24 m rather than the minimum 30m required;

AND THAT, the owners enter into a Site Plan Control Agreement prepared by the Township.”

ADOPTED

iii) **FILE #: MV24-10 – Cheff**

a) **PLANNER FILE REVIEW**

The Planner reviewed the file and PowerPoint in the agenda package. The Planner noted that circulation of the Notice of Public Hearing was delayed until six days before the Hearing as the Township was waiting on a legal opinion regarding development on a Private Unassumed Road, within a subdivision. The Planner deemed that it was beneficial to the applicant to proceed rather than defer the application until the next Public Hearing and for the provincial deadlines to be met to avoid a non-decision appeal.

The Planner explained that the Official Plan allows for a Minor Variance as they are building an addition onto an existing building. A Part 10/11 Septic System Review was not required by the Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office (MRSSO) as the addition is small enough to be exempt from review.

b) **APPLICANT COMMENTS**

None.

c) **ORAL & WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

None.

d) **DECISION OF COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION #COA-2024-12

MOVED BY: Richard Schooley
SECONDED BY: Larry Sparks

“THAT, in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, that Minor Variance Application MV24-10 is approved, to allow a variance from the requirements of Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, for the lands legally described as 229 Scott Court, Plan 30, Lot 255, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Bathurst, now known as Tay Valley Township in the County of Lanark – Roll Number 0911-916-020-24425;

- To allow a 48m² cottage addition at a water setback of 28m rather than the minimum 30m required;

THAT, the owners enter into a Site Plan Control Agreement prepared by the Township.” **ADOPTED**

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

APPLICATIONS

Committee of Adjustment

October 21, 2024

Noelle Reeve, Planner

APPLICATION MV24-12 Thornton
580 Lally Lane A, Part Lot 11, Concession 5
Geographic Township of North Burgess

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Purpose and Effect: To seek relief from Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) and 3.30 (Yard and Water Setback Encroachments) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, as amended, as follows:

- To allow a proposed cottage addition and deck at a water setback of 15m (49.2ft) rather than the minimum 30m required.
- To permit the construction of a garage at a water setback of 18.5m (60.7ft) rather than the minimum 30m required.

The effect of the proposal is to permit a kitchen addition and deck to the rear of an existing cottage located 15m from Round Lake and to allow the construction of a garage behind the cottage at a water setback of 18.5m from the lake.

REVIEW COMMENTS

The property is located at 580 Lally Lake Lane A. The lot is approximately 0.69 ha (1.7 acres) with 388.6 m (1,275 ft) water frontage. The owner is proposing to add a kitchen addition and deck to the cottage and construct a garage behind the cottage. The Planner is able to support the construction of the kitchen addition and garage. However, the existing cottage is too close to the lake to allow additional decking, and the existing gazebo structure precludes more decking, except for a landing to allow access.

The existing Site Plan Control Agreement can be updated to include the new development.

Provincial Policy Statement

No concerns. Section 1.1 Managing and Directing Land Use to Achieve Efficient and Resilient Development and Land Use Patterns, Section 2.1 Natural Heritage, and Section 3.1 Protecting Public Health and Safety – Natural Hazards are satisfied as the proposed cottage addition and garage will be located towards the rear of the cottage. An update to the existing Site Plan Control Agreement will provide protection of the shoreline and can be used to maintain and add additional naturalization of the property.

County Sustainable Community Official Plan

No Concerns. Section 3.3.3.1 Rural Area Land Use Policies Objectives are to: ensure development is consistent with rural service levels; to maintain the distinct character of rural, waterfront and settlement areas; and ensure development is compatible with natural heritage.

Official Plan

The subject land is designated Rural in the *Official Plan*, with additional designations for areas which include Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and Buffer, Abandoned Mine Buffer, and Deer Yard. A cottage is a permitted use on the portion of the property which is outside of the PSW.

The applicants originally proposed a basement under the proposed kitchen, but the RVCA would have required a hydrogeological report due to the nearby location of the Provincially Significant Wetland. The applicants, therefore, proposed a garage, instead of a basement.

