

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AGENDA**

TIME: 7:00 PM,
DATE: Tuesday, December 12, 2017
PLACE: Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
3. Scheduled Closed Session - n/a
4. ***Recess *** - n/a
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Sydenham Lake Stewardship Plan

Presentation to: Township of South Frontenac
Committee of the Whole

Date: December 12, 2017

Presenters: Gord Rodgers, Bill Peairs



Funding Provided by:

Source Protection Municipal Implementation Fund
Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change



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Highlights



- **2016**
- **Presentation to AGM & Process Kickoff** **July 9**
- **Public Workshop: Values & Issues** **Aug 27**
- **State of the Lake Report Completed** **June 20**
- **Presentation to Council** **July 11**
- **2017**
- **Draft Lake Stewardship Plan Released** **May 10**
- **SLA AGM – Draft Plan** **July 8**
- **Presentation to Comm. of the Whole** **Dec 12**

Steering Committee

Sydenham Lake Association - Bill Peairs (Chair), Jeff Peck, Graeme Watson, Mark Schjerning and Jack Fox

South Frontenac Township - Lindsay Mills

Frontenac County - Joe Gallivan

Cataraqui Conservation Authority - Tom Beaubiah, Holly Evans

Facilitators: French Planning Services Inc. - Gord Rodgers, Randy French, and Brent MacDougall (Watersheds Canada)

Other Agency Partners

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change - Victor Castro

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Monique Charette

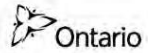
Funding Partners

- **County of Frontenac and South Frontenac Township** and to the **Cataraqui Conservation Authority** for their facilitation of funding sources.
- **Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change** for funding through the Source Protection Municipal Implementation Fund.
- **Sydenham Lake Association** for its contribution to funding of this project.

Other Contributors

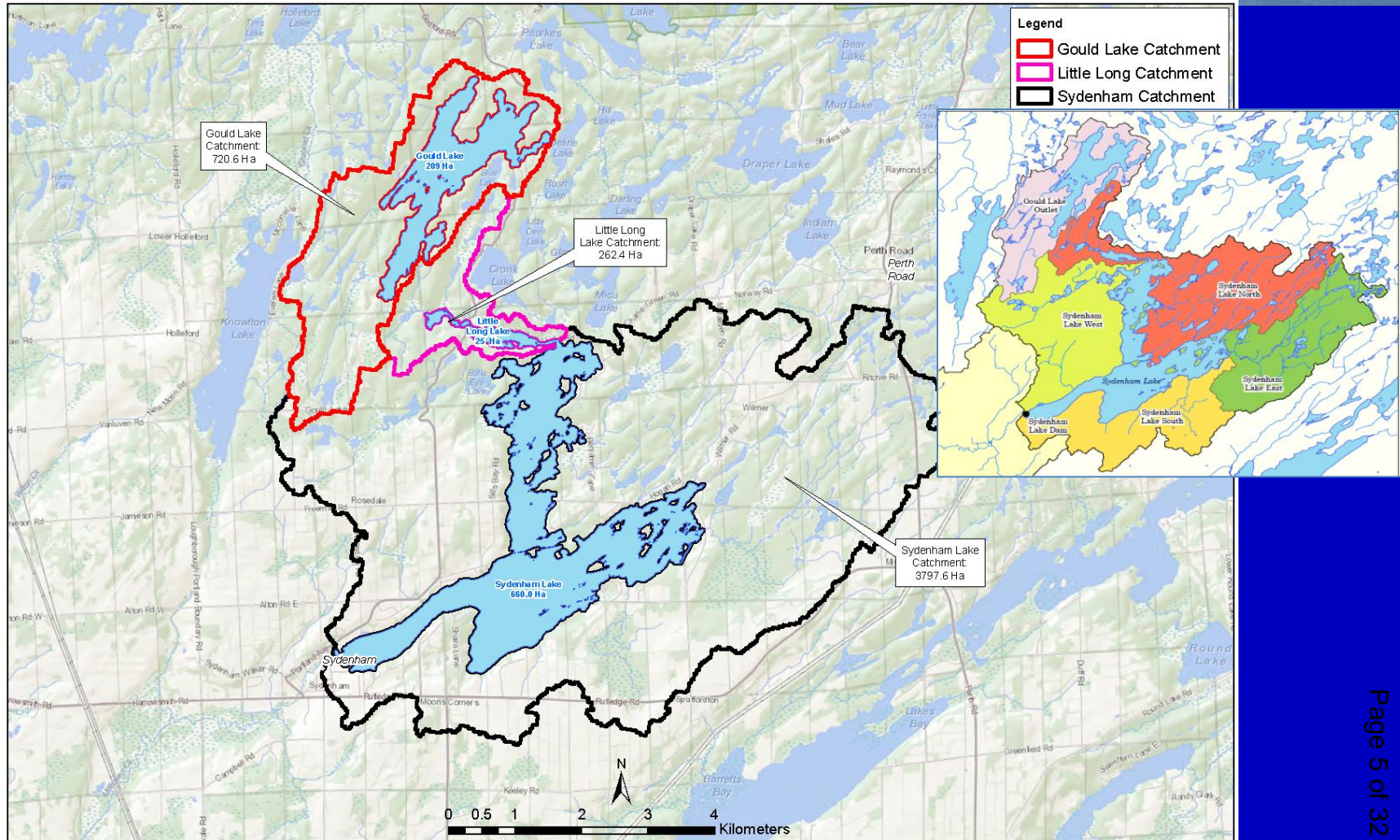
Jennie Kapusta (South Frontenac Township) for map production, Helen Parfitt (Commodore, Sydenham Lake Canoe Club), Wilma Kenny and Dave Borrowman for contributions to the History Section, photos from SLA website

Area Included



Map 3.2 - Sydenham Lake Catchment

Ministry of the Environment
and Climate Change



Common Goals

1. Water Quality

Work towards maintaining high water quality in Sydenham Lake and its inflowing streams to support a healthy natural environment and to support the use and enjoyment by residents and visitors.

