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To: [Clinton Stredwick](#)
Cc: [Elisha Milne](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Shop 312376 Grey County Road 8, Southgate, ON
Date: August 30, 2021 10:27:48 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello Clint , and Elisha

I am forwarding this email correspondence, to you for your records(or info) regarding the SVCA comments about the endangered species. This is for the South Grey Enterprises Inc. (Nelson Martin) zoning amendment application (C17-21).

From: Brad Baker <bbaker@birksnhc.ca>
Sent: August-20-21 10:48 AM
To: Israel Bowman <israel@birksnhc.ca>
Subject: RE: Proposed Shop 312376 Grey County Road 8, Southgate, ON

Excellent, Thank you Israel,

Based on those photos of the surrounding fields and my understanding of the site I would not have any concerns related to the proposed development resulting in contraventions of Ontario's *Endangered Species Act* (ESA). As I understand, the proposed development would result in new buildings being constructed within the existing gravel yard and none of the existing buildings are being modified. This is important because several bat species and Barn Swallow are identified as Endangered or Threatened. Should this change, I can easily take a look at the property prior to those changes to assist with direction to avoid potential contraventions. As you are aware, the ESA is proponent driven legislation and it remains your responsibility to ensure that you are not in contravention at the time that works proceed. I have been working with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) before them since 2009 to assist proponents in navigating the ESA and obtaining permits where avoidance is not possible. Please feel free to forward this correspondence to the Township and I can provide a Curriculum Vitae or a formal review letter if that is necessary.

Regards,



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From: Israel Bowman <israel@birksnhc.ca>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 7:43 AM
To: Brad Baker <bbaker@birksnhc.ca>
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Morning Brad,

I have attached a couple pictures of the field where the work would take place. The field is planted in beans.

From: Brad Baker <bbaker@birksnhc.ca>

Sent: August-19-21 2:24 PM

To: Israel Bowman <israel>

Subject: Proposed Shop 312376 Grey County Road 8, Southgate, ON

Hey Israel,

I took a quick look at this one and I agree that there is no need send this through MECP. A quick review of the existing conditions and background information on this one shows that there is no real concern about contraventions of Ontario's *Endangered Species Act* (ESA) related to species proper. I do wonder what condition the field is in. If you could send over a photo or two of the field where the work is being completed and the area to the east between the gravel yard and County Road 8 I should be able to rule out Bobolink Habitat. I am headed out that way Thursday next week, so I can always pop by the property to take a look if that is easier. Once I have seen the fields I can confirm if there is any concern related to the habitat section of the ESA.

Regards,



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From: Israel Bowman <israel>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:22 PM

To: Brad Baker <bbaker@birksnhc.ca>

Subject: Proposed Shop

Hi Brad,

I am working on a zoning amendment for an on-farm shop in Southgate. The application has gone through the public meeting already and there where no negative comments received, but as usual on the SVCA comments they have advised that the property owner needs to contact MECP to see if there is an impact on endangered or threatened species.

I have attached the SVCA comments and the zoning application for your reference. For your info, the proposed shop exc. Will be situated in a agricultural field.

Could you give comments on this via email, or something in writing that I can forward to the Township to show that this has been addressed.

Please let me know. Thanks

Israel Bowman

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