Zoning By-Law

The property is zoned as Seasonal Residential (RS) and Environmental Protection (EP). A cottage is a permitted use. The proposed lot coverage is 5.7%, well under the 10% permitted in the zone. The proposed Floor Space Index (FSI) is 3.5% well under the 12% permitted.

However, with regard to the decking, Section 3.30 permits various amounts of deck and various extensions of deck toward the water depending on the setback of the dwelling. In this case, with the front of the cottage located 3.6m from the lake, no deck would be allowed.

On the side of the cottage that is 15m from the lake, a deck may extend 2m (6.6 ft) toward the water to a total of 28m² (301 sq ft). Currently there is 43m² of deck that was in place prior to the current Zoning By-law so is legally non-conforming. Therefore, no additional deck is permitted, although a landing at the entrance to the kitchen is permitted.

The Zoning By-Law allows for variances from the 30m setback due to existing development. The addition cannot be placed farther from the lake due to the location of the existing cottage and the shape of the property as a peninsula. The garage cannot be placed farther from the lake due to existing sheds and a legal bunkie. However, there is a rise of land between the proposed garage and the lake.

The application can be considered minor in impact as proposed lot coverage is minimal,

The proposal is also desirable and appropriate development of the lands in question as it is a permitted use. In addition, the existing Site Plan Control Agreement will be updated to ensure maintenance and enhancement of vegetation.

CIRCULATION COMMENTS

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) – RVCA has no objections to the proposed development. An update to the existing Site Plan Control Agreement will include the following standard recommendations:

- vegetation along the shoreline and leading to the shoreline be retained and augmented with the exception of a 6m path to the shore.
- sediment control measures shall be implemented throughout the construction process (mainly the placement of a sediment barrier such as staked straw bales between exposed soil and the lake). The sediment barrier should remain in place until all disturbed areas have been stabilized and re-vegetated.
- excavated material shall be disposed of well away from the water.
- natural drainage patterns on the site shall not be substantially altered, such that additional run-off is directed into the lake. In order to help achieve this, eaves troughing shall be installed and outlet to a leach pit or well-vegetated area away from the lake to allow for maximum infiltration.

The owner should contact RVCA prior to proceeding with future development activity to confirm if a permit is required.

Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office – (MRSSO) – A Part 10/11 Renovation/Change of Use Septic Permit will be required before a building permit can be issued.

Public – None at the time of the report.

SITE PLAN CONTROL AGREEMENT

An update to the existing Site Plan Control Agreement containing the recommendations of the RVCA is proposed to enhance protection of the water quality and shoreline of Round Lake.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minor Variance be granted for relief from the requirements of Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, as amended, as follows:

- To allow a proposed cottage addition at a water setback of 15m (50 ft) rather than the minimum 30m required.
- To permit the construction of a garage at a water setback of 18.5m (60.7ft) rather than the minimum 30m required.

because the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law are maintained; further, that the variance is desirable for the appropriate development of the lands and can be considered minor. As such, the application meets the tests of the Planning Act.

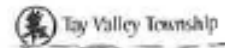
And that the existing Site Plan Control Agreement be updated.

Thornton Minor Variance

Public Notice

Pursuant to the Planning Act, Notice of Public Hearing is to be provided a minimum of 10 days for a Minor Variance to the Zoning By-law. Notice was duly given by posting at the nearest public road and delivering to adjacent property owners within 60 metres of the location. Notice was also given to public agencies as required.

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Thornton Minor Variance

Ontario Land Tribunal

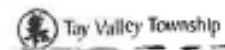
Only the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body that has an interest in the matter may appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A "specified person" does not include an individual or a community association.

Please be cautioned that the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss all or part of an appeal without holding a hearing if the reasons set out in the appeal do not refer to land use planning grounds offended by the decision, the appeal is not made in good faith or is frivolous or vexatious or made only for the purpose of delay.

The Tribunal may also dismiss the appeal if the appellant did not make oral submission at the public meeting or did not make written submission before the plan or amendment were adopted.

If you choose to appeal, you must submit written reasons, the prescribed fee and any other background material requested.