2. Natural Environment

Work towards maintaining a healthy and diverse ecosystem, including a healthy fishery.

3. Water Levels

Work towards maintaining water levels that sustain natural ecosystems and minimize risks.

4. Climate Change

Work towards adapting to climate change.

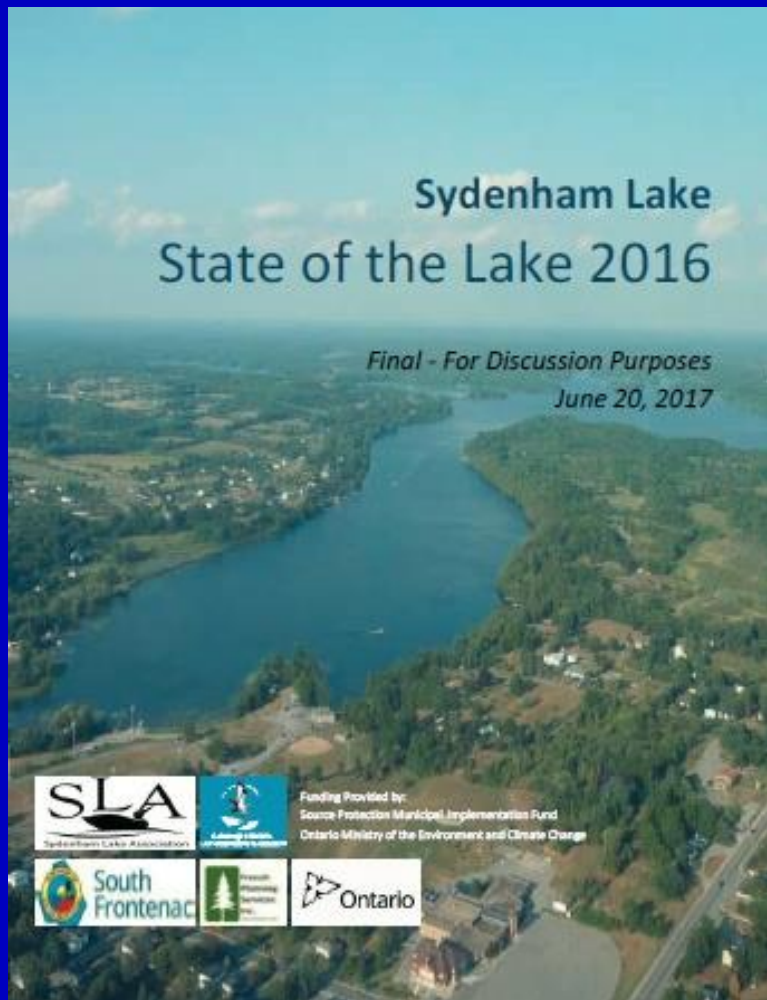
5. Land Use and Development

Work towards maintaining the character of the lake and protecting the sensitive natural environment, water quality, and the social/recreational features on Sydenham Lake.

6. Social and Recreational Activity

Work towards social and recreational activities that respect the natural environment and the people of the lake, and help to build a sense of community.





A report that synthesizes the known scientific and social information about the lake.



A community action plan to protect the health and special character of Sydenham Lake.



Selected 'Actions' Recommended

- **The Plan contains a total of 52 recommended actions**
- **The following are the actions in the plan that are specifically relevant to South Frontenac Township**

Water Quality Actions

Action #3: Establish a sampling program for sodium and chloride levels in Sydenham Lake at the stormwater outfalls in the village.

Action #8: Work with the Township to complete a road salt management plan and establish 'best management practices' to lessen the impact of road salt on Sydenham Lake.

Action #9: Establish a storm water management program in Sydenham Village.

Action #11: Work with the Township to establish a septic system maintenance program focusing on education, communication, and voluntary action.

Land Use and Development Observations



1. There are very limited opportunities for new development (lot creation, expansion of existing commercial, creation of new commercial operations) on these waterbodies.
2. There are opportunities for the redevelopment of existing shoreline properties, including rebuilding or expansion of residential uses, Bed and Breakfast operations and expansion of agricultural uses (there are 27 shoreline properties that are zoned Rural that permit agricultural activities to occur).
3. Many shoreline residential buildings were constructed before the passing of the zoning by-law and do not meet the required 30 m setback from the shoreline. The bylaw governing reconstruction within the 30 m setback is currently before the OMB.
4. The Official Plan and Zoning By-law are currently under review.

Land Use and Development Actions



Goal Work towards future development that maintains the character of the lake and that protects the natural environment, water quality, and the social/recreational features of Sydenham Lake.

Action #39: Consider revising policies in the OP regarding the redevelopment of shore lots. For example, applications for a building permit should follow the principle of net improvement in terms of total phosphorous loading from the lot – by means such as planting shoreline vegetation, re-directing lot drainage.

Action #40: Promote stewardship activities that support and complement the policies of the official plan and zoning by-law.



Land Use and Development Actions (Cont'd.)

Goal Work towards future development that maintains the character of the lake and that protects the natural environment, water quality, and the social/recreational features of Sydenham Lake.

