

March 7, 2025

Norfolk County Community Development Division 12 Gilbertson Drive, Simcoe ON, N3Y 3N3

Attention: Bohdan Wynnyckyj, Director of Planning

Reference: Zoning By-Law Amendment and Extension of Temporary Use

711 Schafer Side Road – Former Research Station

Mike and Sandy Kloepfer

Our Project 24-183

Please accept this package as our formal application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment and Extension of an Existing Temporary Use By-law.

Brief History:

On November 23, 2021, the owners and the former planning consultant met on-site with senior County staff, which was considered to be sufficient pre-consultation for the proposed emergency/transitional shelters on the subject property. It was generally agreed that the County would be supportive of a temporary use by-law, subject to the applicant meeting certain technical points, including the submission of a Planning Justification Report. The process was completed, supported by staff, and over a million dollars spent on making physical modifications to the buildings and achieving MOE approvals for private services (including \$21,264 in municipal development fees). As this application is the finalization of a good planning initiative previously supported by policy, staff and Council, and also fulfills the expected course of action, another pre-consultation was not required.

It is noted that the reason why a temporary use by-law was suggested by staff at the time in 2021, was that it was the best and quickest way to establish the pilot project bringing in refugees from the Ukraine who were being admitted under an emergency immigration order due to the war. It also complied with the PPS and the County Official Plan.

Introduction taken from Planning Justification Report:

"G. Douglas Vallee Limited has been retained by Mike and Sandy Kloepfer to make an application to amend the Norfolk County Zoning By-law related to the former Canadian Agricultural Research Station, established in 1933. The intent of the zoning by-law amendment is to permit the former Research Station buildings to be used as emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program for people with special needs, including refugees, immigrants and low-income families. Concurrently, the proponent seeks to increase the employment base for Titan Trailers and other businesses in Courtland and Delhi.

Mike and Sandy Kloepfer have a vision to help people in need. It began with providing emergency/transition shelters to Ukrainian refugees, immigrants and low-income families. This vision became known as Schafer House, which has since been helping people in need and was further advanced through an incentive program coordinated with Titan Trailers. Their vision has not only benefited the families that find temporary accommodations at Schafer House, but also provided employment, education, skilled trades and income through an employer to not less than 1 member of every family who stay at Schafer House."

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Of even greater benefit worth noting, the applicants have thirteen children at Schafer House who attend the local schools in Delhi. Three of them are in high school and ten children are in public school. The school board has welcomed these children as it has allowed them to access additional provincial educational funding, which support education for all the children in the County.

We are excited to submit for the zoning by-law amendment to make this successful initiative a permanent use and continue the vision of Mike and Sandy Kloepfer in helping people in need. We realize that it will take a few months to go through the public process for the zoning amendment. As such, the attached application form includes an 'x' in the box for the temporary use extension and the zoning by-law amendment.

Extension:

Temporary Use by-law 6-Z-2022 will expire on March 22, 2025.

Nearly three years ago, staff and Council supported Mike and Sandy Kloepfer's application to permit the current temporary use (By-law 6-Z-2022) to provide emergency/transitional shelters to people with special needs such as refugees, low income families and immigrants. The owners have established a short-term, incentivized accommodations / employment / training pilot program which has had tremendous success over the years. This use had significant support by staff and Council and is a model example of how win-win-win circumstances can be created.

We are proposing an amendment to the zoning by-law to permanently permit 'Emergency/Transitional Shelters' on the subject lands. The existing temporary use by-law, which took effect on March 22, 2022, is set to expire in the near future. While we are confident that the zoning by-law amendment will be supported, we seek to proactively address any unforeseen circumstances by extending the existing by-law as a precautionary measure. This amendment is critical to ensuring the stability and well-being of numerous existing and future families, as well as supporting the economic role of businesses such as Titan Trailers.

Included with this application is the fee of \$1005 for the extension.

We understand that the Official Plan does not prescribe a process for extensions and there is no requirement for a public meeting as the extension is not a new by-law. As such, we suspect this is granted at staff level due to its uncomplex nature and minimal fee.

Submission:

This submission includes the following:

- 1. This cover letter.
- 2. Application form for zoning by-law amendment and extension of temporary use.
- 3. Planning Justification report under the new Provincial Planning Statement 2024.
- 4. Traffic brief prepared by Mr. Berry in 2021.
- 5. The former Map A from temporary use by-law 6-Z-2022





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Please advise when the zoning by-law amendment fee is required and we will ensure that it is provided at the earliest opportunity.

The submission has been made electronically through the CityView Portal.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me immediately so that we can address your items in a timely manner.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon Darbyson, Director of Planning
G. DOUGLAS VALLEE LIMITED

Consulting Engineers, Architect and Planners

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Planning Department Development Application Form

Complete Application

A complete development application consists of the following:

- 1. A completed, signed, and notarized application form
- 2. Supporting information adequate to illustrate your proposal as indicated in **Section**H of this application form
- 3. Written authorization from the registered owner of the subject lands where the applicant is not the owner as per Section N
- 4. Cash, debit, credit or cheque payable to Norfolk County in the amount set out in the user fees By-Law that will be accepted and deposited once the application has been deemed complete.

Pre-Submission Consultation:

Norfolk County requires a Pre-Consultation Meeting for all applications; however, minor applications may be exempted depending on the nature of the proposal. The purpose of a Pre-Consultation Meeting is to provide the applicant with an opportunity to present the proposed application, discuss potential issues, and for the Norfolk County and Agency staff to identify the application requirements. Application requirements, as detailed in the Pre-Consultation Meeting Comments, are valid for one year after the meeting date.

Development Application Process

Once an application has been deemed complete by a Planner, Norfolk County staff will circulate the application to adjacent landowners, public agencies, and internal departments for comment. The time involved in application processing varies depending on its complexity, acceptability to the other agencies, and statutory Planning Act decision time-frames.

Payment is required once your application is deemed complete. Pre-payments will not be accepted.



Norfolk County collects personal information submitted through this form under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Act's authority. Norfolk County will use this information for the purposes indicated or implied by this form. You can direct questions about collecting personal information to Norfolk GIS Services at NorfolkGIS@norfolkcounty.ca.

Additional studies required for the complete application shall be at the applicant's sole expense. Sometimes, peer reviews may be necessary to review particular studies at the applicant's expense. In these caseds, Norfolk County staff will select the company to complete the peer review.

Norfolk County will refund the original fee if applicants withdraw their applications before circulation. If Norfolk County must recirculate your drawings, there will be an additional fee. If Norfolk County must do more than three reviews of engineering drawings due to revisions by the owner or failure to revise engineering drawings as requested, Norfolk County will charge an additional fee. Full refunds are only available before Norfolk County has circulated the application.

Notification Sign Requirements

For public notification, Norfolk County will provide you with a sign to indicate the intent and purpose of your development application. It is your responsibility to:

- 1. Post one sign per frontage in a conspicuous location on the subject lands.
- 2. Ensure one sign is posted at the front of the subject lands at least three feet above ground level and not on a tree.
- 3. Notify the Planner when the sign is in place.
- 4. Maintain the sign until the development application is finalized and, after that, remove it.

Contact Us

For additional information or assistance completing this application, please contact a Planner at 519-426-5870 or 519-875-4485 extension 1842 or planning@norfolkcounty.ca. Please submit the completed application and fees to the attention of the Planning Department at 185 Robinson Street, Suite 200, Simcoe, ON N3Y 5L6.



| File N Relate Pre-co Applic | ated File Number Application Meeting Conse | Notice Sign ation Fee rvation Authority Fee Septic Info Provided |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Chec | eck the type of planning application(s) you a | re submitting. |
| | Official Plan Amendment | |
| X | Zoning By-Law Amendment | |
| | Temporary Use By-law | |
| | Draft Plan of Subdivision/Vacant Land Cond | dominium |
| | Condominium Exemption | |
| | Site Plan Application | |
| X | Extension of a Temporary Use By-law | |
| | Part Lot Control | |
| | Cash-in-Lieu of Parking | |
| | Renewable Energy Project or Radio Commi | unication |
| provi | ease summarize the desired result of this applicate in the subject lands to include additional nation of the subject lands, creating a ce | use(s), changing the zone or official |
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| Prop | pperty Assessment Roll Number: | |



| A. Applicant Information Name of Owner | | | |
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| Address | | | |
| Town and Postal Code | | | |
| Phone Number | | | |
| Cell Number | | | |
| Email | | | |
| Name of Applicant | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Town and Postal Code | | | |
| Phone Number | | | |
| Cell Number | | | |
| Email | | | |
| Name of Agent | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Town and Postal Code | | | |
| Phone Number | | | |
| Cell Number | | | |
| Email | | | |
| Unless otherwise directed regarding this application | • | ll forward all correspondence ar agent noted above. | nd notices |
| □ Owner | ☐ Agent | ☐ Applicant | |
| Names and addresses of encumbrances on the sub | | nortgagees, charges or other | |
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B. Location, Legal Description and Property Information

| 1. | Legal Description (include Geographic Township, Concession Number, Lot Number, Block Number and Urban Area or Hamlet): | | | |
|----|---|--|--|--|
| | Municipal Civic Address: | | | |
| | Present Official Plan Designation(s): | | | |
| | Present Zoning: | | | |
| 2. | Is there a special provision or site specific zone on the subject lands? | | | |
| | \square Yes \square No If yes, please specify corresponding number: | | | |
| 3. | Present use of the subject lands: | | | |
| 4. | Please describe all existing buildings or structures on the subject lands and whether they will be retained, demolished or removed. If retaining the buildings or structures, please describe the type of buildings or structures, and illustrate the setback, in metric units, from the front, rear and side lot lines, ground floor area, gross floor area, lot coverage, number of storeys, width, length, and height on your attached sketch which must be included with your application: | | | |
| 5. | If an addition to an existing building is being proposed, please explain what it will be used for (for example: bedroom, kitchen, or bathroom). If new fixtures are proposed, please describe. | | | |
| 6. | Please describe all proposed buildings or structures/additions on the subject lands. Describe the type of buildings or structures/additions, and illustrate the setback, in metric units, from front, rear and side lot lines, ground floor area, gross floor area, lot coverage, number of storeys, width, length, and height on your attached sketch which must be included with your application: | | | |
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| 7. | Are any existing buildings on the subject lands designated under the <i>Ontario</i> Heritage Act as being architecturally and/or historically significant? Yes \Box No \Box |
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| | If yes, identify and provide details of the building: |
| 8. | If known, the length of time the existing uses have continued on the subject lands: |
| 9. | Existing use of abutting properties: |
| 10 | Are there any easements or restrictive covenants affecting the subject lands? |
| | ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe the easement or restrictive covenant and its effect: |
| C. | Purpose of Development Application |
| No | te: Please complete all that apply. |
| 1. | Please explain what you propose to do on the subject lands/premises which makes this development application necessary: |
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| 2. | Please explain why it is not possible to comply with the provision(s) of the Zoning By-law/and or Official Plan: |
| 2 | Does the requested amendment alter all or any part of the boundary of an area of |
| J. | settlement in the municipality or implement a new area of settlement in the municipality? Yes No If yes, describe its effect: |
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| 4. | Does the requested amendment remove the subject land from an area of employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe its effect: |
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| | • | d amendment alter, replace, or delete a policy of the Official Plan? s, identify the policy, and also include a proposed text of the |
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| p | olicy amendment | (if additional space is required, please attach a separate sheet): |
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| D | Description of land | intended to be severed in metric units: |
| F | rontage: | |
| D | epth: | |
| ٧ | Vidth: | |
| L | ot Area: | |
| Ρ | resent Use: | |
| Ρ | roposed Use: | |
| Ρ | roposed final lot | size (if boundary adjustment): |
| lf | a boundary adjus | stment, identify the assessment roll number and property owner o |
| | | the parcel will be added: |
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| D | escription of land | intended to be retained in metric units: |
| F | rontage: | |
| D | epth: | |
| V | Vidth: | |
| L | ot Area: | |
| Р | resent Use: | |
| Р | roposed Use: | |
| В | Buildings on retain | ed land: |
| | escription of proprontage: | osed right-of-way/easement: |
| D | epth: | |
| V | Vidth: | |
| Α | irea: | |
| Р | roposed use: | |
| Ν | · | , if known, to whom lands or interest in lands to be transferred, (if known): |



| 9. | Site Information | Zoning | Proposed |
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| PΙθ | ease indicate unit of measurem | ent, for example: m, m ² or % | |
| Lo | t frontage | | |
| Lo | t depth | | |
| Lo | t width | | |
| Lo | t area | | |
| Lo | t coverage | | |
| Fro | ont yard | | |
| Re | ear yard | | |
| Le | ft Interior side yard | | |
| Ri | ght Interior side yard | | |
| Ex | terior side yard (corner lot) | | |
| La | ndscaped open space | | |
| En | trance access width | | |
| Ex | it access width | | |
| Siz | ze of fencing or screening | | |
| Ту | pe of fencing | | |
| 10 | .Building Size | | |
| Νu | ımber of storeys | | |
| Bu | ilding height | | |
| То | tal ground floor area | | |
| То | tal gross floor area | | |
| То | tal useable floor area | | |
| 11 | .Off Street Parking and Loading | g Facilities | |
| Nu | ımber of off street parking spac | es | |
| Νu | ımber of visitor parking spaces | | |
| Νu | ımber of accessible parking spa | aces | |
| Nι | ımber of off street loading facilit | ies | |



