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Via email

OPA6-25

Shavi Fernando
185667 Grey County Road 9
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Dear Shavi Fernando,

Re: Official Plan Amendment 6-25 Alternative Notice
The Township of Southgate

Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff have reviewed the above-noted Official Plan Amendment which proposes to implement alternative notice options within the Planning Act.

Recommendation

GRCA staff have no objection to the amendment.

Documents Reviewed by Staff

Staff have reviewed the following documents submitted with this application:

- Amendment No. 11 prepared by the Township of Southgate (dated October 2025)
- Newspaper Advertisement prepared by the Township of Southgate (no date)
- Report to Southgate Council prepared by the Township of Southgate (June 18, 2025)

GRCA Comments

GRCA staff have reviewed this application under the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (Ontario Regulation 686/21), including acting on behalf of the Province regarding natural hazards identified in Section 5.2 of the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS, 2024), as a regulatory authority under Ontario Regulation 41/24 and as a public body under the *Planning Act* as per our CA Board approved policies.

GRCA staff are aware that the proposed amendment is not proposing to change how public bodies are circulated applications on Planning Act applications. Provided the GRCA continues to receive e-mail circulations regarding Planning Act applications, GRCA staff have no objections to the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

Consistent with the GRCA's 2025 approved fee schedule, this application is considered a minor Official Plan Amendment and the municipality will be invoiced in the amount of \$465 for the GRCA's review of this application.

Should you have any questions, please contact Brandon Henderson at 519-621-2763 ext. 2327 or bhenderson@grandriver.ca.

Sincerely,



Chris Foster-Pengelly, M.Sc.
Supervisor of Planning and Regulations
Grand River Conservation Authority

Copy: The Township of Southgate c/o Shavi Fernando (applicant)*, Jessica Conroy (GRCA)