Action #41: Continue to work with the Township in the development of the new Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Include policies that require the retention of shoreline vegetation and protects the natural character of the lake.

Action #42: Consider preparation of a 'development report card,' that would monitor and record changes in the watershed over time, including new lot creation, new development, and major re-development.

Social and Recreational Activity

.....protecting the night sky

Action #48: Engage the Township to set a good example by adopting dark sky lighting practices

Action #49: Engage the Township to enact by-laws similar to the Sydenham mills Dark Sky By-law No. 03-62 (9 Sept 2003)

Implementing the Lake Plan



For effective implementation, a working group must be struck, including members representing the Sydenham Lake Association, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, and the Township of South Frontenac. This group would be responsible for the implementation of the plan, including:

- **Confirming priorities for action;**
- **Seeking individuals and organizations to carry out actions;**
- **Obtaining funding for actions;**
- **Ensuring a continued sharing with the lake community of the results of actions taken; and**
- **Overseeing or directing an annual “report card” on implementing the plan’s activities and conduct plan updates as needed.**

Implementing the Lake Plan: Actions

A photograph of a wooden dock extending into a calm lake. The dock is made of weathered wooden planks and has a vertical post on the right side with a rope hanging from it. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a soft sky.

Action#56: The SLA, South Frontenac Township, and CRCA work together to collectively take action and to promote education to ensure the continued health of Sydenham Lake. They should meet on an annual basis to review actions taken and establish new activities related to the lake.

Thank you for:

- Staff participation throughout the process
- Funding the process
- A very positive environment in which to prepare this lake stewardship plan



REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT



AGENDA DATE: December 12, 2017 **REPORT DATE:** December 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Shooting Range

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee receive the Planning Report dated December 7, 2017 for information and to consider approval of a proposed private shooting range in Part of Lot 2, Concession III, District of Portland.

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated November 28, 2017, a property owner in Part of Lot 2, Concession III, in the District of Portland, has requested that the Planning Department provide him with a letter confirming that the Township has no objection to him establishing a private shooting range on his subject property. Attachment #1 is a copy of the letter, Attachment #2 is a map showing the subject property and Attachment #3 is an air photo illustrating the lay of the land.

The subject property is approximately 75 acres in size and fronts on Scanlan Road. As seen on Attachment #3, the land is developed with a single detached dwelling and out buildings and double Hydro One power lines run diagonally through the property. Residences exist in proximity to the south end of the property to the south, east and west as shown. The areas circled on the attachment indicate the areas where the shooting would occur.

The land is zoned Rural (RU) in the Comprehensive Zoning By-law permitting a number of uses including agriculture and a single detached dwelling. Although not included in the list of permitted uses, a shooting range is federally permitted and regulated under the Firearms Act under the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Specifically, the proposal is for a 'private' shooting range (ie., not commercial) and, thus, there is nothing in the Township's zoning by-law or the provincial Planning Act that would prevent the use. However, Planning has not yet sent the requested letter to the owner and is first seeking Council's approval of the proposal.

Carol Bayne of the Ministry's Chief Firearms Office advises that these uses are strictly controlled and that private ranges are regulated as tightly as public ranges are and inspections are conducted bi-annually by their ministry. Also, the owner must maintain a record log of all firearm discharges. She notes that the use cannot be approved without the letter from the Township stating no objection.

It is important to note that, under the Township's Noise By-law, we could still regulate the hours of operation for the use.

FINANCIAL and STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - is a copy of the owner's letter.

Attachment #2 – shows the location of the subject land.

Attachment #3 - is an air photo of the subject property.

Approved by: Lindsay Mills Prepared/Submitted by: Lindsay Mills

ATTACHMENT #1

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

November 28, 2017

[REDACTED]

South Frontenac Township
Director of Planning
Lindsay Mills

Re: Notice of Intent- Private Shooting Range

This letter will record and confirm my delivery of notice and intent to operate a "Private Shooting Range" on my property located at 3350 Scanlan Road, Harrowsmith, South Frontenac, attached to this notice is a plot diagram of intended range locations on a copy of my survey..

As a requirement noted by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) for my request (attached), I am required to obtain an original letter from my municipality which states:

- 1) That it has no objections to a private range being used within its jurisdiction, and
 - 2) that the private range use will not contravene any municipal by-laws and regulations relating to the use of the range and discharging of firearms.
- The only by-law I can find in relation to firearms is 2001-04, which due to my location I am not in contravention of.

I am also required to advise the local police agency of my intent which has been filed with the OPP Verona Detachment.

My notice to you is one of many steps in acquiring approval for ownership of a private shooting range, your response is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,


Stephen Saunders



Ministry of Community Safety
and Correctional Services

Ministère de la Sécurité communautaire et
des Services correctionnels



Chief Firearms Office

Bureau du Contrôleur des
armes à feu

777 Memorial Avenue
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File Reference: 677 60 10

Re: Request for Approval - Private Range

This letter will acknowledge your inquiry requesting information relating to the process of approval for a private shooting range.

The *Firearms Act* provided in Section 29 that no person shall operate a “shooting range” except under the provincial minister’s approval. The authority to give that approval has been delegated by the provincial minister to the Chief Firearms Officer.

Section 109 of the *Firearms Act* makes it an offence to operate a “shooting range” without approval.

A shooting range is a place that is designed or intended for the safe discharge, on a regular and structured basis, of firearms for the purpose of target practice or target shooting competitions.

A number of requirements must be met before the Chief Firearms Office will approve a private range location for the discharge of non-restricted and restricted firearms, and prohibited handguns.