| 12. Residential (if applicable) | | |
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| Number of buildings existing: | | |
| Number of buildings propose | d: | |
| Is this a conversion or addition | on to an existing building | ? □ Yes □ No |
| If yes, describe: | | |
| Туре | Number of Units | Floor Area per Unit in m2 |
| Single Detached _ | | |
| Semi-Detached _ | | |
| Duplex _ | | |
| Triplex _ | | |
| Four-plex _ | | |
| Street Townhouse _ | | |
| Stacked Townhouse _ | | |
| Apartment - Bachelor | | |
| Apartment - One bedroom | | |
| Apartment - Two bedroom | | |
| Apartment - Three bedroom | | |
| Other facilities provided (for e or swimming pool): | example: play facilities, ι | underground parking, games room, |
| 13. Commercial/Industrial Use | es (if applicable) | |
| Number of buildings existing: | | |
| Number of buildings propose | d: | |
| Is this a conversion or addition | on to an existing building | ? □ Yes □ No |
| If yes, describe: | | |
| Indicate the gross floor area | by the type of use (for ex | xample: office, retail, or storage): |
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| Seating Capacity (for assembly halls or similar): |
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| Total number of fixed seats: |
| Describe the type of business(es) proposed: |
| Total number of staff proposed initially: |
| Total number of staff proposed in five years: |
| Maximum number of staff on the largest shift: |
| Is open storage required: ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Is a residential use proposed as part of, or accessory to commercial/industrial use? |
| ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes please describe: |
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| 14. Institutional (if applicable) |
| Describe the type of use proposed: |
| Seating capacity (if applicable): |
| Number of beds (if applicable): |
| Total number of staff proposed initially: |
| Total number of staff proposed in five years: |
| Maximum number of staff on the largest shift: |
| Indicate the gross floor area by the type of use (for example: office, retail, or storage): |
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| 15. Describe Recreational or Other Use(s) (if applicable) |
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| D. | Previous Use of the Property |
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| 1. | Has there been an industrial or commercial use on the subject lands or adjacent lands? \Box Yes \Box No \Box Unknown |
| | If yes, specify the uses (for example: gas station or petroleum storage): |
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| 2. | Is there reason to believe the subject lands may have been contaminated by former uses on the site or adjacent sites? \square Yes \square No \square Unknown |
| 3. | Provide the information you used to determine the answers to the above questions: |
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| 4. | If you answered yes to any of the above questions in Section D, a previous use inventory showing all known former uses of the subject lands, or if appropriate, the adjacent lands, is needed. Is the previous use inventory attached? \square Yes \square No |
| E. | Provincial Policy |
| 1. | Is the requested amendment consistent with the provincial policy statements issued under subsection 3(1) of the <i>Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13</i> ? \square Yes \square No |
| | If no, please explain: |
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| 2. | It is owner's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals, including the Endangered Species Act, 2007. Have the subject lands been screened to ensure that development or site alteration will not have any impact on the habitat for endangered or threatened species further to the provincial policy statement subsection 2.1.7? \square Yes \square No |
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| | If no, please explain: |
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| 3. | Have the subject lands been screened to ensure that development or site alteration will not have any impact on source water protection? \square Yes \square No |
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| | If no, please explain: |
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| | Note: If in an area of source water Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) A, B or C please attach relevant information and approved mitigation measures from the Risk Manager Official. |
| 4. | Are any of the following uses or features on the subject lands or within 500 metres of the subject lands, unless otherwise specified? Please check boxes, if applicable. |
| | Livestock facility or stockyard (submit MDS Calculation with application) |
| | □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Wooded area □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Municipal Landfill □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Sewage treatment plant or waste stabilization plant □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Provincially significant wetland (class 1, 2 or 3) or other environmental feature □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Floodplain □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Rehabilitated mine site □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Non-operating mine site within one kilometre |
| | □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Active mine site within one kilometre □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Industrial or commercial use (specify the use(s)) □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance Active railway line □ On the subject lands or □ within 500 meters – distance |
| | Seasonal wetness of lands ☐ On the subject lands or ☐ within 500 meters – distance Erosion ☐ On the subject lands or ☐ within 500 meters – distance Abandoned gas wells ☐ On the subject lands or ☐ within 500 meters – distance |



F. Servicing and Access 1. Indicate what services are available or proposed: Water Supply ☐ Municipal piped water □ Communal wells ☐ Individual wells ☐ Other (describe below) Sewage Treatment ☐ Municipal sewers ☐ Communal system ☐ Septic tank and tile bed in good working order ☐ Other (describe below) Storm Drainage ☐ Storm sewers □ Open ditches ☐ Other (describe below) 2. Existing or proposed access to subject lands: ☐ Municipal road ☐ Provincial highway ☐ Unopened road ☐ Other (describe below) Name of road/street: G. Other Information 1. Does the application involve a local business? \square Yes \square No If yes, how many people are employed on the subject lands? 2. Is there any other information that you think may be useful in the review of this

application? If so, explain below or attach on a separate page.



H. Supporting Material to be submitted by Applicant

In order for your application to be considered complete, **folded** hard copies (number of paper copies as directed by the planner) and an **electronic version (PDF) of the properly named site plan drawings, additional plans, studies and reports** will be required, including but not limited to the following details:

- 1. Concept/Layout Plan
- 2. All measurements in metric
- 3. Key map
- 4. Scale, legend and north arrow
- 5. Legal description and municipal address
- 6. Development name
- 7. Drawing title, number, original date and revision dates
- 8. Owner's name, address and telephone number
- 9. Engineer's name, address and telephone number
- 10. Professional engineer's stamp
- 11. Existing and proposed easements and right of ways
- 12. Zoning compliance table required versus proposed
- 13. Parking space totals required and proposed
- 14. All entrances to parking areas marked with directional arrows
- 15. Loading spaces, facilities and routes (for commercial developments)
- 16. All dimensions of the subject lands
- 17. Dimensions and setbacks of all buildings and structures
- 18. Location and setbacks of septic system and well from all existing and proposed lot lines, and all existing and proposed structures
- 19. Gross, ground and useable floor area
- 20. Lot coverage
- 21. Floor area ratio
- 22. Building entrances, building type, height, grades and extent of overhangs
- 23. Names, dimensions and location of adjacent streets including daylighting triangles
- 24. Driveways, curbs, drop curbs, pavement markings, widths, radii and traffic directional signs
- 25. All exterior stairways and ramps with dimensions and setbacks
- 26. Retaining walls including materials proposed
- 27. Fire access and routes
- 28. Location, dimensions and number of parking spaces (including visitor and accessible) and drive aisles
- 29. Location of mechanical room, and other building services (e.g. A/C, HRV)
- 30. Refuse disposal and storage areas including any related screening (if indoors, need notation on site plan)
- 31. Winter snow storage location



- 32. Landscape areas with dimensions
- 33. Natural features, watercourses and trees
- 34. Fire hydrants and utilities location
- 35. Fencing, screening and buffering size, type and location
- 36. All hard surface materials
- 37. Light standards and wall mounted lights (plus a note on the site plan that all outdoor lighting is to be dark sky compliant)
- 38. Business signs (make sure they are not in sight lines)
- 39. Sidewalks and walkways with dimensions
- 40. Pedestrian access routes into site and around site
- 41. Bicycle parking
- 42. Architectural elevations of all building sides
- 43. All other requirements as per the pre-consultation meeting

| may also be required as part of the complete application submission: |
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| Zoning Deficiency Form |
| On-Site Sewage Disposal System Evaluation Form (to verify location and condition) |
| Architectural Plan |
| Buildings Elevation Plan |
| Cut and Fill Plan |
| Erosion and Sediment Control Plan |
| Grading and Drainage Control Plan (around perimeter and within site) (existing and proposed) |
| Landscape Plan |
| Photometric (Lighting) Plan |
| Plan and Profile Drawings |
| Site Servicing Plan |
| Storm water Management Plan |
| Street Sign and Traffic Plan |
| Street Tree Planting Plan |
| Tree Preservation Plan |
| Archaeological Assessment |
| Environmental Impact Study |



| | Functional Servicing Report | | |
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| | Geotechnical Study / Hydrogeological Review | | |
| | Minimum Distance Separation Schedule | | |
| | Noise or Vibration Study | | |
| | Record of Site Condition | | |
| | Storm water Management Report | | |
| | Traffic Impact Study – please contact the Planner to verify the scope required | | |
| Sit | e Plan applications will require the following supporting materials: | | |
| | 1. Two (2) complete sets of the site plan drawings folded to 8½ x 11 and an electronic version in PDF format | | |
| | 2. Letter requesting that the Holding be removed (if applicable) | | |
| | 3. A cost estimate prepared by the applicant's engineer | | |
| | An estimate for Parkland dedication by a certified land appraiser Property Identification Number (PIN) printout | | |
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| Sta | andard condominium exemptions will require the following supporting materials: | | |
| | Plan of standard condominium (2 paper copies and 1 electronic copy) | | |
| | Draft condominium declaration | | |
| | Property Identification Number (PIN) printout | | |

Your development approval might also be dependent on other relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.

All final plans must include the owner's signature as well as the engineer's signature and seal.

I. Development Agreements

A development agreement may be required prior to site plan approval, subdivision and condominium applications. Should this be necessary for your development, you will be contacted by the agreement administrator with further details of the requirements including but not limited to insurance coverage, professional liability for your engineer, additional fees and securities.



J. Transfers, Easements and Postponement of Interest

The owner acknowledges and agrees that if required, it is their solicitor's responsibility on behalf of the owner, to disclose the registration of all transfer(s) of land and/or easement in favour of the County and/or utilities. Also, the owner further acknowledges and agrees that it is their solicitor's responsibility on behalf of the owner for the registration of postponements of any charges in favour of the County.

K. Permission to Enter Subject Lands

Permission is hereby granted to Norfolk County officers, employees or agents, to enter the premises subject to this application for the purposes of making inspections associated with this application, during normal and reasonable working hours.

L. Freedom of Information

For the purposes of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I authorize and consent to the use by or the disclosure to any person or public body any information that is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act, R.S.O.* 1990, c. P. 13 for the purposes of processing this application.

| 5 | March 5 2025 | | | |
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| Owner/Applicant Signature | Date | | | |
| M. Owner's Authorization | | | | |
| If the applicant/agent is not the registered ow application, the owner(s) must complete the a I/We Sandy Kloepfer | • | | | |
| lands that is the subject of this application. I/We authorize G. Douglas Vallee Limited c/o - Ele | | | | |
| my/our behalf and to provide any of my/our personal information necessary for the processing of this application. Moreover, this shall be your good and sufficient | | | | |
| authorization for so doing. | March S 2025 | | | |
| Owner | Date | | | |
| Owner | Date | | | |

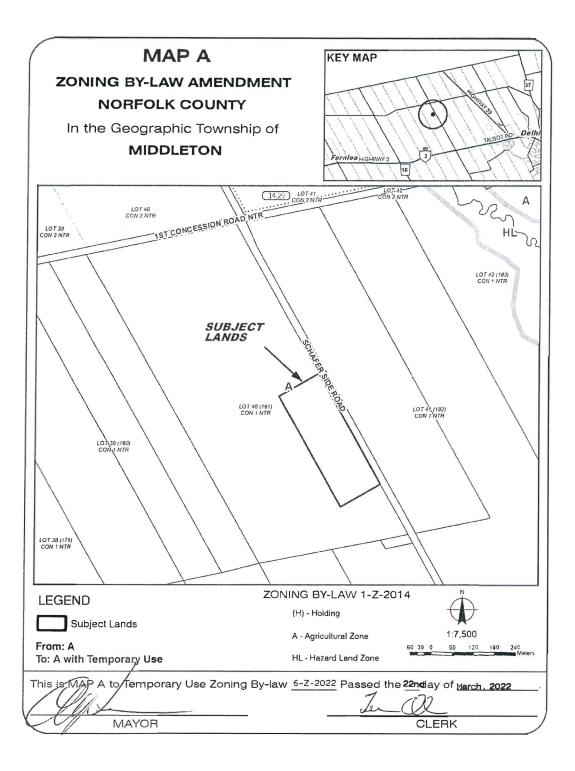


| N. Declaration _{I,} Sandy Klopfer | of | Norfolk | County | |
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| solemnly declare that: | | | . (| |
| all of the above statements and the statements contained in all of the exhibits transmitted herewith are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of <i>The Canada Evidence Act</i> . | | | | |
| Declared before me at: Norfolk County | _ | | | |
| In Simcoe This 5th day of March A.D., 20 25 A Commissioner, etc. | - | Owner/Applicant Si | gnature | |
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ELDON FRASER DARBYSON, a Commissioner, etc., Province of Ontario, for G. Douglas Vallee Limited. Expires August 21, 2027.