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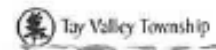
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Thornton Minor Variance

Decision Process

- based on both the oral and written input received and understanding gained
- four key factors:
 - ✓ Is the application generally in keeping with the intent of the Township's Official Plan?
 - ✓ Is the application generally in keeping with the intent of the Township's Zoning By-laws?
 - ✓ Is it desirable and appropriate development and use of the site?
 - ✓ Is it minor in nature and scope?
- four decision options:
 - ? Approve – with or without conditions
 - ? Deny – with reasons
 - ? Defer – pending further input
 - ? Return to Township Staff – application deemed not to be minor

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Thornton Minor Variance

Hearing Process

- The Planner will review the application and present her comments plus those of the Conservation Authority, Septic System Office, and any public comments received
- The Applicant may provide additional details or clarification
- Any members of the public may contribute comments or questions
- The Committee members will discuss and decide
- The Notice of Decision will be signed

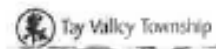
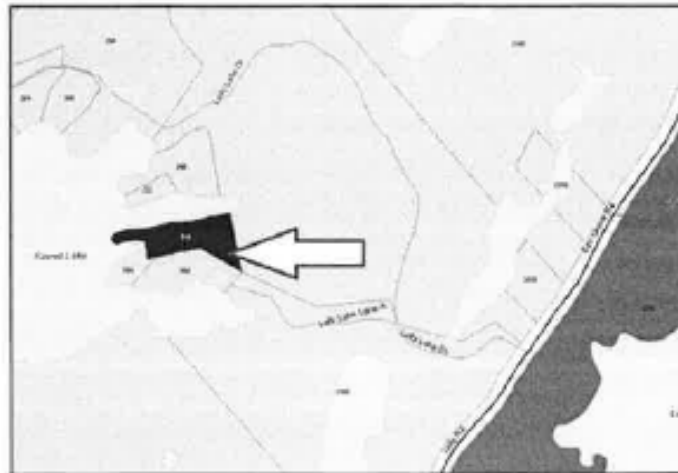
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Thornton

580 Lally Lake Lane A, Part Lot 11, Concession 5
Geographic Township of North Burgess



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Thornton - Proposal

The Minor Variance application seeks relief from Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) and Section 3.30 (Yard and Water Encroachments) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, as amended, as follows:

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- To permit the construction of a garage at a water setback of 18.5m (60.7ft) rather than the minimum 30m required.

The effect of the proposal is to permit a kitchen addition to the rear of an existing cottage located 15m from Round Lake and to allow the construction of a garage behind the cottage at a water setback of 18.5m from the lake.



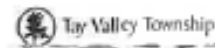
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Thornton - Proposal

- The property is located at 580 Lally Lake Lane A. The lot is approximately 0.69 ha (1.7 acres) with 389m (1,275 ft) water frontage. The owner is proposing to add a 56.9m² kitchen addition to the cottage, and a new 118.9m² garage.
- The existing Site Plan Control Agreement will be updated.

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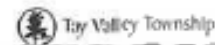


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Thornton – Planner’s Review Comments

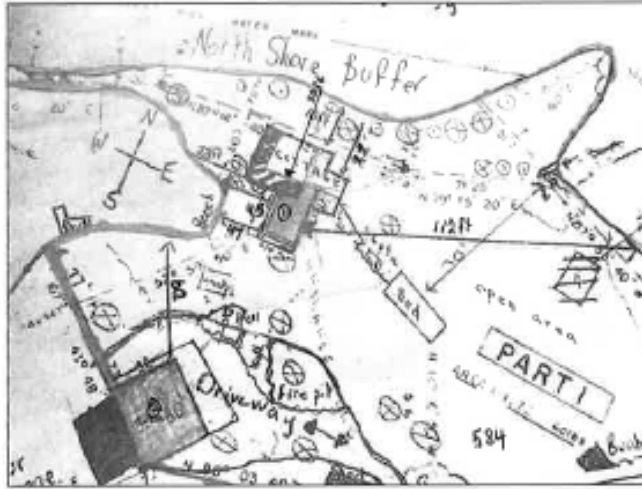
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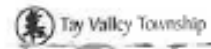


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Thornton Site Drawing



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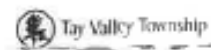


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Thornton Photos



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Thornton Comments

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA)

RVCA has no objections to the proposed development. An update to the existing Site Plan Control Agreement will include the following standard recommendations:

- vegetation along the shoreline and leading to the shoreline be retained and augmented with the exception of a 6m path to the shore.
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Thornton Comments

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

- excavated material shall be disposed of well away from the water.
- natural drainage patterns on the site shall not be substantially altered, such that additional run-off is directed into the lake. In order to help achieve this, eaves troughing shall be installed and outlet to a leach pit or well-vegetated area away from the lake to allow for maximum infiltration.