The requirements include:

1. Approval may only be granted to a person who owns or permanently leases the property on which the range is to be located.
2. The applicant shall provide the original letter from the municipality in which the private range is to be located, stating:
 - that the municipality has no objection to the private range being used within their jurisdiction,
 - that the private range use will not contravene any municipal by-laws and regulations relating to the use of the range and the discharging of firearms.
3. The applicant shall file a notice of intent to operate a private range with the police service of jurisdiction where the range is to be located. Our office requires a letter from the police service acknowledging receipt of the notice of intent.

4. The following information must be submitted to the Chief Firearms Office prior to the preliminary range inspection:
- ✓ A Topographical Map, which must have the firing point and shooting direction, clearly marked.
 - ✓ Photographs of the range location to include:
 - Picture of the backstop
 - Picture taken from behind the firing line in the direction of shooting
 - ✓ Distance and Calibre intended to be shot at the location
 - ✓ Documented evidence of at least \$2,000,000 liability insurance with coverage on an occurrence basis. The insurance certificate must state the private range physical location and that it covers private range shooting activities.
5. Paragraph (a) of Section 6 of the *Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges Regulations* stipulates that a person may use a restricted firearm or prohibited handgun at a shooting range only if the person is a member or an officer of an approved shooting club.

Upon receipt of the documentation, the Chief Firearms Office will make arrangements to conduct an inspection of the private range facility according to the Canadian Firearms Centre – *Range Design and Construction Guidelines* and may make recommendations relating to public and shooter safety.

Once the range has met all requirements of the Chief Firearms Office, the facility will be provided a "Shooting Range Approval" issued by the Chief Firearms Officer (Province of Ontario) pursuant to Section 29(2) and 29(4) of the Firearms Act of Canada.

Such approval will provide authority for the applicant to be authorized to transport such firearms to this range location only, and for the sole purpose of target practice.

Please note that a private range approval does not provide authority for any person other than yourself, to transport firearms to the range location.

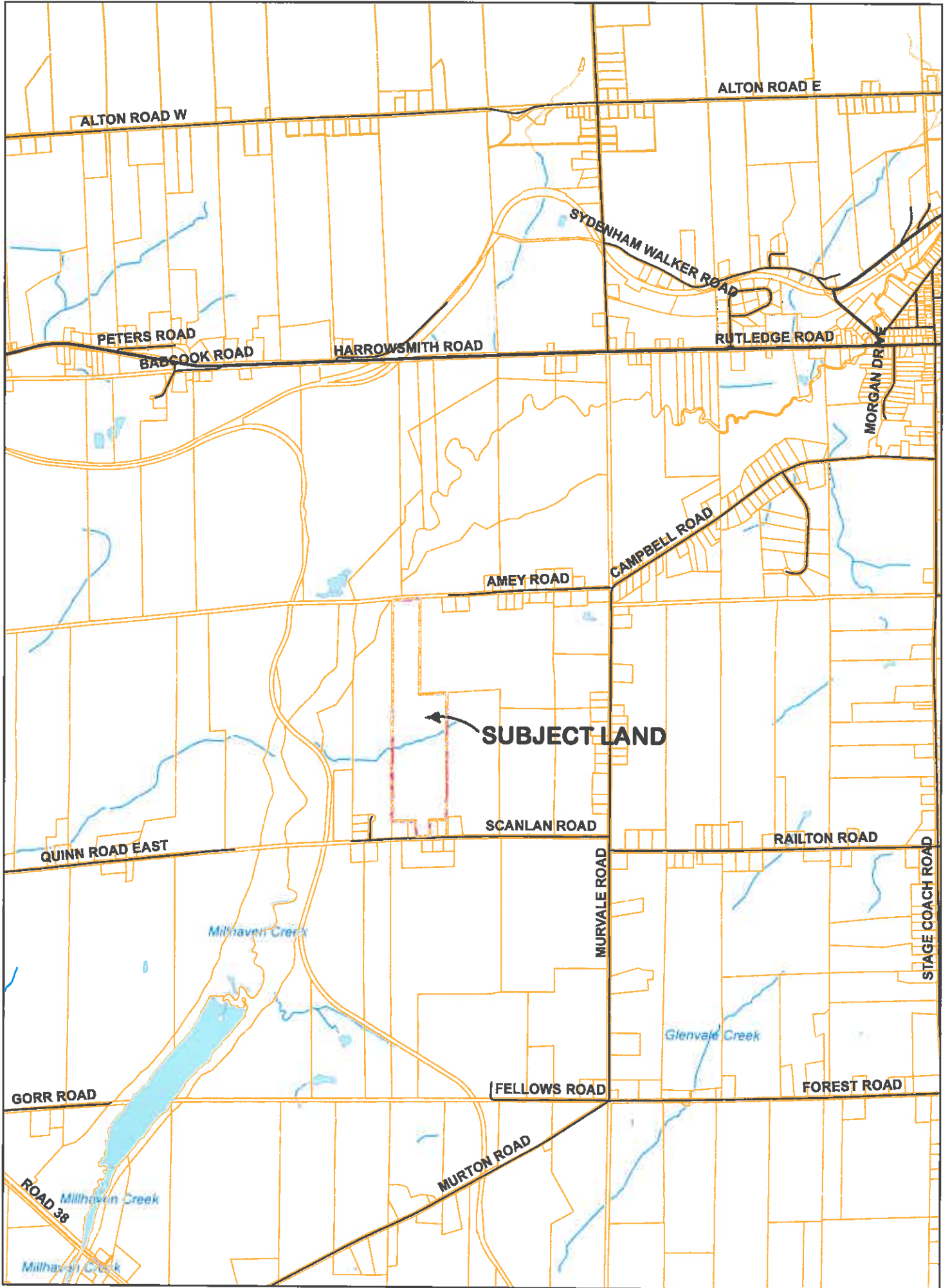
I have enclosed a copy of the Canadian Firearms Centre *Range Design and Construction Guidelines* utilized in the Province of Ontario. If you require any further information at this time please feel free to contact the Chief Firearms Office.