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Zoning By-law Amendment

Emergency/Transition Shelters and Incentivized Temporary Accommodations Program Mike & Sandy Kloepfer



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Introduction

G. Douglas Vallee Limited has been retained by Mike and Sandy Kloepfer to make an application to amend the Norfolk County Zoning By-law related to the former Canadian Agricultural Research Station, established in 1933. The intent of the zoning by-law amendment is to permit the former Research Station buildings to be used as emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program for people with special needs, including refugees, immigrants and low-income families. Concurrently, the proponent seeks to increase the employment base for Titan Trailers and other businesses in Courtland and Delhi.

Mike and Sandy Kloepfer have a vision to help people in need. It began with providing emergency/transition shelters to Ukrainian refugees, immigrants and low-income families. This vision became known as Schafer House, which has since been helping people in need and was further advanced through an incentive program coordinated with Titan Trailers. Their vision has not only benefited the families that find temporary accommodations at Schafer House, but also provided employment, education, skilled trades and income through an employer to not less than 1 member of every family who stay at Schafer House.

Sandy Kloepfer says,

"[This form of housing] is needed very much to help many folks that would otherwise be left with no options. It gives them the opportunity to get a leg up and be self-sufficient. So far we have had 100% success with all the families we have assisted.

The other thing that helping our Ukrainian families has done for Titan is to totally eliminate our largest impediment to growth. For decades we struggled with finding enough local people to fuel that growth. Even though some Ukrainian families have moved on to other jobs throughout Canada that were better suited to the education and experience they brought with them from the Ukraine, we have a kept a great workforce of hardworking people that are advancing nicely in their careers at Titan."

Titan Trailers is a growing manufacturing industry, trying to increase its employment base. Due in part to the current temporary use of the former Agricultural Research Facility on Schafer Side Road and through the incentive program, Titan has been able to realize meaningful impact and increase the local employment base. Special needs housing is described in the Norfolk County Official Plan and discussed further in this report. Staff and Council previously supported Temporary Use Zoning By-law 6-Z-2022 which permitted the existing special needs housing. This application is proposed to amend the zoning by-law to permit the long-standing use of emergency/transition shelters to ensure the incentive program remains successful with the potential to continue to provide symbiotic relationships with employers in Courtland and Delhi such as Titan Trailers. The temporary use has been proven successful and now is seeking to make permanent the significant financial investment in renovating the facilities, ensuring the long-term success of the program, and viability of surrounding employment generators such as Titan Trailers.

Incentive Program:

The temporary incentivized accommodations program implemented by Mike and Sandy Kloepfer is intended for people who need emergency/transitional shelter for generally one to two (1 to 2) years. The current program details include:

- 40% reduction in rent and utilities and property taxes are covered;
- Vehicles are made available temporarily until family makes enough money to afford their own;
- One (1) member of the family must work for Titan Trailers.





The goal of the program is to provide emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program as a means of helping people become self-sustaining, with the assistance of an employer to teach a skilled trade and increase the employment base of employers in the area. The program was established in concert with Titan Trailers and has led to other opportunities for other local and nearby employers. Titan Trailers continues to participate in the program as its need for employees continues to grow.

1) Now that the program has been successful, the Kloepfer's, in 2025, will renovate most of the greenhouses to We intend to revamp most of the greenhouses this year to grow lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, and herbs year round for the residents.

Sandy Kloepfer says,

"We do want to prioritize families in need with these units and support for their integration into Canadian society. We have one dedicated staff person at Titan to help new arrivals with all the challenges they face for their first 6 months in Canada. Access to language classes, health care, transportation (getting license), banking, job orientation, enrolling kids in school, groceries shopping etc.

The members of our existing families at Schafer House also work for other local businesses as well as Titan such as the Courtland Bake Shop, Cranberry Creek, and many work seasonally for Fernlea Flowers.

All of the residents in Schafer House came on a 3 year work permit. All have applied for permanent residency; some have received permanent residency but the process is slow with the government. In order to buy a home (get a mortgage) or rent their own apartment, they need their permanent residency finalized."

The current temporary use for 'emergency/transition shelter' or 'special needs housing' has been successful and it is the intention of this application to take this proven system and symbiotic relationship between industry, residential affordability, and education to a permanent use for the long-term.

As families become self-sufficient, they invest in the economy and communities through housing, shopping, work, social interaction, and becoming contributing permanent citizens of Canada.

Addition to Incentive Program:

Recently, inspired by rising costs of produce and new tariffs, an additional investment into the existing greenhouses that form part of the area described in Map A, are being renovated to be able to operate on a year round basis. The purpose of these renovations is to grow produce including but not limited to tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, and herbs. Those families who reside in a shelter and wish to participate in the growing of produce and maintenance of the operation, will be given free produce year round. Extra produce will be donated to local food banks or to local fundraising initiatives.

Planning Observations

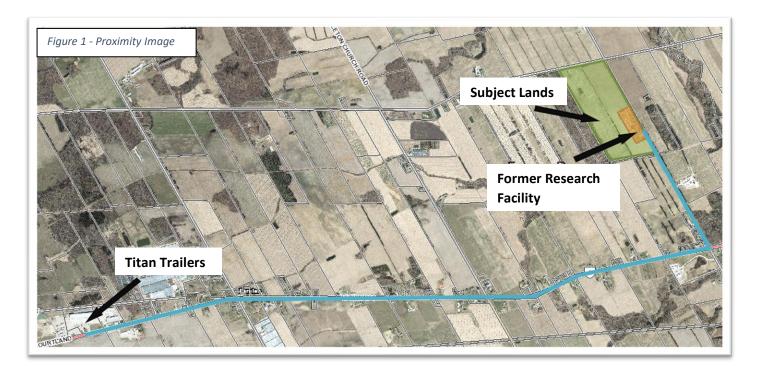
The lands fall within close proximity to Delhi and Courtland, where Titan Trailers is located (approximately seven (7) kilometres away). This is a growing industry which requires nearby accommodations to increase the local employment base. The subject lands are primarily Agricultural, with the exception of a small portion of land used for indoor storage and the former agricultural research station (see Figure 1).

There are no livestock operations in the area, few houses and few environmental features such as woodlots and watercourses. The woodland feature to the west is designated in the Official Plan as "Significant". The portion of the lands subject to the application are not in proximity to these features. There are no residential dwellings near the developed area of the property.

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Studies

A Traffic Impact Brief prepared by F.R. Berry & Associates, dated November 30, 2021, supports the proposed amendment.

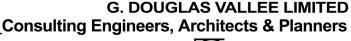
No additional studies are required, as the facility already exists. The proposed amendment does not change the existing land use; rather, it proposes to permit the use on a permanent basis.

Development Review Summary

- Implements Section 2 of the Planning Act.
- Is consistent with the intent of the Provincial Policy.
- Implements the Goals and Objectives of the Norfolk County Official Plan.
- Provides emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program to refugees, immigrants, and low-income families.
- Temporary incentivized accommodations program includes education, training, and employment with nearby employers such as Titan Trailers in Courtland.
- Traffic generation does not negatively impact the existing road network.
- Provides additional forms of housing encouraged by the Norfolk County Official Plan.
- Has no impact on surrounding land uses and complies with MDS.
- Previously supported by staff and Council.
- Represents good planning.

Description

The subject lands are approximately 40 hectares (100 acres) in area and are located on the southwest corner of 1st Concession Road N Trail and Schafer Side Road, Norfolk. The property is actively farmed and contains several buildings clustered together, encompassing approximately 4 hectares (10 acres).







As shown in Figure 2, surrounding uses include:

- North Agriculture
- South Agriculture
- East Agriculture
- West Significant Woodlands/Agriculture

The lands are currently serviced with private septic and potable water cisterns. Fire protection exists on the property in the form of a dry hydrant and underground cistern.

The buildings on-site consist of the following:

- Former Agricultural Research Station (now temporary use for special needs housing/emergency/transition shelter')
- Several underutilized buildings originally intended to serve the Agricultural Research Station and agricultural use of the property:
 - o Former Weather Station
 - Storage Sheds/Buildings
 - o Maintenance shop
 - o Greenhouses



Appendices to this report include the following:

- Appendix A Site Plan Concept
- Appendix B Planning Act Section 2 Compliance Review
- Appendix C Provincial Planning Statement 2024 (PPS) Compliance Review
- Appendix D Norfolk County Official Plan Policy Review

This application was submitted to include the information and material required under Section 34 (10.1) of the *Planning Act* as part of a complete application.





Current Temporary Use Zoning By-law 6-Z-2022

The current temporary use by-law permits emergency/transitional shelter. The provision states:

- 1. That for the purpose of this By-Law, emergency/transitional shelter shall be defined as follows:
 - "a special needs housing form that contains one or more habitable rooms which may include common kitchen, bathroom or other living and amenity space that meets the Ontario Building Code intended for temporary, short-term usage. The housing accommodations must be related to or supported by a non-profit or community group, government agency or special needs circumstances for purposes such as refugee or new immigrant accommodation, homelessness and other transient/transitional needs. It shall not be geared to long-term (one-year or greater) leasing or purchasing of the habitable space and shall not include market-based short-term rentals."
- 2. That in addition to the uses permitted in the Agricultural A-Zone (Subsection 12), a special needs housing form including a temporary emergency/transitional shelter may be permitted, subject to the following:
 - a) Within the buildings existing as of the date of this amending By-law and the associated parking and amenity area thereto contained within the location outlined on Map A;
 - b) Provided that any supporting services from federal and/or provincial agencies or municipal housing authority regarding the emergency / transitional shelter / special housing for immigrants and refugees are in place and any approvals that may be necessary are in effect.
 - c) The building and parking existing as of the date of this amending By-law shall be deemed to conform to the provisions of the Zoning By-law for the temporary use.
 - d) The maximum occupants shall be limited to the available and approved on-site servicing infrastructure and parking along with the Ontario Building Code and Ontario Fire Code or any other appliable legislation and regulations.
 - e) For a temporary period of time commencing as of the date of the passing of this amending By-Law up to a maximum of three (3) years.

Comments

Part 1 of the temporary use by-law

The existing definition of 'emergency/transition shelter' and its specific definition remains generally appropriate; however, it should be noted that the description stipulates that,

"It shall not be geared to long-term (one-year or greater) leasing or purchasing of the habitable space and shall not include market-based short-term rentals."

It is recommended that this portion of the definition be re-worded to,

"It shall not be geared to long-term (approximately three-years or greater) leasing or purchasing of the habitable space and shall not include market-based short-term rentals."

This modification ensures that long-term leasing beyond three years is not permitted yet allows for the temporary incentivized accommodations program to remain effective. Increasing the permitted rental period to three years will allow more sufficient time for occupants to develop their employment skills, increase their income and savings, and to find other forms of housing including permanent ownership. Allowing flexibility in the rental period



better caters to different family dynamics. For example, one person in the incentive program employment opportunity may have more family members than another family to take care of, thus reducing the amount of money the family can save towards becoming self-sufficient. In this case, the incentive remains the same, but the period of time it applies to is longer to ensure that the family has a good start becoming self-sufficient. On the other hand, if two people in a family are able to participate in the program, then they can increase their income and savings much more quickly.

Part 2 of the temporary use by-law

It is recommended that:

- Part 2 a) be modified to clarify and ensure that buildings can be modified, changed, replaced provided they remain in the confined area of the original Map A of the by-law.
- Part 2 b) be removed as supporting services from federal and/or provincial agencies or a municipal housing authority are not required to administer the Kloepfer's temporary incentivized accommodations program.
- Part 2 c) continue to be in effect, or that if the County is of the opinion that a parking ratio be implemented, then 1 space for every 4 units would be sufficient. There is ample parking on site to accommodate parking and is justified further in this report.
- Part 2 e) be removed as this application proposes a permitted use, not a temporary use.
- That the lands referenced in Map A of the existing by-law continue to be referenced in the future zoning by-law amendment.

Under application ZNPL2022014, staff report CD 22-023 was presented to Council which recommendation was as follows:

"THAT the application by MIKE AND SANDY KLOEPFER, File Number ZNPL2022014, affecting the lands described as Part Lot 181, Concession 1 NTR, Geographic Township of Middleton, to amend the Norfolk County Zoning By-Law 1-Z-2014 to add a temporary use provision to the existing Agricultural "A" Zoning, BE APPROVED for reasons set out in Report CD 22-023 as attached as Appendix F;

AND THAT all public input received for this application was considered as part of the decision, as outlined in staff report CD 22-023."

This report demonstrates the alignment of the professional opinion provided by staff with the Provincial Policy Statement and the County Official Plan. The report represents a thoughtful analysis of the proposed use and the County's sole discretion when evaluating the use as a special housing form.

Under the analysis of Planning Comments:

"Special Needs (now Additional Needs Housing PPS 2024) is defined as "any housing, including dedicated facilities, in whole or in part, that is used by people who have specific needs beyond economic needs, including but not limited to, needs such as mobility requirements or support functions required for daily living. Examples of special needs housing may include, but are not limited to long-term care homes, adaptable and accessible housing, and housing for persons with disabilities such as physical, sensory or mental health disabilities, and housing for older persons."

