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April 16, 2026

Township of Southgate
185667 Grey Road 9
RR 1
Dundalk, Ontario
N0C 1B0

ATTENTION: Victoria Mance, Junior Planner

Dear Victoria Mance,

RE: Minor Variance A2-26 (Rae)

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The above-noted application has been received by the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) in accordance with the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (O. Regulation 686/21) made under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act). SVCA staff have reviewed the proposal for consistency with SVCA's environmental planning and regulation policies made in conformance with the Provincial Planning Statement, CA Act, O. Regulation 41/24, and associated provincial guidelines.

Purpose

The purpose of the application minor variance is to legalize and expand an existing home industry (custom clothing, logo, and graphics) with ± 143 square metres floor area in an accessory building, and a 150 square metre addition. Under Section 3 of the Zoning By-law a home industry is a shop with up to 100 square metres floor area in an accessory building and required parking of 16 spaces (1 space per 18.5 square metres floor area). The applicant proposes the ± 293 square metre shop with ten parking spaces (1 space per 29.3 square metres floor area).

Recommendation

The application is acceptable to SVCA staff.

Documents Reviewed by Staff

Staff have received and reviewed the following documents submitted with this application:

- 1) Notice;
- 2) Application;
- 3) Site Plans.

SVCA was not contacted for pre-submission consultation for this proposal.

Natural Hazard Features and Mapping

A small area in the central portion of the property features land within the SVCA Approximate Screening Area. The natural hazard features and areas affecting the property include a watercourse (an unnamed tributary of Fairbanks Creek), and its related floodplain, and the hazardous soils related to any wetlands/swamps.

Based on the plans, submitted with the application, the existing buildings and proposed addition will be located beyond/outside the natural hazard features and areas.

Hazard Mapping

The natural hazard features and areas appear to be appropriately zoned EP (Environmental Protection) in the Township of Southgate Zoning By-law, which generally coincide with SVCA hazard lands mapping for the property.

Provincial Planning Statement (PPS, 2024)

In accordance with s. 7 of O. Regulation 686/21, SVCA shall act on behalf of the Province or as a public body under the *Planning Act* (PA) to ensure municipal decisions made under the PA are consistent with the natural hazards policies of the PPS, Chapter 5.

Section 5.1 of the PPS, 2024 states in part that development shall be directed away from areas of natural or human-made hazards where there is an unacceptable risk and not create new or aggravate existing hazards. Furthermore, section 5.2 states in part that development shall generally be directed to areas outside of hazardous lands and hazardous sites.

Based on the plans submitted with the application, the application is consistent with the PPS, 2024, because as noted above, the existing buildings and proposed addition will be located beyond/outside the natural hazard features and areas.

Conservation Authorities Act and O. Regulation 41/24

In accordance with legislation, a permit from the SVCA is required for development and interference activities in or near hazardous lands, watercourses, wetlands, unstable soils and bedrock, river or stream valleys, and shorelines. SVCA reviews the proposal to make sure it won't increase risks like flooding, erosion, or land instability, and that it won't put people or property in danger. If the project meets SVCA's policies, designed to mitigate these risks, a permit can be approved.

To determine the SVCA Approximate Regulated Area on the property, please refer to the SVCA's online mapping, available via SVCA's website.

<https://camaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f0ec744c8d6d4e499895aaaab3d83761>.) Should you require assistance, please contact our office directly.

SVCA Permit

Based on the plans submitted with the application, proposed development will be located beyond/outside the SVCA Approximate Screening Area, and so a permit from the SVCA will not be required.

Should future development be proposed in the SVCA Approximate Screening Area, the SVCA must be contacted as review and a permit may be required from the SVCA.

Drinking Water Source Protection

The subject property appears to SVCA staff to not be located within an area that is subject to the local Drinking Water Source Protection Plan.

Summary

SVCA staff have reviewed the proposal for consistency with the PPS 2024 and SVCA's environmental planning and regulation policies made in conformance with governing legislation and technical guidance.


Given the above comments, it is the opinion of the SVCA staff that:

- 1) Consistency with the Natural Hazard policies of the PPS, Chapter 5 has been demonstrated.

Please inform this office of any decision made by the Township of Southgate regarding the application. We respectfully request to receive a copy of the decision and notices of any appeals filed.

Should you have any questions, or require this information in an accessible format, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Environmental Planning Technician
Saugeen Conservation
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