Yours truly,

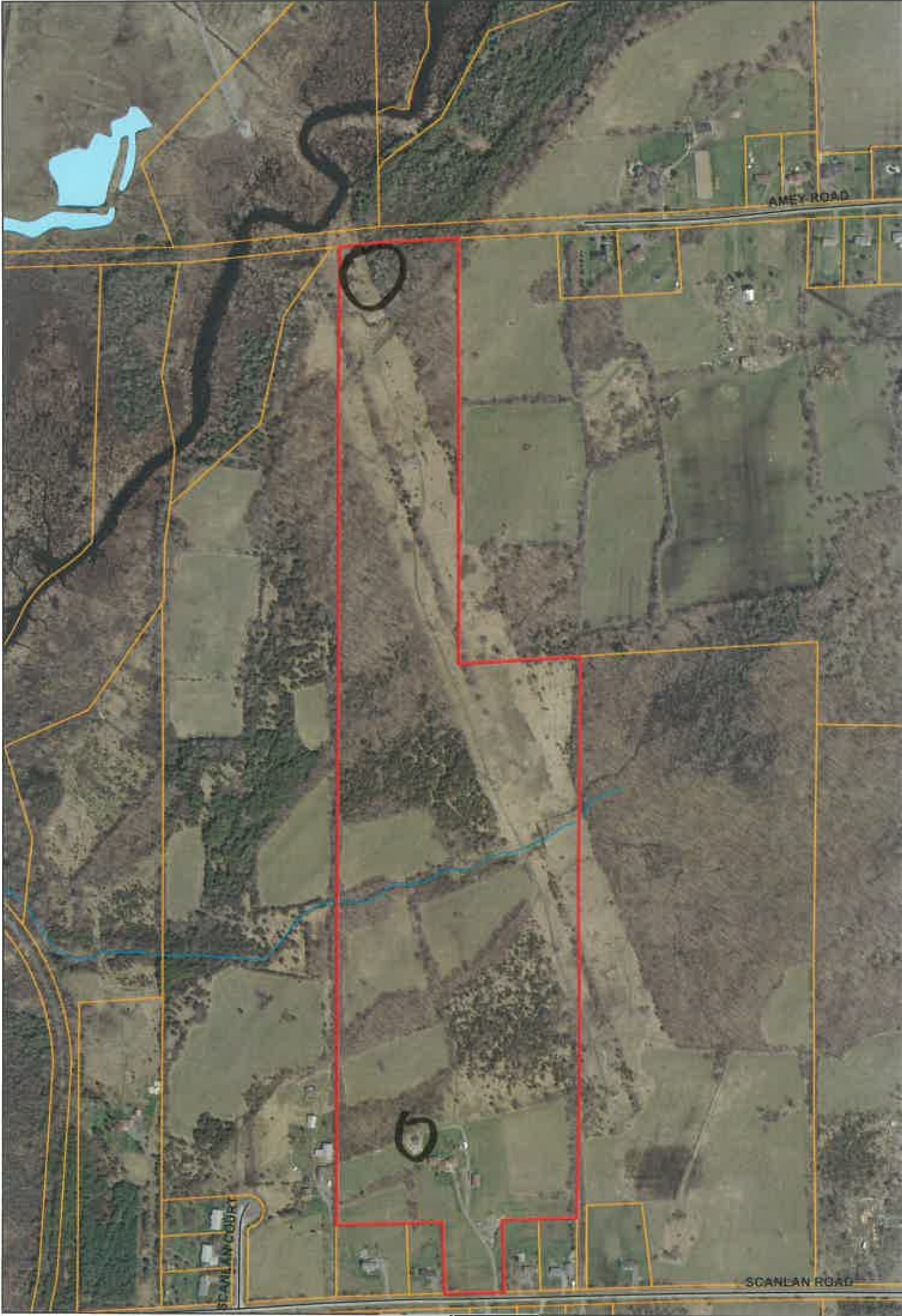


B.D. (Bryan) Martin, Superintendent
Chief Firearms Officer

ATTACHMENT #2



ATTACHMENT #3





REPORT TO COUNCIL CLERKS DEPARTMENT



AGENDA DATE: December 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Development and Building Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm its commitment to recruiting the Manager of Development Services position with recruitment slated for the early New Year.

BACKGROUND

Development Services

On June 7, 2016 Council passed resolution 2016-19-14 *"That Council establish a goal of seeking delegated authority for the approval of sub divisions and plans of condominium effective 2019"*

On June 21, 2016 Council supported this direction by approving the hiring of a Manager of Development Services.

The first round of recruitment was unsuccessful and in the second round Mr. Forbes Symon was hired. Forbes was with the Township 6 months before he left for work closer to home in September of this year. Since his departure the position was advertised however no successful candidate was found.

Before re-advertising in the New Year, the Mayor has asked that Council be given the opportunity to comment on the ongoing need for this position, whether the development climate/volume still supports the need for the position, whether Council still sees the need to seek delegated authority from the County and whether the discussions happening at the County for expanded planning services from both North and Central Frontenac could evolve into a new model for Planning Services across the Frontenacs.