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"In the case of the proposed, the housing opportunity is specifically tailored towards populations in the vulnerable position of being new to Canada. The initiative related to the proposed is intended to provide housing and employment opportunities to those who choose to come to the site, while also linking the residents with community services such as those provided by the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre and Community Employment Services. It is the opinion of staff that the proposed use meets the definition of special needs as per the PPS."

Furthermore, in respect to Section 2.3.6.1 b) of the PPS 2020 (Now Section 4.3.5.1 b) which is identical to the previous PPS) the Planning Comments go on to include:

"Norfolk County does not currently have any specialty crop area designated and the proposed complies with MDS formulae. The proposed temporary land use is meant to provide a temporary solution to a gap within the community. While the need is not directly identified within the 25-year time horizon, the immediate need for refuges housing has been identified on a national scale. It is the opinion of planning staff that, given the time sensitivity of the issue, and the potential of the existing development to serve this innovative purpose, that the proposed is consistent in intent with the PPS."

Comment:

The urgent nature to help refugees, immigrants and low income families is an increasing and real world issue which is progressively getting worse. War continues to occur and now a tariff war between the United States and Canada is expected to exacerbate the issues that were considered important during the initial review for the temporary use. Special needs continue to be a reality to which the proposed application contributes to helping people and families, as well as benefiting employment needs as discussed further in this report. It is important to recognize that a permanent solution is necessary in the community, and not a temporary one. The substantial investment into the shelters and the incentive program will be required for decades to help people with special needs, to offset the increasing costs of living, to help people become self-sufficient to survive with their families without assistance, and to help train, educate and increase the employment base of Titan Trailers and other local industry and businesses. The proposed amendment to permit the emergency/transitional shelters remains consistent with the intent of the PPS.

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

To rezone the portion of lands currently zoned Agricultural (Temporary Use for Special Needs Housing) to Agriculture (Special Provision for emergency/transition shelters) and to add special provisions, including:

A-14.xxx: (on zoning Schedule "A4")

- a) To permit "emergency/transition shelter" including the following:
 - Temporary incentivized accommodations for immigrants, refugees, and low-income families

Subject to the following special provisions:

a) Parking ratio: 1 space for every 4 units

Site Specific Definition of 'emergency/transition shelter': "a special needs housing form that contains one or more habitable rooms which may include common kitchen, bathroom or other living and amenity space that meets the Ontario Building Code intended for temporary, short-term usage. The housing accommodations must be related to or supported by a non-profit or community group, government agency or special needs circumstances for purposes such as immigrants, refugees, and low-income families accommodation,

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homelessness and other transient/transitional needs. It shall not be geared to long-term (approximately three-years or greater) leasing or purchasing of the habitable space and shall not include market-based short-term rentals."

Planning Review

The proposed Zoning By-law amendment was prepared considering several planning documents including the *Planning Act*, Provincial Policy Statement, Norfolk County Official Plan, and the Norfolk County Zoning By-law 1-ZA-2014.

Planning Act

| Section 2 | Lists matters of provincial interest to have regard to. |
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| Section 3 | Requires that, in exercising any authority that affects a planning matter, planning authorities "shall be consistent with the policy statements" issued under the Act and "shall conform with the provincial plans that are in effect on that date, or shall not conflict with them, as the case may be". |
| Section 34 | Allows amendments to the Zoning By-law. |

Provincial Interest

Section 2 of the *Planning Act* establishes matters of provincial interest. The Minister, the council of a municipality, a local board, a planning board, and the Tribunal, in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act, shall have regard to, among other matters, matters of provincial interest. These matters are reviewed in Appendix B.

It is noted that these provincial interests are from the highest level of policy being the *Planning Act*; however, the intent of the owner's application meets these interests as demonstrated in this report.

Section 3 of the *Planning Act* requires that, in exercising any authority that affects a planning matter, planning authorities "shall be consistent with the policy statements" issued under the *Act* and "shall conform with the provincial plans that are in effect on that date, or shall not conflict with them, as the case may be". Section 34 of the *Planning Act* allows for the consideration of amendments to the Zoning By-law.

Provincial Planning Statement (2024)

The Provincial Planning Statement 2024 (PPS 2024) establishes the overarching policy framework for land use planning and development in Ontario. Issued under the Planning Act, its primary purpose is to guide decision-making on matters of provincial interest, ensuring that growth is managed sustainably while balancing environmental, economic, and social objectives. It provides municipalities with the tools to plan for complete, transit-supportive, and resilient communities, emphasizing the delivery of a diverse range of housing options to address the province's goal of 1.5 million new homes by 2031. The PPS 2024 also supports economic competitiveness, the protection of natural heritage, water, and agricultural resources, and the mitigation of risks to public health and safety through responsible land use planning.

The PPS 2024 reinforces the importance of collaboration across all levels of government, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders to ensure coordinated planning. It prioritizes climate resilience, the optimization of infrastructure investments, and the safeguarding of employment areas to drive economic growth. Municipalities are tasked with implementing the PPS 2024 through their official plans, zoning by-laws, and related planning instruments, aligning local decisions with provincial priorities while considering unique local contexts.

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By integrating long-term sustainability with provincial and municipal goals, the PPS lays a foundation for orderly, efficient, and equitable growth across Ontario.

The subject land is identified as being within a Prime Agricultural Area, according to the PPS 2024. Details describing the applicable provincial policies and how the application is consistent with the PPS 2024 are included in Appendix C.

The PPS states,

"The Provincial Planning Statement recognizes the diversity of Ontario and that local context is important. Policies are outcome-oriented, and some policies provide flexibility in their implementation provided that provincial interests are upheld.

While the Provincial Planning Statement is to be read as a whole, not all policies will be applicable to every site, feature or area. The Provincial Policy Statement applies at a range of geographic scales.

Some of the policies refer to specific areas or features and can only be applied where these features or areas exist. Other policies refer to planning objectives that need to be considered in the context of the municipality or planning area as a whole and are not necessarily applicable to a specific site or development proposal."

The PPS recognizes that local context is important and that policy is outcome-oriented. Not all policies are applicable to every site in all situations. As demonstrated in Appendix C, the proposed application implements Provincial interests through several key policy objectives. It cannot consider unique opportunities that may not 'fit' exactly with the specific wording of each individual policy yet maintain the overall intent and objectives of the PPS 2024 as a whole.

Employers require people to grow their businesses. Courtland Bake Shop, Fernlea Flowers, Cranberry Creek in Lynedoch are examples of how the program has created symbiotic relationships. Scott Canada is located in Delhi. Titan Trailers is located in Courtland, and is an economic driver and major employer in Norfolk County. Recent decisions of Council are growing the industrial land base to attract a mix of industry, including large manufacturing businesses. One challenge with investing in a new location is to secure an employment base. For Titan Trailers, the existing operation and future growth of this industry is reliant on increasing its employment base. The creation of the temporary incentivized accommodations program, proximate to the industry, is a key component of ensuring the success of the industry. While the proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit emergency/transition shelter as a permitted use is very unique, it implements the overall intent of the Provincial Planning Statement as demonstrated in this report.

The temporary incentivized accommodations program exemplifies PPS 2024's priorities for balancing community infrastructure, employment, and sustainability. By repurposing an underutilized former research facility, the program provides short-term accommodations and support services, aligning with Policy 2.2.1(a) by addressing the needs of individuals requiring temporary shelter and stability. The proximity to Titan Trailers ensures direct access to employment opportunities, reinforcing Policy 2.8.1 by strengthening the local workforce and contributing to the rural economy. Notably, Titan Trailers is a major manufacturer of transport vehicles used for agricultural hauling, directly supporting local farm operations and agribusinesses. This further aligns with Policy 4.3.5.1, which allows for limited non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas when they support the broader agricultural economy.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment aligns closely with PPS 2024 by addressing key objectives related to community infrastructure, economic resilience, and sustainable land use. Policy 2.2.1 emphasizes the

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importance of accommodating diverse community needs, and the incentivized accommodations program achieves this by providing temporary, transitional accommodations for individuals seeking workforce integration and financial stability. These short-term accommodations are directly connected to local employment opportunities at Titan Trailers, reinforcing economic sustainability and social well-being. By repurposing an underutilized research facility into a hub for transitional accommodations and workforce participation, the proposal contributes to the broader goal of complete communities as outlined in Policy 2.1.6, enhancing accessibility, economic opportunity, and community resilience across the region.

The reuse of existing infrastructure and the strategic location of the program near employment areas further align the proposal with PPS 2024's emphasis on sustainability and efficient resource utilization. Policies under Chapter 4, such as 4.3.5.1, emphasize the preservation of prime agricultural land by restricting non-agricultural uses to those that do not hinder surrounding agricultural operations. The proposed use meets these criteria, as the adaptive reuse of the former research station does not encroach on the productive agricultural land base and, in part, supports the agricultural economy by addressing labour shortages in nearby industries. To understand this relationship, it is important to note that Titan Trailers plays a critical role in the agricultural sector by manufacturing transport vehicles essential for hauling products such as grain, corn, and other farm commodities. By supporting a workforce for industries and commercial businesses that serve the agricultural sector, this initiative strengthens both the local economy and farming operations. The amendment, therefore, not only adheres to PPS 2024 policies on land preservation but also reinforces the agricultural economy's long-term viability.

The policies of Section 6 collectively support the justification for a context-specific solution, such as the adaptive reuse of an existing structure for an emergency/transition shelter. The Minister's discretion (6.1.4), the requirement for PPS-aligned decision-making even when municipal plans are outdated (6.1.5 & 6.1.6), and the ability to adjust policies over time (6.1.12 & 6.1.13) provide a strong foundation for flexibility in implementation, allowing municipalities to approve site-specific solutions that address special accommodation and employment needs while remaining consistent with provincial planning objectives. As outlined in PPS 2024 Section 6.1, municipalities must make planning decisions that align with provincial interests, even if Official Plans or zoning by-laws have not yet been updated. The proposed amendment meets this requirement by implementing an outcome-based, site-specific approach that balances economic, social, and agricultural objectives while maintaining land use compatibility.

With consideration given to these unique circumstances and in light of achieving the intent of PPS 2024, a decision by Council to approve the Zoning By-law amendment will be consistent with provincial planning priorities.as the adaptive reuse of an existing structure for an emergency/transition shelter. The Minister's discretion (6.1.4), the requirement for PPS-aligned decision-making even when municipal plans are outdated (6.1.5 & 6.1.6), and the ability to adjust policies over time (6.1.12 & 6.1.13) provide a strong foundation for flexibility in implementation, allowing municipalities to approve site-specific solutions that address special accommodations, and employment needs while remaining consistent with provincial planning objectives.

With consideration given to these unique circumstances and in light of achieving the intent of the policies, a decision by Council to approve the Zoning By-law amendment will be consistent with PPS 2024.

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Norfolk County Official Plan

The lands are designated Agricultural in accordance with the Norfolk County Official Plan. The proposed amendment meets all applicable Goals and Objectives in the Official Plan, including Strong and Diversified Economy; Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment; Maintaining and Enhancing the Rural and Small Town Character; Maintaining a High Quality of Life; and A Well Governed, Well Planned and Sustainable County.

In particular, the proposed amendment contributes to a Strong and Diversified Economy by permitting the existing emergency/transition shelters as short-term, structured accommodations, supported by the incentivized temporary accommodations program to educate, train, and employ people with special needs, with nearby employers such as Titan Trailers through the redevelopment of existing underutilized buildings. The property is proximate to industrial employment in Delhi and Courtland, and not only does it maintain and grow a major economic driver in Norfolk County, it also generates an income to sustain refugees, immigrants, and low-income families, creating a mutually beneficial business model. The incentive program ensures that individuals have temporary accommodations while they transition into stable employment and self-sufficiency.

The County promotes a planning framework that is flexible and adaptable to the economic environment and encourages investment and a broad range of employment opportunities. They promote new businesses and economic activities that are not currently available in the County to maximize employment opportunities through land use policies. The Council recently supported an increase in industrial lands in Courtland of approximately 93 hectares to create an industrial park. This demonstrates Council is fulfilling its Official Plan Goals and Objectives; however, the implementation of such a plan cannot simply occur by expanding the industrial lands available for development. The success of the initiative will require long-term planning, coordination of major utilities such as Hydro, and partnerships between landowners and Norfolk County. The creation of temporary incentivized accommodations program related to nearby employment opportunities will increase the potential for a successful industrial park and growing employment base. By leveraging underutilized buildings, this initiative fills a critical gap in workforce accommodations without affecting the County's agricultural land base.

The proposed amendment aligns with the County's economic and planning policies by ensuring that the existing agricultural character of the site remains protected. No farmland is being removed from production, and the adaptive reuse of the former Research Station maintains the integrity of the agricultural designation. The NCOP supports innovative approaches to economic development, and this proposal offers a site-specific use that facilitates a temporary accommodations model linked directly to education, training and workforce participation.