The owner should contact RVCA prior to proceeding with future development activity to confirm if a permit is required.

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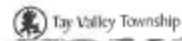
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Thornton Comments

Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office (MRSSO)

- A Part 10/11 Renovation/Change of Use Septic Permit will be required before a building permit can be issued.

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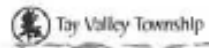


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Thornton Provincial Policy Statement

- No concerns.
- Section 1.1 Managing and Directing Land Use to Achieve Efficient and Resilient Development and Land Use Patterns, Section 2.1 Natural Heritage, and Section 3.1 Protecting Public Health and Safety – Natural Hazards are satisfied as the proposed cottage addition and garage will be located towards the rear of the cottage.
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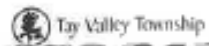


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Thornton County Sustainable Communities Official Plan

- No Concerns.
- Section 3.3.3.1 Rural Area Land Use Policies
Objectives are to: ensure development is consistent with rural service levels; to maintain the distinct character of rural, waterfront and settlement areas; and to ensure that development is compatible with natural heritage.

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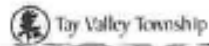


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Thornton Official Plan

- The subject land is designated Rural in the Official Plan, with additional designations for areas which include Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and Buffer, Abandoned Mine Buffer, and Deer Yard.
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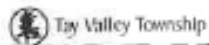


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Thornton Zoning By-law

- The property is zoned as Seasonal Residential (RS) and Environmental Protection (EP). A cottage is a permitted use within the RS Zone.

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Thornton Official Plan & Zoning Test

Is the application generally in keeping with the intent of the Township's Official Plan & Zoning By-Law?

- Yes. The proposed lot coverage is 5.7% which is well under the 10% permitted in the zone. The proposed Floor Space Index (FSI) is 3.5% which is also well under the 12% permitted.
- The Zoning By-law allows for variances from the 30m setback due to existing development. The addition cannot be placed farther from the lake due to the location of the existing cottage and the shape of the lot as a peninsula.

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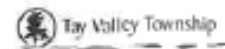
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Thornton Development & Use Test

Is it desirable and appropriate development for the use of the site?

- The proposal is also desirable and appropriate development of the lands in question as it is a permitted use. In addition, the existing Site Plan Control Agreement will be updated to ensure maintenance and enhancement of vegetation.

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Thornton "Minor" Test

Is it minor in nature and scope?

- The application can be considered minor in impact as proposed lot coverage is minimal and there is a rise of land between the proposed garage and the lake.

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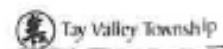


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Thornton Site Plan Control Agreement

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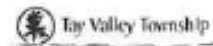


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Thornton Public Comments

- No comments were received at the time of the report.
- Members of the public are welcome to speak to the application at this meeting.

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Thornton Recommendation

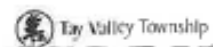
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because the general intent and purpose of the *Official Plan* and *Zoning By-law* are maintained; further, that the variance is desirable for the appropriate development of the lands and can be considered minor. As such, the application meets the tests of the *Planning Act*.

And that the existing Site Plan Control Agreement be updated.

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Thornton Resolution

Recommended Decision:

"THAT, in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, that Minor Variance Application MV24-12 is approved, to allow a variance from the requirements of Section 3.29 (Water Setbacks) of Zoning By-Law 2002-121, for the lands legally described as 580 Lally Lake Lane A, Part Lot 11, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of North Burgess, now known as Tay Valley Township in the County of Lanark – Roll Number 0911-911-025-21706;

- To allow a proposed cottage addition at a water setback of 15m (50ft) rather than the minimum 30m required;*
- To permit the construction of a garage at a water setback of 18.5m (60.7ft) rather than the minimum 30m required;*

AND THAT, the existing Site Plan Control Agreement be updated.