In addition to preparing for the future and addressing the gaps in client service, one of the prime reasons for the creation of the position was the volume and complexity of development that was happening. Currently there appears to be a slight reprieve with existing sub division /condominium developments proceeding. The time constraints of existing staff will not allow the current staff to effectively resume the level of activity of the past.

Building Services

Since the retirement of Councillor Revill from the role of Chief Building Official (CBO) in March of 2012, there have been 3 Full time hires and 4 Acting CBO's appointed in between. This equates to a chronic problem in filling the role of CBO.

Staff are currently interviewing applicants in response to the departure of Ryan Arcand who left his role as CBO to return to the City of Kingston in November after 11 months with the Township. Beyond remuneration, greater flexibility and being closer to home, the department is also currently short one Inspector which had significant impact on workloads. While we have temporary CBO coverage two half days per week, our current building inspector cannot effectively meet the ongoing demands of the department. His ongoing efforts are to be commended.



REPORT TO COUNCIL CLERKS DEPARTMENT



Within the Frontenacs, North and Central have a shared service agreement between themselves with Central employing a CBO and North employing a Building Inspector. Currently we have limited coverage from the Central Frontenac CBO, however this cannot be sustained due to the time demands from development in Central and North Frontenac.

Staff are committed to finding a permanent solution to this staffing challenge. It is critical that the right person be hired rather than the first available person. During the current round of interviews being conducted, staff are also exploring other creative options on how to deliver service, however it is premature to comment on their feasibility or possibility.

FINANCIAL and STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS

To be determined

ATTACHMENTS

- none

Submitted/approved by:

Wayne Orr, CAO



REPORT TO COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS



AGENDA DATE: December 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Phase II Environmental Site Assessments
4264 Stage Coach Road
7635 Road 38

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the Executive Summaries of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessments for the Township owned properties at 4264 Stage Coach Road (former Loughborough Township Garage) and at 7635 Road 38 (former MTO Piccadilly Garage).

Based on the findings for both properties, it has been demonstrated that they are relatively clean from an environmental perspective.

Staff will continue to sample groundwater on an annual basis at the Stagecoach Road property.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost to undertake a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for both properties was approximately \$20,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

Executive Summaries

Submitted/approved by:

Mark Segsworth, P. Eng.
Public Works Manager



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pinchin Ltd. (Pinchin) was retained through an Authorization to Proceed signed by Mr. Mark Segsworth of Township of South Frontenac (Client) to conduct a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the property located at 4264 Stagecoach Road, in Sydenham, Ontario (hereafter referred to as the Site).

The Site is developed with two single-storey light industrial/commercial buildings (Site Buildings A and B) and a water tower.

The purpose of this Phase II ESA was to address potential issues of environmental concern identified during discussions with the Site Representative. It is Pinchin's understanding that the Phase II ESA is required for internal due diligence purposes.

Based on Pinchin's correspondence with Mr. Jamie Brash, Facilities and Solid Waste Manager for the Township of South Frontenac, as well as Pinchin's Site walk-through, the following potential issues of environmental concern were identified:

- The Site has been developed as a light industrial/commercial property since approximately the 1960s. Two aboveground storage tanks were observed adjacent to the north elevation of Site Building A. In addition, surficial hydrocarbon staining was evident adjacent to the north elevation of the Site Building A, as well as east of the Site Building A and west of the water tower. Based on the duration (i.e., 50 years) and nature of operations (i.e., chemical and waste storage) and the presence of surficial hydrocarbon staining, it is Pinchin's opinion that there is a potential for subsurface impacts at the Site.

Based on the above-mentioned findings, Pinchin recommended that a Phase II ESA be conducted at the Site in order to assess for the presence of environmental impacts at the Site.

It should also be noted that Pinchin was not retained to complete a Phase I ESA at the Site, and as such, is relying on the information provided by the Site Representative and Pinchin's Site walk-through. Therefore, Pinchin will not be held responsible for additional areas of potential environmental concern not identified during discussions with the Site Representative.

The Phase II ESA was completed at the Site by Pinchin between October 31 and November 3, 2017 and, and consisted of the advancement of five boreholes, four of which were completed as groundwater monitoring wells.

Select "worst case" soil samples collected during the borehole drilling program were submitted for laboratory analysis for a combination of parameters including petroleum hydrocarbons (PHC) fractions 1 through 4 (F1-F4), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and



metals. Groundwater samples collected from the newly installed monitoring wells were submitted for laboratory analysis of PHCs (F1-F4), VOCs, PAHs and metals.

Based on Site-specific information, the soil and groundwater quality was assessed based on the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change *Table 6 Standards* for industrial/commercial/community land use and coarse-textured soil.

The reported concentrations of PHCs (F1-F4), VOCs, PAHs and metals in the soil samples submitted for analysis met the *Table 6 Standards*, with the exception of soil sample S1 collected at borehole MW-5, which had a concentration of benzo[a]pyrene that exceeded the *Table 6 Standard*.

The reported concentrations in the groundwater samples submitted for analysis of PHCs (F1-F4), VOCs, PAHs and metals satisfied their respective *Table 6 Standards*, with the exception of the groundwater sample collected at monitoring well MW-2, which had a concentration of benzene that exceeded the *Table 6 Standard*.

Based on the findings of this Phase II ESA, Pinchin recommends that annual groundwater monitoring/sampling be completed at the Site to ensure that the marginal concentrations of benzene detected in monitoring well MW-2 continue to dissipate over time.