Furthermore, the adaptive reuse of existing buildings ensures that the development does not create land use conflicts, require additional municipal services, or compromise agricultural operations. The site remains self-contained, with no anticipated impacts on adjacent agricultural lands or infrastructure. The proposal is consistent with Policy 4.4 (Promoting Agriculture), as it does not remove land from production, and with Policy 5.3 (Ensuring a High Quality of Life) by providing a structured, short-term, temporary accommodation program that supports economic participation. The detailed analysis of the Norfolk Official Plan contained in Appendix D demonstrates that the use conforms to the policies of the Official Plan and is in keeping with the goals and objectives of the County.

In this instance, a decision by Council to approve the Zoning By-law amendment will be consistent with Norfolk County Official Plan.

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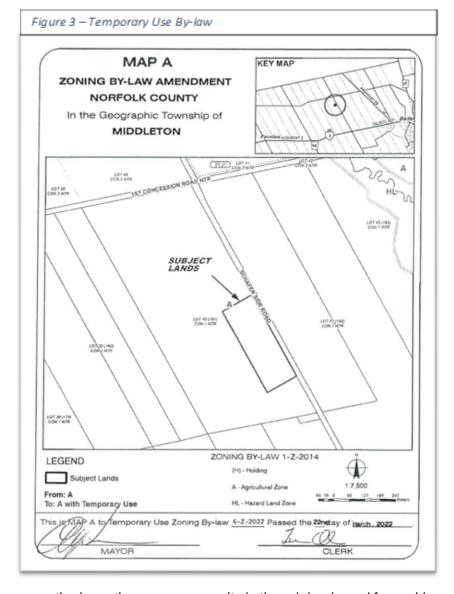




Norfolk County Zoning By-law

The lands are currently zoned Agricultural (A) with permissions through a temporary use by-law to allow emergency/transitional shelters within the former Agricultural Research Station buildings. It is proposed to only re-zone the developed area of land property to permanently permit emergency/transitional shelters as a permitted use. The entirety of the cultivated portion of the property will remain in the Agricultural zone and will continue to be used for farming purposes. See Figure 3 which describes the existing area subject to the temporary use by-law. The current temporary use established through By-law 6-Z-2022, permits emergency/transitional shelters to allow for temporary residential accommodation within the buildings for a period of up to one year or greater and to recognize parking as is.

The application proposes to reduce the parking requirements of the zoning bylaw, as the temporary incentivized accommodations program provides carpool and bussing transportation to families in the program. The goal of the program is to help families achieve financial independence, earning the ability to rent or own a home and vehicle to support their own family. There is sufficient land to accommodate more



parking if the need becomes necessary. However, the incentive program results in the minimal need for parking.

Furthermore, based on the success of the incentive program, world political uncertainty, the increase in costs of living and many other debilitating factors faced by our society today, the proposed modification of the definition to limit short-term accommodations to up to 3 years, ensures that the intent of the incentive program remains inclusive and attempts to avoid unintentional exclusion, inflexibility, or limit access for individuals or families who align with Norfolk County policy objectives and the applicants' commitment to supporting those in need.



Zoning By-law Amendment | Planning Justification Report

The existing agricultural zone provisions include:

| Provision | Required | Proposed |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Minimum Lot Area | 40 Ha | 40 Ha (existing) |
| Residential Lot Surplus | 2,000 sqm | N/A |
| Minimum Interior/Corner Lots | 30 m | No change |
| Minimum Front Yard | 13 m | No change |
| Minimum Exterior Side Yard | 13 m | No change |
| Minimum Interior Side Yard | 3 m | No change |
| Minimum Rear Yard | 9 m | No change |
| Minimum Separation | 30 m | No change |
| Maximum Building Height | 11 m | No change |
| Parking: Apartment | 1.5 parking spaces for each dwelling unit | 1 parking space for every 4 dwelling units |

MDS

It does not appear that there is a livestock facility within 2 kilometres of the subject lands. As such, the application complies with the Minimum Distance Separation requirements.

In this instance, the favourable consideration of the proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit emergency/transitional shelters with reduced parking requirements considering the Official Plan policies, the former staff report, and the current temporary use by-law, is considered good planning.

Traffic Impact Brief

On November 30, 2021, F.R. Berry & Associates submitted a traffic impact brief in support of the proposed temporary use by-law for up to 40 refugees in six apartment suites. The study indicates that, subject to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)- now known as the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks - and approval of site servicing, the occupancy could increase to 80 residents.

The report indicates that, based on surrounding businesses and uses in the area, average daily traffic volumes in this section of Schafer Side Road are likely to be less than 500 vehicles. Sight distances are not an issue as this portion of Schafer Sideroad is a flat and straight section. The incentivized employment program established under the current temporary use by-law is expected to turnover approximately 60 residents per year.

The report confirms that, initially, none of the residents are expected to own or operate a vehicle, as transportation would be provided. While the number of trips per day is difficult to estimate, it is not expected to generate more than 5 to 10 trips in either the morning or afternoon peak hours. Total daily trips will not be more than 50 to 100 in total.

As such, the report concludes that the capacity of the two-lane rural road is usually considered to be between 1,000 and 1,500 vehicles per day. The additional trips generated by the proposed use will result in a total well below the capacity limits and Schafer Side Road will continue to operate at a good level of service with a high

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degree of safety. "Vehicle trips generated by the proposed residential facility will have no significant impact on traffic operation."

The proposed amendment does not change the status of the expectation of number of trips and the status of Schafer Side Road.

Conclusion

The proposed zoning by-law amendment represents a practical and sustainable land use solution that aligns with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024) and Norfolk County's Official Plan. The adaptive reuse of an underutilized agricultural research facility provides a unique opportunity to address emergency/transitional needs while supporting local economic development. The incentivized temporary accommodations program integrates affordability, workforce training, economic and industrial growth, particularly through its partnership with Titan Trailers and other nearby employers.

The proposal ensures minimal environmental impact, avoids encroachment on prime agricultural land, and optimizes existing infrastructure, consistent with PPS directives for resource efficiency and agricultural protection. By mitigating labour shortages in the local manufacturing sector, it strengthens economic stability and workforce sustainability within the region. The proposed amendment supports broader provincial planning objectives, including the creation of complete and equitable communities.

The policies of Section 6 of PPS 2024 seem to imply a framework for flexible implementation, recognizing that land use decisions must consider local context and outcomes. These provisions support the adaptive reuse of existing structures and enable municipal decision-makers to approve site-specific solutions that advance provincial and municipal interests.

By balancing accommodations for emergency/transitional needs, employment, and agricultural protection, the proposed amendment reflects good planning principles and aligns with PPS 2024's outcome-oriented approach. It responds directly to Norfolk County's unique social and economic conditions, demonstrating a responsible and strategic land use decision.

This application, previously supported by Council and staff through a temporary use, represents a practical, forward-thinking approach to planning. It supports provincial and municipal goals for housing, economic development, and sustainable land use, ensuring that Norfolk County remains resilient, inclusive, and economically competitive. Approval of this amendment is consistent with provincial policy, the Norfolk County Official Plan, and represents good planning.

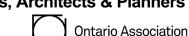
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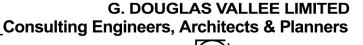
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Section 2 Planning Act – Provincial Interest - Compliance Table

This appendix demonstrates how the proposed application is consistent with Section 2 of the Planning Act.

| Ma | atter | Comments | |
|-----|--|---|----------|
| a) | the protection of ecological systems, including natural areas, features, and functions; | The proposed development is located in an actively farmed agricultural area. The lands do not contain natural features and protected vegetative species. The development does not cause negative impacts the environment. | √ |
| b) | the protection of the agricultural resources of the Province; | Yes. The development represents an adaptive reuse of existing buildings that do not occupy agricultural production lands. | ✓ |
| c) | the conservation and management of natural resources and the mineral resource base; | The development does not impact natural resources or the mineral resource base. | √ |
| d) | the conservation of features of significant architectural, cultural, historical, archaeological, or scientific interest; | There are no such features on the subject property or in the general area. The former research facility has been preserved, yet renovated, internally for the temporary accommodations of families. | ✓ |
| e) | the supply, efficient use, and conservation of energy and water; | The lands are privately serviced. | ✓ |
| f) | the adequate provision and efficient use of communication, transportation, sewage and water services, and waste management systems; | Yes. All these services have been provided or are available. The lands are located within a reasonable commute (vehicle 5 min, or bicycle 20 min) to the Courtland Employment area. The proposed use is provided with carpool transportation and bussing opportunities. The buildings are supported by private water and sanitary services. | √ |
| g) | the minimization of waste; | Yes. Waste generated on-site will be minimal. | √ |
| (h. | the orderly development of safe and healthy communities; 1) the accessibility for persons with disabilities to all silities, services, and matters to which this Act applies; | Yes. The development represents an adaptive reuse of existing buildings that do not require the extension of municipal services. Renovations occur to meet current codes and standards. The proposed development is an adaptive reuse of existing buildings for emergency/transition shelters, providing a temporary incentivized accommodations program that brings employees to | √ |

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| | | employers such as Titan Trailers through the transportation, training, education, and employment of not less than one (1) member of a family unit, which greatly contributes to Titan's industrial employment base, contributing to a healthy community in Courtland. | |
|----|--|--|----------|
| i) | the adequate provision and distribution of educational, health, social, cultural, and recreational facilities; | The incentive program trains and educates those members of a family for employment. This program has been implemented successfully with Titan Trailers located in Courtland. | ✓ |
| j) | the adequate provision of a full range of housing, including affordable housing; | Yes. The use provides temporary and incentivized accommodations to families who are immigrants, refugees, and earn low incomes. 40% reduced rent Utilities and property taxes covered Vehicles made available temporarily until family makes enough money to afford their own vehicle. | ✓ |
| k) | the adequate provision of employment opportunities; | Yes. The incentive program is directly linked with providing employment opportunities with nearby employers such as Titan Trailers in Courtland. | ✓ |
| l) | the protection of the financial and economic well-being of the Province and its municipalities; | The application helps achieve this intent. The program improves the industrial education, training, and employment for employers such as Titan Trailers, helping to sustain and grow the facility and operations. The application will contribution to the financial and economic well-being of the Province and County. | √ |
| m) | the co-ordination of planning activities of public bodies; | The applications will be circulated to all applicable public bodies and agencies for comments as determined by the requirements of the Planning Act and Norfolk County. | ✓ |
| n) | the resolution of planning conflicts involving public and private interests; | This will be achieved through the planning approvals process. None are anticipated. | ✓ |
| o) | the protection of public health and safety; | The subject lands are not located within an area of natural hazard. | √ |
| p) | the appropriate location of growth and development; | Yes. While this is not 'growth', rather it is an adaptive reuse of existing buildings for emergency/transition shelters, in an | √ |

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| | | appropriate location, considering the proximity to the employment base. | |
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| q) | the promotion of development that is designed to be sustainable, to support public transit, and to be oriented to pedestrians; | The proposed use does not rely on public transit; however, transit is provided temporarily through the incentivized accommodations program to Titan Trailers and local needs. | ✓ |
| r) | the promotion of built form that, (i) is well-designed, (ii) encourages a sense of place, and | Yes. This is an adaptive reuse of existing buildings. Amenity areas are provided. | ✓ |
| | (iii) provides for public spaces that are of high quality, safe, accessible, attractive, and vibrant; | | |
| s) | the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to a changing climate. | Not applicable to this development. | √ |

Section 3 of the *Planning Act* requires that, in exercising any authority that affects a planning matter, planning authorities "shall be consistent with the policy statements" issued under the Act and "shall conform with the provincial plans that are in effect on that date, or shall not conflict with them, as the case may be". A review and conformity analysis is provided in this report.