This Executive Summary is subject to the same standard limitations as contained in the report and must be read in conjunction with the entire report.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pinchin Ltd. (Pinchin) was retained through an Authorization to Proceed signed by Mr. Mark Segsworth of Township of South Frontenac (Client) to conduct a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the property located at 7635 Highway 38 in Verona, Ontario (hereafter referred to as the Site).

The Site historically operated as the Township of South Frontenac's Piccadilly Patrol Yard and is developed with one light industrial building (Site Building) and three salt/sand storage structures.

This Phase II ESA is required for internal due diligence purposes.

Historical Site operations inferred by the Client and the results of the Pinchin's initial Site reconnaissance visit identified the following potential issues of environmental concern:

- Historical chemical and fuel storage on-Site;
- Historical vehicular maintenance and servicing on-Site; and
- Historical salt storage on-Site.

It should also be noted that Pinchin was not retained to complete a Phase I ESA at the Site, and as such, is relying on the information provided by the Site Representative and Pinchin's Site walk-through. Therefore, Pinchin will not be held responsible for additional areas of potential environmental concern not identified during discussions with the Site Representative.

Based on the above-mentioned findings, Pinchin recommended that a Phase II ESA be conducted at the Site in order to assess for the presence of environmental impacts.

The Phase II ESA was completed at the Site by Pinchin between November 1 and 8, 2017, and consisted of the advancement of three boreholes, all of which were completed as groundwater monitoring wells.

Select "worst case" soil samples collected during the borehole drilling program were submitted for laboratory analysis of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), petroleum hydrocarbons (PHCs) in the F1 to F4 fraction ranges (F1-F4), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and/or metals. Groundwater samples collected from the three newly installed and one existing monitoring wells were submitted for laboratory analysis of PHCs (F1-F4), VOCs, PAHs and metals.

Based on Site-specific information, the soil and groundwater quality was assessed based on the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change *Table 2 Standards* for industrial/commercial/community land use and coarse-textured soil.



Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
7635 Highway 38, Verona, Ontario
Township of South Frontenac

November 30, 2017
Pinchin File: 212635
FINAL

Reported concentrations in the soil and groundwater samples submitted for analysis of PHCs (F1-F4), VOCs, PAHs and/or metals satisfied the *Table 2 Standards*.

Based on the findings of this Phase II ESA, it is Pinchin's opinion that no further subsurface investigation is required for the Site.

This Executive Summary is subject to the same standard limitations as contained in the report and must be read in conjunction with the entire report.



Around the Rideau

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN THE RIDEAU VALLEY

November/December 2017

Focus on Forestry

Forestry Programs, Prepped & Ready!

RVCA forestry staff are prepped and ready to hit the ground running for this spring's tree planting and forestry programs. Here's what's been happening:

- Site preparations are all complete for this coming spring
- The final tree order has been placed
- 170 survival assessments completed on past planting projects
- Preparations are underway to plant the six millionth tree
- Forestry Management Plans for RVCA Conservation Lands are being completed for the 2018 Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program deadline

If you have at least one acre of land and are willing to plant 500+ trees you can sign up for 2019's spring tree plant — it's never too early to plan. For more information on these stories, contact SCOTT at ext. 1175 or scott.danford@rvca.ca.

Eastern Ontario Woodlot Conference

Since 1987 this informative conference brings woodlot owners from across the region together to discuss topical issues. Each February the conference is held in Kemptville and it is made possible by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Eastern Ontario Model Forest and local chapters of the Ontario Woodlot Association. Stay tuned for more details.



RVCA Forestry Staffer April Stevenson poses with ten-year-old red and white pine tree plantation — those trees are "lookin' good."



2018 Winter Adventurers PA Day Camps

Fill up those PA days with winter fun! Programs are geared for kids aged six to twelve and are led by our knowledgeable RVCA interpreters. Learn how to snowshoe, put up a shelter, build campfires and cook outdoors! Each session can accommodate up to 25 children. Pre-registration is required. All camps run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Baxter's camp dates are January 26, January 31 and February 16, 2018. Foley Mountain's camp date is January 31, 2018.

To register for Baxter contact ANDREA at 613-489-3592, andrea.wood@rvca.ca — the cost is \$45/child and \$40 for additional children in the same family. To register for Foley Mountain contact LEAH at 613-273-3255 or leah.roberts@rvca.ca — the cost is \$40/child with \$35 for additional children in the same family. You can download the registration form at www.rvca.ca, select "outdoor education," then choose "day camps" at either Baxter or Foley Mountain.

Seasons Greetings

RVCA will be closed from December 22 at 4:30 p.m. until January 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Ottawa Septic System Office Submission Deadlines for December 2017

- Applications (New/replacement/Renovations/file search): Friday, December 15, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
- Inspections: Friday, December 15, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.

Note: Submissions received AFTER deadline date noted above shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Chief Building Official and/or held over to Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

A group of students enjoy snowshoeing at Baxter Conservation Area

Rideau Corridor Recognition Awards

We're happy to announce that the RVCA's Perth Wildlife Reserve won a Rideau Corridor Recognition Award and is considered a model for how the environment and heritage of the Rideau Corridor (Tay Canal) may be enhanced through a range of creative and quality protection and awareness-building activities. The Reserve helps protect the Tay Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland and Jebbs Creek wetland and engages visitors with its Butterfly Garden and trail, bird-watching tours, the Tay Marsh lookout, interpretive panels on natural and cultural heritage, and protected areas to support species at risk. Thank you to the Friends of the Tay Watershed for nominating us.