Provincial Planning Statement 2024 – Policy Compliance Table

This appendix demonstrates how the proposed application is consistent with those applicable policies of the Provincial Planning Statement.

| Section | Policy | Comments | |
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| Chapter | 2: Building Homes, Sustainable Strong and Co | ompetitive Communities | |
| 2.1 | Planning for People and Homes | | |
| | , , , | mework for population and employment growth in Ontario, emphas | • |
| | | vincial projections while ensuring adequate land availability for di | |
| | , | r horizon. It promotes the creation of complete communities by supp | orting |
| | . • | hancing social equity to meet the needs of all residents. | |
| 2.1.1 | | thorities shall base population and employment growth forecasts on | 1 |
| 242 | | Ministry of Finance and may modify, as appropriate. | |
| 2.1.2 | previously issued by the Province for the purpos | continue to forecast growth using population and employment growth | casis |
| 2.1.3 | | es of land use planning. d_each_official_plan_update, sufficient_land_shall_be_made_availal | hle to |
| 2.1.5 | • | and uses to meet projected needs for a time horizon of at least 20 y | |
| | | ial guidance. Planning for infrastructure, public service facilities, stra | |
| | growth areas and employment areas may extend | · | atog.c |
| | g | , | |
| | Where the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Hou | ising has made a zoning order, the resulting development potential | l shall |
| | be in addition to projected needs over the planni | ng horizon established in the official plan. At the time of the municip | ality's |
| | next official plan update, this additional growth s | hall be incorporated into the official plan and related infrastructure p | lans. |
| 2.1.4 | To provide for an appropriate range and mix of h | nousing options and densities required to meet projected requireme | ents of |
| | current and future residents of the regional mark | et area, planning authorities shall: | |
| a) | maintain at all times the ability to accommodate | | ✓ |
| | residential growth for a minimum of 15 years | temporary accommodations for people in need where the | |
| | | incentive/employment program will help families establish | |
| | | themselves financially and to afford permanent accommodations. | |
| b) | Maintain at all times where new development is | The development is proposed on lands that are on private | √ |
| , | to occur, land with servicing capacity sufficient | services and does not impact municipal infrastructure. | • |
| | to provide at least a three-year supply | | |
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| 2.1.5 | | r municipality, the land and unit supply maintained by the low sed on and reflect the allocation of population and units by the upp | |
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| 2.1.6 | Planning authorities should support the achieven | nent of complete communities by: | |
| a) | accommodating an appropriate range and mix of land uses, housing options, transportation options with multimodal access, employment, public service facilities and other institutional uses | Not applicable | > |
| b) | improving accessibility for people of all ages and abilities by addressing land use barriers which restrict their full participation in society; and | Not applicable | √ |
| c) | improving social equity and overall quality of life for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes, including equity-deserving groups. | The proposed application facilitates a program to assist people and families of various ages, abilities and helps to create income for those who are in need. | √ |

| Section | Policy Comments Comments | |
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| Chapter | r 2: Building Homes, Sustainable Strong and Competitive Communities | |
| 2.2 | Housing Summary: Section 2.2 outlines guidelines for planning authorities to ensure a diverse range of housing options ar densities that meet the projected needs of current and future residents. This includes setting minimum targets for affordab housing, facilitating various housing types to support community well-being, promoting land-efficient densities, ar prioritizing transit-oriented development near transit corridors and stations. | ole |
| 2.2.1 | Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities to meet projected needs of current and future residents of the regional market area by: | ed |
| a) | establishing and implementing minimum targets for the provision of housing that is affordable to low and moderate income households While the temporary accommodations and incentivized employment program are not related to setting minimum targets for the provision of low and moderate income housing, it assists those people and families with getting a 'good start' to achieving the outcome of this policy. It provides transitional opportunities | • |

| | | for vulnerable populations such as refugees and low-income families to achieve temporary accommodations security. | |
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| b) | permitting and facilitating: 1. all housing options required to meet the social, health, economic and wellbeing requirements of current and future residents 2. all types of residential intensification, including the development and redevelopment of underutilized commercial and institutional sites (e.g., shopping malls and plazas) for residential use, development and introduction of new housing options within previously developed areas, and redevelopment, which results in a net increase in residential units in accordance with policy 2.3.1.3; | | ✓ |
| c) | promoting densities for new housing which efficiently use land, resources, infrastructure and public service facilities, and support the use of active transportation; and | The adaptive reuse of the former research station facility is an efficient use of lands that has no impacts on the surrounding area. | √ |
| d) | requiring transit-supportive development and prioritizing intensification | Not applicable. | √ |

| Section | Policy | Comments | |
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| | 2.8: Employment | | |
| 2.8.1 | uses. Planning authorities should maintain suita compact, mixed-use development. Industrial and areas, while development within 300 meters of | velopment by encouraging a diverse mix of employment and institable employment sites, identify strategic investment areas, and somall-scale warehousing are encouraged near transit in strategic employment areas must minimize impacts on their viability. Major d to major transit stations or strategic growth areas. | upport growth |
| 2.8.1.1 | Planning authorities shall promote economic dev | relopment and competitiveness by: | |
| a) | providing for an appropriate mix and range of employment, institutional, and broader mixed uses to meet long-term needs; | Courtland. There are existing employment uses with some undeveloped designated lands for additional employment uses. The proposed applications facilitate the ability to increase employment within the existing facilities and future new employment opportunities through expansions and new employment uses. The incentivized temporary accommodations program provides for the education, training and employment at the Titan Trailers facility which helps address the local labour demand and contributes to the regional economy. | ✓ |
| b) | providing opportunities for a diversified economic base, including maintaining a range and choice of suitable sites for employment uses which support a wide range of economic activities and ancillary uses | The County supported boundary expansions to include a future industrial park in Courtland. | → |
| c) | identifying strategic sites for investment | See b) above. | ✓ |
| d) | encouraging intensification of employment uses and compatible, compact, mixed-use development | See a) above. The incentivized temporary accommodations program encourages intensification of employment uses. | ✓ |

| Section | Policy | Comments | |
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| | 3: Infrastructure and Facilities | | |
| 3.6 | Sewage, Water, and Stormwater | | |
| | Summary: Section 3.6 outlines planning requ | irements for sewage, water, and stormwater services. It pric | ritizes |
| | timely growth accommodation and optimizatio | n of existing municipal services, with municipal systems favo | red for |
| | settlement areas. Private communal services | s are alternatives when municipal options are unavailable, | while |
| | individual on-site services are permitted under | er suitable conditions. Partial services may be allowed to a | ddress |
| | specific failures. For stormwater management, | planning must minimize volumes and contaminants, promote | green |
| | infrastructure, and align with comprehensive n | nunicipal plans. | |
| 3.6.2 | Municipal sewage services and municipal | Noted. The lands are not within a settlement area. | ✓ |
| | water services are the preferred form of | | |
| | servicing for settlement areas | | |
| 3.6.3 | Where municipal services are not available, | See 3.6.4 | ✓ |
| | planned or feasible, private communal | | |
| | sewage services and private communal | | |
| | water services are the preferred form of | | |
| | servicing for multi-unit/lot development | | |
| 3.6.4 | Where municipal sewage services and | The portion of lands that is occupied by the current | ✓ |
| | municipal water services or private | emergency/transition shelters are privately serviced by | |
| | communal sewage services and private | water and sewage, achieving Ministry approval. | |
| | communal water services are not available, | | |
| | planned or feasible, individual onsite sewage | | |
| | services and individual on-site water services | | |
| | may be used | | |
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| | At the time of the official plan review or | | |
| | update, planning authorities should assess | | |
| | the long-term impacts of individual on-site | | |
| | sewage services and individual on-site water | | |
| | services | | |
| 3.6. | Planning for stormwater management shall: | | l . |

| a) | be integrated with planning for sewage and water services and ensure that systems are optimized, retrofitted as appropriate, feasible and financially viable over their full life cycle; | The lands are not being altered. All private services and stormwater management will be left as existing. | ✓ |
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| b) | minimize, or, where possible, prevent or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and contaminant loads; | The lands will remain in their existing state. | ✓ |
| c) | minimize erosion and changes in water balance through the use of green infrastructure; | Existing | ✓ |
| d) | Mitigate risks to human health, safety, property and the environment | Existing | √ |
| е) | Maximize the extent and function of vegetative and previous surfaces | Existing | ✓ |
| f) | promote best practices, including stormwater attenuation and re-use, water conservation and efficiency, and low impact development; and | Existing. | ✓ |
| g) | align with any comprehensive municipal plans for stormwater management | Not applicable. | |

| Section | Policy | Comments | |
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| Chapter 4: Wise Use and Management of Resources | | | |
| 4.3 | Agriculture | | |
| | Summary : Section 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 policies are a safeguard to Ontario's agricultural lands for long-term productivity | | ity |
| | and economic prosperity by designating and protecting prime agricultural areas, including specialty crop lands, | | |
| | and prioritizing their use for agriculture. They | ensure a geographically continuous agricultural land base, promo | ote |

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| | compatible agriculture-related and on-farm diversified | • • • | |
| | the highest-quality lands. This approach supports the s | , | nd use |
| | planning with the need to protect vital agricultural reso | | Ī |
| 4.3.1 | Planning authorities are required to use an agricultural | Noted. | ✓ |
| | system approach, based on provincial guidance, to | | |
| | maintain and enhance a geographically continuous | | |
| | agricultural land base and support and foster the long- | | |
| | term economic prosperity and productive capacity of | | |
| | the agri-food | | |
| | network. | | |
| 4.3.2 | As part of the agricultural land base, prime agricultural | Noted. No impacts are created by recognizing the | ✓ |
| | areas, including specialty crop areas, shall be | existing emergency/transition shelters. | |
| | designated and protected for long-term use for | | |
| | agriculture. | | |
| 4.3.3 | Specialty crop areas shall be given the highest priority | Noted. | ✓ |
| | for protection, followed by Canada Land Inventory | | |
| | Class 1, 2, and 3 lands, and any associated Class 4 | | |
| | through 7 lands within the prime agricultural area, in | | |
| | this order of priority. | | |
| 4.3.2.1 | Permitted Uses | See 4.3.2.3. | ✓ |
| | In prime agricultural areas, permitted uses and | Greenhouses are being renovated for year round | |
| | activities are: agricultural uses, agriculture-related | production of produce. Those who reside in | |
| | uses and on-farm diversified uses based on provincial | emergency shelters and wish to assist with the greenhouse operation will be provided with free | |
| | guidance. | produce. This advances the incentive program to | |
| | Proposed agriculture-related uses and on-farm | help reduce costs of living. It also brings a | |
| | diversified uses shall be compatible with, and shall not | charitable initiative to the local community. | |
| | hinder, surrounding agricultural operations. Criteria | | |
| | for these uses may be based on provincial guidance | | |
| | or municipal approaches, as set out in municipal | | |
| | planning documents, which achieve the same | | |
| | objectives. | | |
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| 4.3.2.2 | In prime agricultural areas, all types, sizes and intensities of agricultural uses and normal farm practices shall be promoted and protected in accordance with provincial standards. | The existing agricultural activities are not affected by the recognition of the existing temporary accommodations facility. | |
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| 4.3.2.3 | New land uses in prime agricultural areas, including the creation of lots and new or expanding livestock facilities, shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae. | The proposed zoning by-law amendment recognizes the established emergency/transition shelters and temporary accommodations program which was a result of the adaptive reuse of the former research facility. There are no livestock facilities in the area that would impact the use. This test was complied with through the original planning approvals achieved. | |
| 4.3.2.4 | A principal dwelling associated with an agricultural operation shall be permitted in prime agricultural areas as an agricultural use, in accordance with provincial guidance, except where prohibited in accordance with policy 4.3.3.1.c). | Not applicable. | |

| Section | Policy | Comments | | |
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| Chapter 4: W | /ise Use and Management of Resources | | | |
| 4.3.5 | Non-Agricultural Uses in Prime Agricultura | Non-Agricultural Uses in Prime Agricultural Areas | | |
| | Summary: Section 4.3.5 addresses non-agric | ultural uses in prime agricultural areas, emphasizing that suc | h uses | |
| | are generally discouraged but may be permitte | ed in limited circumstances. Essentially, impacts on the agric | cultural | |
| | system must be avoided or, where avoidance | e is not possible, minimized and mitigated through an agric | cultural | |
| | impact assessment or equivalent analysis. It is | s intended that non-agricultural uses do not compromise the v | /iability | |
| | and sustainability of agricultural lands. | | - | |
| 4.3.5.1 | Planning authorities may only permit non-agric | cultural uses in prime agricultural areas for: | | |
| a) | extraction of minerals, petroleum resources | Not applicable. | ✓ | |
| | and mineral aggregate resources; or | | | |
| b) | limited non-residential uses, provided that all of | of the following are demonstrated: | 1 | |
| | 1. the land does not comprise a specialty | The lands subject to the application are not farmed as the | ✓ | |
| | crop area; | proposed application is to recognize and permit the emergency/transition shelters use and temporary | | |

| | O the proposed use complies with the | incentivized accommodations program created from the adaptive re-use of the former research facilities. | √ |
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| | the proposed use complies with the minimum distance separation formulae; | Yes. There are no livestock operations in the area. This test would have been met for the previous planning application. | ¥ |
| | 3. there is an identified need within the planning horizon identified in the official plan as provided for in policy 2.1.3 for additional land to accommodate the proposed use; and | The intent of this policy remains sufficiently addressed as the application is to establish the permanent emergency/transition shelter use and temporary incentivized accommodations program within an existing building currently being used for such purposes. Section 2.1.3 makes provision for and encourages a range and mix of land uses within the 20 year planning horizon. The proposed application aligns with the intent of this policy. | ✓ |
| | 4. alternative locations have been evaluated, and i. there are no reasonable alternative locations which avoid prime agricultural areas; and ii. there are no reasonable alternative locations in prime agricultural areas with lower priority agricultural lands. | As mentioned above, the intent of this policy is maintained. The location is particularly important as the emergency/transition shelter and incentive program is located in close proximity to the Titan Trailers manufacturing facility where people are transported between locations for employment and training purposes. Longer distances increase costs and the property was selected strategically for these purposes and that the former agricultural research facilities operation was not being re-established or other agricultural type uses were not viable. | ✓ |
| 4.3.5.2 | Impacts from any new or expanding non- agricultural uses on the agricultural system are to be avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated as determined through an agricultural impact assessment or equivalent analysis, based on provincial guidance. | The portion of the property that is not used for agricultural purposes was previously analysed by previous planning consultants and the municipality. The adaptive re-use of the buildings do not have an impact on any existing agricultural operations. | ✓ |

| Section | Policy | Comments |
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| Chapter 6: Im | plementation and Interpretation | |
| 6.1 | implementing and interpreting provincial plant planning decisions must be consistent with the been updated to reflect the latest policies. This development, infrastructure, and environment planning priorities. It emphasizes the important integration with other legislative frameworks, Rights and Freedoms, and Indigenous treaty | Interpretation Inning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024) establishes the framework for aning policies to ensure a comprehensive, policy-led approach. All the PPS, even if municipal Official Plans or Zoning By-laws have not as section affirms that provincial interests, such as housing, economic that protection, must be upheld while allowing flexibility in balancing ortance of coordinated, cross-jurisdictional planning efforts and including the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Additionally, it implementation of PPS policies to ensure effective, sustainable, and |
| 6.1.1 | The Provincial Planning Statement shall be read in its entirety and all relevant policies are to be applied to each situation. | This subsection states that the PPS must be read in its entirety, and all relevant policies must be applied to each situation. This allows for a balanced approach to decision-making, where policies can be interpreted in a way that responds to the specific context of a proposal while still being consistent with the overall objectives of the PPS. |
| 6.1.4 | When implementing the Provincial Planning Statement, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may make decisions that take into account other considerations to balance government priorities. | This subsection grants the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the ability to balance planning priorities when making decisions, recognizing that different planning considerations may need to be weighed against one another. This provides a mechanism for flexibility in cases where economic, housing, and social needs require context-specific solutions that may not fit neatly within standard interpretations of the PPS. While this application does not require the Minister's decision, it reinforces the municipality's authority to make decisions similarly. |

| 6.1.5 | Official plans shall identify provincial interests and set out appropriate land use designations and policies. Official plans shall provide clear, reasonable and attainable policies to protect provincial interests and facilitate development in suitable areas. In order to protect provincial interests, planning authorities shall keep their official plans up-to date with the Provincial Planning Statement. The policies of the Provincial Planning Statement continue to apply after | Section 6.1.5 and 6.1.6 clarify that planning authorities must keep their Official Plans and zoning by-laws up to date, but decisions must still be consistent with the PPS even if municipal plans have not yet been updated. This ensures that planning authorities can apply PPS policies in a way that reflects current local needs and permits transitional solutions, such as adaptive reuse projects or site-specific zoning amendments, even if broader policy frameworks are still evolving. | |
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| 6.1.6 | adoption and approval of an official plan. Planning authorities shall keep their zoning and development permit by-laws up-to-date with their official plans and the Provincial Planning Statement by establishing permitted uses, minimum densities, heights and other development standards to accommodate growth and development. | | ✓ |
| 6.1.12 | Density targets represent minimum standards and planning authorities are encouraged to go beyond these minimum targets, where appropriate, except where doing so would conflict with any policy of the Provincial Planning Statement or any other provincial plan. | While these sections a geared towards density and are not directly applicable to the proposed application, the reinforce the idea that planning policies should adapt over time to reflect evolving local conditions and growth management objectives. Council has already taken steps to grow the Courtland industrial area and recognize the importance of providing housing. The Official Plan encourages addressing special needs such as the | ✓ |
| 6.1.13 | Minimum density targets will be revisited at the time of each official plan update to ensure the target is appropriate. | proposed emergency/transition shelter supported by the incentive program and aligns with the general concept of adapting to evolving conditions and growth over time. | ✓ |

Norfolk County Official Plan – Policy Compliance Table

This appendix demonstrates how the proposed application is consistent with applicable policies of the Norfolk County Official Plan.

| Section | Policy | Comments | |
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| Section | n 2.2 Goals & Objectives | | |
| 2.2 | This section of the Official Plan sets out six "Goals residential development: | s and Objectives" to which the following five are applicable to the pro | posed |
| 2.2.1 | Strong and Diversified Economy | The proposed application uniquely contributes to a strong and diversified economy by offering emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program through the adaptive reuse of underutilized buildings. This program has demonstrated success through the education, training, and employment of people in the program at Titan Trailers. The property's proximity to key employment areas not only supports and expands a major economic driver in Norfolk County but also generates income to sustain refugees, immigrants, and low-income families, creating a mutually beneficial business model. Additionally, the program can be extended to other employers in Courtland, Delhi, and the surrounding agricultural areas. | ✓ |
| 2.2.2 | Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment | The lands are not subject to environmental constraints. | √ |
| 2.2.3 | Maintaining and Enhancing the Rural and Small Town Character | The exterior of the former research station is being preserved, which captures the history and cultural heritage of the building, and revitalizes the use of lands and buildings. No negative impacts are anticipated, thus maintaining the rural character of this area. | ✓ |
| 2.2.4 | Maintaining a High Quality of Life | The proposed development implements the objectives of this policy by providing emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program for employment in close proximity to people through the redevelopment of the existing building. | ✓ |
| 2.2.5 | Upgrading and Expanding Infrastructure | The proposed application is not subject to Section 2.2.4. | N/A |
| 2.2.6 | A Well Governed, Well Planned and Sustainable County | The proposed application will help improve financial stability of those families in need through the provision of the adaptive | ✓ |

| reuse of the former research station. While this is a private |
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| initiative, the goal of this policy implies support from the County. |

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| Section | 4.0 Ensuring Economic Vitality | | |
| 4.1 | The County encourages economic development across the County in a manner that balances social, cultural, natural environment, and other initiatives. This Plan recognizes the pre-eminence of agriculture as the principal economic activity in the County. This Section of the Plan addresses broad areas and influences of economic activity, including agriculture, tourism, natural resources and resource-related activities, employment activities, and the redevelopment of potentially contaminated sites. | | |
| 4.4 | Promoting Agriculture Agriculture is the dominant use of land in the County It is important to protect prime agricultural land which is the resource base upon which the local agricultural economy depends. It is the policy of this Plan to promote the further development of Norfolk County's agricultural industry and to provide support to local farmers. To support this policy, the County may undertake the following measures: | The proposed application is an adaptive reuse of an existing former research station building. Agriculture remains unaffected by the use, which currently has temporary permission to permit housing accommodation. | ✓ |
| | Protect the agricultural land base and discourage or prohibit those uses that unnecessarily take agricultural land out of production or which may conflict with farm operations; | The application does not take lands out of agricultural production and does not impact local farm operations. | √ |

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| Section | 4.7 Employment Activity | | |
| 4.7 | maintain an appropriate employment land suppl | nificant role in the economic vitality of Norfolk County. The County and shall use the planning policy framework of this Plan to encomployment sector development, and local employment initiatives. | • |
| 4.7 | b) The County shall promote the reuse of vacant industrial and other underutilized sites within the County. | The lands are not vacant industrial lands but would otherwise be underutilized if the research station were to not have a purpose. This application seeks to permit emergency/transition shelters as a permitted use to the zone through an incentivized accommodations program to help refugees, immigrants and low-income housing. | |

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| Section | 5.3 Housing | | |
| 5.3 | all levels of government and the private sectoresidential housing market. The County shall endemand and demographic change The County shall ensure that a full range of hou | lanning in Norfolk County. It is desirable to have close cooperation between in order to provide for sufficient and affordable housing, and a states are that a full range of housing types are provided to meet the anticipated six ing types and densities are provided to meet the anticipated demand a required to meet the social, health, and well-being of current and future hall be encouraged. | ble ted and |
| 5.3.2 | mentally ill, youth and children with emotional accommodating individuals, and households v housing for those people with special needs, ir | he physically and developmentally challenged and disabled, chronical difficulties, seniors, those requiring emergency shelter, assisted housivith low to moderate incomes. The County intends to improve access including assisted housing for low-income people, seniors housing, as was group homes and emergency/transitional housing, subject to the police | sing s to well |
| | a) The County shall work with othe agencies and local groups to assess the extent of the need of these forms o housing. | refuge. There is a great need for accommodations that are | |
| | b) The County shall support community agencies interested in pursuing additional funding from the Provincia government to address identified needs for special needs housing. | The owners are not seeking funding; however, should the County successfully pursue additional funding, the owners would be willing to consider additional investment in the | |

| of specia | nty shall support the distribution all needs housing provided by ity groups. | Currently, refugees from Ukraine are taking shelter in the existing facility on the subject lands. They are their own community group being supported by the Kloepfer's incentivized housing program. Families with low incomes, immigrants and refugees have the opportunity for temporary accommodations and employment in Courtland, Delhi and the agricultural area, such as the successes achieved at the nearby Titan Trailers industrial facility. | ✓ |
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| structures | | poses of establishing, through new construction or conversion of exprary shelter, emergency shelter or other similar form of special | |
| can by the a sign | affic generated from the facility one adequately accommodated a road network and will not have nificant impact on adjacent land particularly residential uses; | There is minimal traffic generated as there are 13 units on-site. Transportation is temporarily provided as a carpool, through a vehicle provided by Titan Trailers. The traffic study confirms that the use will not impact the road network. | ✓ |
| maint appea contir surro | acility is of a design which cains the scale, density, arance, character, and nuity of existing land uses in the unding area and immediate bourhood; | The facility has existed since 1933. It has been renovated for emergency/transitional shelters. The facility is in good structural standing and compliments the area aesthetically. No impacts are generated from or on nearby uses. | ✓ |
| the p provis include requir parkir needs | nd, buildings, and structures for roposed facility conform to the sions of the Zoning By-law, ding those related to parking rements, ensuring that on-site ng is sufficient to meet the s of residents, support staff, risitors; and | The property is significant in size. The disturbed area is sufficient to provide parking for all 13 units; however, the ride share program provided by the Kloepfer's program allows for an underutilization of available parking. | ✓ |
| been | e appropriate, that a license has granted by the licensing ncial or Federal agency. | Not required. | ✓ |

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| Section | 6.7 Rural Area | | | |
| 6.7 | The Rural Area includes all land outside of the Urban Areas, Hamlet Areas, and Resort Areas. The Rural Area includes lands designated for Agricultural | | | |
| 6.7.1 | One of the primary components of the County's economy and heritage is the extensive area of productive agricultural land, which covers most of the County. The County will preserve and foster, as one of its primary objectives, a thriving agricultural industry and the associated rural lifestyle. The land base dedicated to agricultural production must, therefore, be protected and the use of the land must be predominantly agriculturally oriented [] The main threat to the preservation of the rural character lies in the potential influx of large numbers of incompatible uses into the agricultural areas. Although a certain degree of rural non-farm growth provides benefits to the community, the extent of such development should be limited. The following shall be the policy of the County: | The lands will remain predominantly agricultural. No agricultural land will be taken out of production, nor any impacts generated by the proposed adaptive reuse of the former building. The County does not have an influx of incompatible uses in the agricultural area, and policies exist to control incompatibilities. | ✓ | |
| | a) The County is committed to the protection of prime agricultural land. The County recognizes, however, that where growth and development occur, it is likely that land with significant agricultural productivity will need to be utilized. Priority shall be given to less productive agricultural land for non- | No agricultural land is being taken out of production. | √ | |

| agricultural development, where it is feasible and practical to do so. | | |
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| a) Unless otherwise designated, use of prime agricultural land shall be subject to the policies of Section 7.2 (Agricultural Designation) of this Plan. New non-agriculturally related uses on prime agricultural land shall not be permitted, unless otherwise specifically permitted by this Plan. | The policy does not consider the adaptive reuse of existing former buildings for purposes that are encouraged by other policies of the Official Plan. In this instance, the existing temporary use for emergency/transition shelters is not new. There is a demonstrated need for such a use. The re-use of existing buildings does not involve prime agricultural lands, does not create incompatibilities, and does not create impacts on the agricultural land base. | |