Rebecca Whitman, Supervisor at Foley Mountain Conservation Area, also received an honourable mention in the Community Building category. She was recognized for her passionate protection of the natural environment and firm belief in educating the next generation as a key to sustaining the local ecosystem to benefit humans, flora and fauna. Since 2008, Rebecca has led outdoor environmental education programs combining modern technology with traditional outdoor activities. Contact DAN for more information at ext. 1124 or dan.cooper@rvca.ca.



RVCA General Manager Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Foley Mountain Conservation Supervisor Rebecca Whitman and RVCA Field Operations Technician Scott Muldoon pose with their plaques from the Rideau Corridor Awards

City Stream Watch Plans Ahead

There may be snow on the ground but that doesn't mean the City Stream Watch team is hibernating. In 2018 staff and volunteers will complete monitoring assessment for Nepean Creek, Ottawa east Tributary (Martins Corner), Taylor Creek (Petrie Island), Mud Creek (Gloucester) and Black Creek (Gloucester). The program conducts aquatic habitat surveys on 23 stream throughout the City of Ottawa and encourages volunteers to sign up and help in the monitoring and enhancement of these vibrant city streams. The program offers volunteer opportunities in the form of workshops and demonstration events, shoreline restoration projects, invasive species removals, stream clean ups and stream habitat assessments. To find out more or to sign up for our mailing list visit www.rvca.ca/volunteer/city-stream-watch. Contact ROSARIO for more information at ext. 1155 or rosario.castanon.escobar@rvca.ca.

Nature Inspiration Awards

RVCA's City Stream Watch Program received a nod from the Canadian Museum of Nature's Nature Inspiration Awards! The Award recognize individuals and organizations that, through their work or specific projects, encourage Canadians to take an interest in natural history, create links with nature and contribute to its preservation. Our City Stream Watch Program was recognized



as a finalist in the Not-for-Profit Organization (Large) category. The winner in this category was the Royal Ontario Museum for their Blue Whale exhibition. The ceremony was held at the Canadian Museum of Nature on November 8, 2017. Contact JENNIFER for more information at ext. 1108 or jennifer.lamoureux@rvca.ca.

Ultimate Aquatics Workshop

Held on October 21, this workshop highlighted RVCA's monitoring and collection methods for benthic macro-invertebrates (bottom dwelling aquatic bugs used as indicators of the biological health of waterbodies) and fish. The afternoon session was led by the Ottawa Flyfishers Society (ottawaflyfishers.com) who discussed the relationships between habitat, stream function and benthos and how they relate to fly fishing. The club also provided hands on instruction in fly fishing for the volunteer participants. We want to thank everyone who attended the workshop and especially the Ottawa Flyfishers Society for their collaboration. Contact ROSARIO for more information at ext. 1155 or rosario.castanon.escobar@rvca.ca.



Staff demonstrating RVCA's monitoring and collection methods

Foundation Memorial Programs

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation has two wonderful programs for friends and families to honour loved ones that have passed away. The Memorial Bench Program provides comfortable, contemplative benches as a lasting tribute to family and friends who so enjoyed nature and the peace and quiet of our conservation lands. As well, the Memorial Tree Program plants trees in memory of departed loved ones or friends. Contact MICHAEL for more information at 613-692-6823 or michael.poliwoda@rvcf.ca.

Memorial Bench Program

These six-foot long, sturdy, Canadian-made benches in two styles can be installed permanently in any of the established conservation areas of your choice in the valley. Each bench features a commemorative plaque with the name of the honoured person and a few words from the family. To find out more, visit www.rvcf.ca/memorial_benches/index.html.

Memorial Tree Program

The Memorial Tree Program offers several options. You can plant a single tree, a small grove of trees (five trees) with tending included, a large grove of trees (10 trees) with tending as well as a family forest (25 trees) with tending included. All trees are planted on sites within the Rideau Valley. These trees are planted without name plates or planting location identified but family and friends know there is a vibrant, native tree growing as a tribute. The idea of natural areas with lovely mature trees help us all cope with the difficult times in our lives, get details at www.rvcf.ca/memorial_tree/index.html.



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Angela,
Please distribute to Council prior to tonight's meeting on Behalf of the Fermoy Historic Hall Committee. Angela, would you pls confirm receipt of this email?
Thanks, Donna Garland
613 273-7632

Dear Mayor and Council

It has come to our attention that a motion is being brought forward to tonight's meeting by Councillor Brad Barbeau to defer any further work on the Fermoy Hall regardless of funding source until the Heritage Committee meets and makes recommendations.

Our Committee was formed to address the need of a lack of community space on the outer edges of the Township. This vacant Township asset is of much interest in the community notably due to its location and the increase of full time residents with their ability to give their volunteer time back to the community. Recognizing the building has had many improvements to the exterior, it is our goal to leverage this investment to complete the changes required inside the building that will make it safe and available. Our strategy includes activities in a seasonal facility for rural and seasonal residents and a significant tourist base of 7000. We presented a test approach with a view that the Hall would be available for the 2017 or 2018 season. To create awareness we have been participating in Community Events and newspapers.

With the findings of asbestos and lead paint in the Hall, the Committee was not disheartened by this news but rather quickly got to work to find additional funding. The Committee thanks you for your support in submitting a grant request to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the remediation of the Fermoy Hall.

Recognizing this the building has not been preserved in its original state as an alternative we have been discussing possible fund raising for a historical Plaque.

In closing this Committee is committed to moving forward to bring this facility back to life with music (small halls Ontario), storytelling (former Indigenous and Irish Settlements), markets and meeting place. We respectfully ask, that the motion to defer further work on the Fermoy be denied.

Yours truly,

Donna Garland
Chairperson, Historic Fermoy Hall Committee