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| Section | 7.0 Managing Land Use | | |
| 7.2 | Agriculture The Agricultural Designation is intended to strengthen the agricultural community in the County. The policies are designed to protect agriculture from the intrusion of incompatible uses, such as non-farm related residential dwellings and other uses that are sensitive to agricultural practices. The policies of the Agricultural Designation are also intended to provide the opportunity for businesses that support agricultural operations to locate on farms or in close proximity to farms. The policies support the agricultural community by providing opportunities for farm operators to engage in secondary business activities that supplement farm incomes. | The adaptive reuse of the former building on-site does not offend the intent of this policy. Limited non-agricultural uses are permitted by the Official Plan policy 6.7.1. Agricultural production lands are not impacted by the proposed accommodations. The provision of emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program in conjunction with the local employers such as Titan Trailers, is of benefit to those with low incomes, a need for employment, and transportation to a from their place of employment and other areas to obtain items of essential need. | ✓ |
| 7.2.1 | a) The primary use of land shall be for the growing of crops, including biomass, nursery and horticultural crops, the raising of livestock, the raising of other animals for food, fur and fibre, including poultry and fish, aquaculture, apiaries and maple syrup production, and agro-forestry. | Yes. The primary use of land is for active farming practices, including growing of crops. | ✓ |

| 7.2.2 | Land Use Policies | No amendment required. The policy permits limited non-agricultural uses, avoiding natural features, | ✓ |
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| | j) Limited non-agricultural uses may be permitted in the Agricultural Designation, provided that all of the following policies are met. An amendment to this Plan shall be considered on the basis of the following criteria: | compatible with the surrounding agricultural community, and satisfies a direct need to supply incentivized housing for refugees, immigrants, and low-income families, directly related to employment, education, and training at nearby employment establishments such as the Titan Trailers industrial facility. | |
| | i) the land is characterized by rolling topography, forest cover, and rivers and streams. Such lands will be given preference for the establishment of outdoor recreation uses, subject to the policies of Section 3 (Sustainable Natural Heritage); | Not applicable. | |
| | ii) the use shall not be permitted in Provincially Significant Wetlands, Hazard Lands, or any Natural Resource Areas, where the resource has not yet been extracted, identified on Schedules "B" or "J" to this Plan; | The existing buildings are not located in Provincially Significant Wetlands, Hazard Lands or any Natural Resource Area. | \ |
| | iii) the proposed use shall not be permitted in or on adjacent land to the Natural Heritage Features identified on Schedule "C" and/or Tables 1 and 2 or on Schedule "G" and Table 6 of the Lakeshore Special Policy Area Secondary Plan, unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions, in accordance with the policies of Section 3.5 (Natural Heritage Systems) and Section 11 (Lakeshore Special Policy Area Secondary Plan) of this Plan; | The existing buildings are not located on or adjacent to Natural Heritage Features. | > |
| | iv) there is a demonstrated need within the planning horizon of this Plan for the proposed use; | Emergency/transition shelters and an incentivized temporary accommodations program catering to special needs and low incomes are of great need and is encouraged by the Official Plan. | √ |

| v) the use shall be locat agricultural land unle demonstrated that there alternative locations that a agricultural lands; | ss it has been are no reasonable | The adaptive reuse of the existing buildings does not impact agricultural lands nor their productivity. | √ |
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| vi) the use shall comply with separation formulae; | the minimum distance | There does not appear to be a livestock facility within 2 kilometres of the subject property. | ✓ |
| vii) the use will be compate planned uses in the vicinity | • | The lands are surrounded by agriculture production lands. There are no incompatibilities created by the adaptive reuse of the existing buildings. | ✓ |
| viii) impacts from any new agricultural uses on su operations and lands are extent feasible. | rrounding agricultural | Not applicable. | |
| p) To avoid land use conflicts Designation, it is the policy Minimum Distance Separation used to establish appropriate separating incompatible uses expanding livestock facilities, also apply to circumstances lots or other non-agricultural latin proximity to existing livestock Zoning By-law shall establish between livestock operations the By-law) and non-agricultural accordance with Minimum Formulae. | of this Plan that the (MDS) Formulae be riate standards for from existing, new or These standards will where new residential and uses are proposed ock facilities. [] The separation distances (to be defined within altural land uses, in | The are no livestock operations in the area. | ✓ |

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Our Ref. 2183

Titan Trailers Inc. 1129 Highway 3 Delhi ON N4B 2W6

Attn. Mr. D. Holmes

Dear Mr. Holmes:

RE: PROPOSED REPURPOSING DELHI RESEARCH STATION

At your request, I have assessed the potential traffic impact of Titan Trailers proposal to reconfigure the former Delhi Research Station on Schafer Side Road. I understand that you have applied for appropriate re-zoning to convert part of the facility to accommodation for up to 40 refugees in six apartment suites. Subject to MOECC approval of site servicing, this number could increase to up to 80 residents. The location of the site is shown in **Figure 1**.

In addition to the former research facility, a large farm/trucking operation and four residences are located on Schafer Side Road between Highway 3 and Concession Road 1N. The road does not form a link between any major developments. As a result, Average daily traffic volumes on this section of Schafer Side Road are likely to be less than 500 vehicles.

The road is paved with grass shoulders. **Figure 2** shows views of Schafer Side Road looking north and south from the main entrance to the former research facility. Sight distance is not an issue.

I understand that one of the major goals of this project is to provide training and employment for immigrants with the understanding that after a year or so, most will move on to steady jobs and other accommodations in the community. You have advised me that after the project is up and running, you expect a turnover of about 60 residents per year.



Initially, none of the residents is expected to own or operate a vehicle. Residents will be transported to education and workplaces as well as to shopping and other activities. The number of vehicle trips is difficult to estimate at this time but is not likely to exceed five to ten vehicle trips in either of the morning or afternoon peak hours. Total daily trips will not be more than 50 to 100 in total.

The capacity of a two lane rural road such as Schafer Side Road is usually considered to be between 1 000 and 1 500 vehicles a day. The addition of vehicle trips generated by the proposed facility will result in a total well below these capacity limits. As a result, Schafer Side Road will continue to operate at a good level of service and with a high degree of safety. Vehicle trips generated by the proposed residential facility will have no significant impact on traffic operation.

Very truly yours

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Frank R. Berry, É.Eng.

Principal



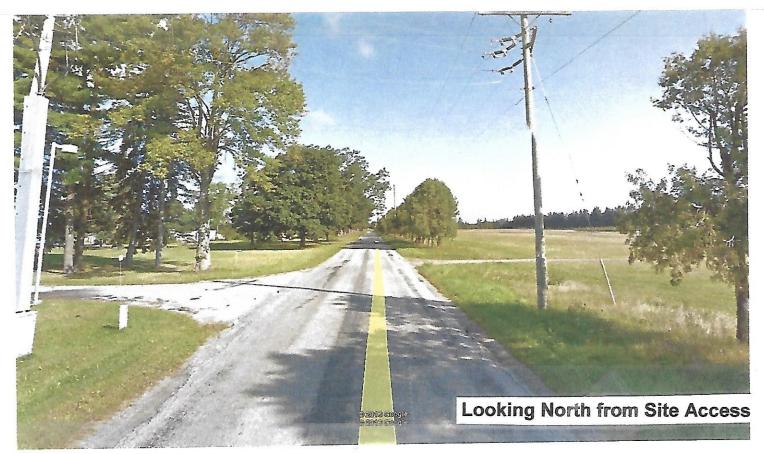
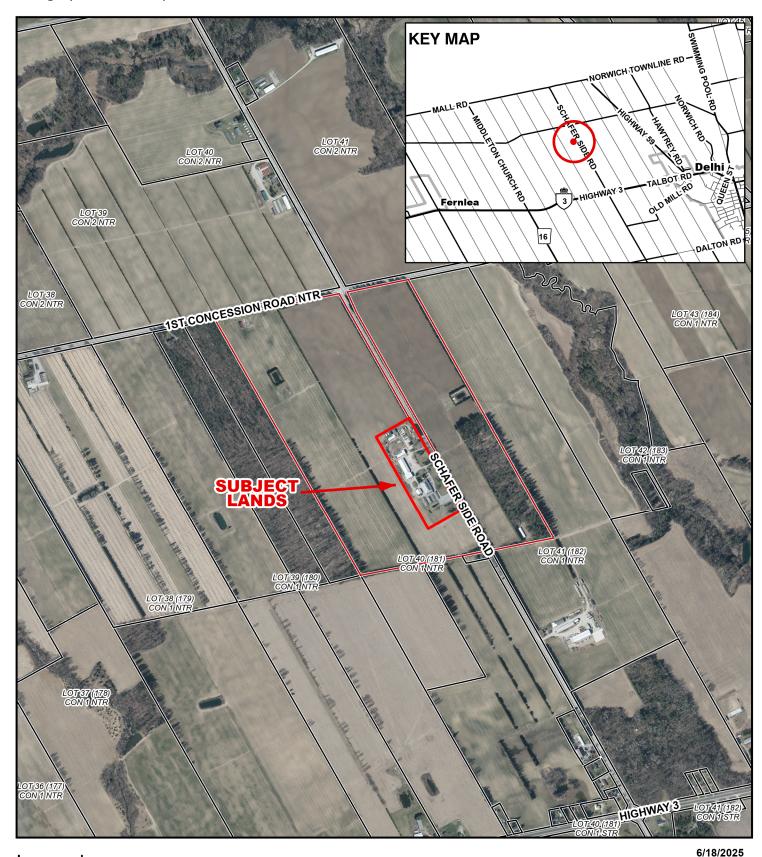




Figure 2
Schafer Side Road

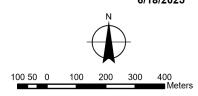
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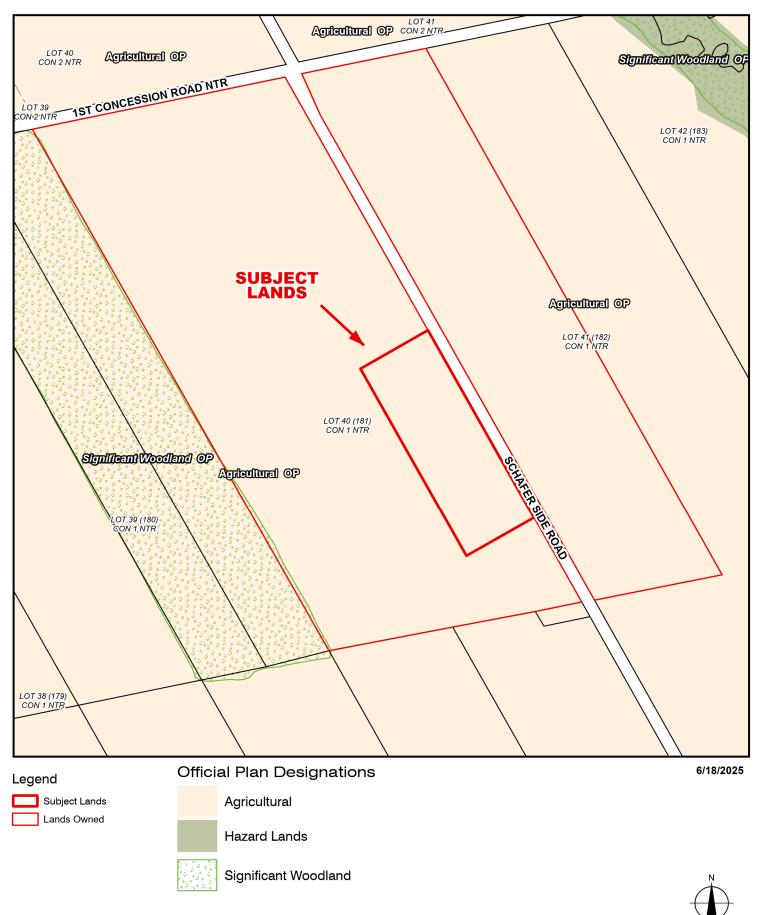
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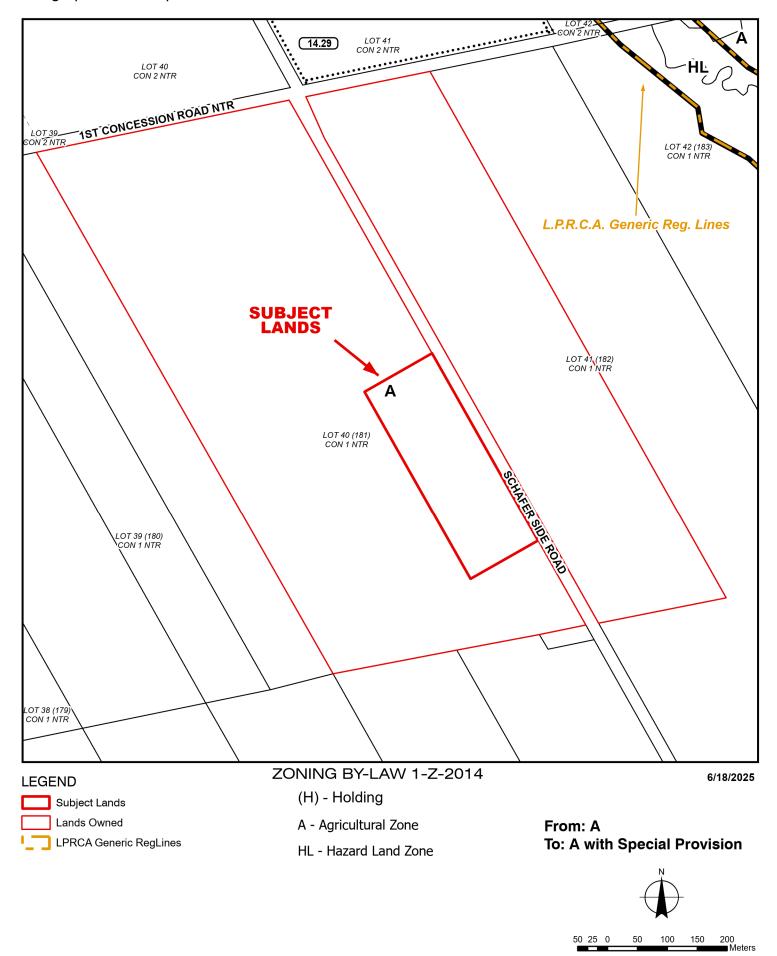
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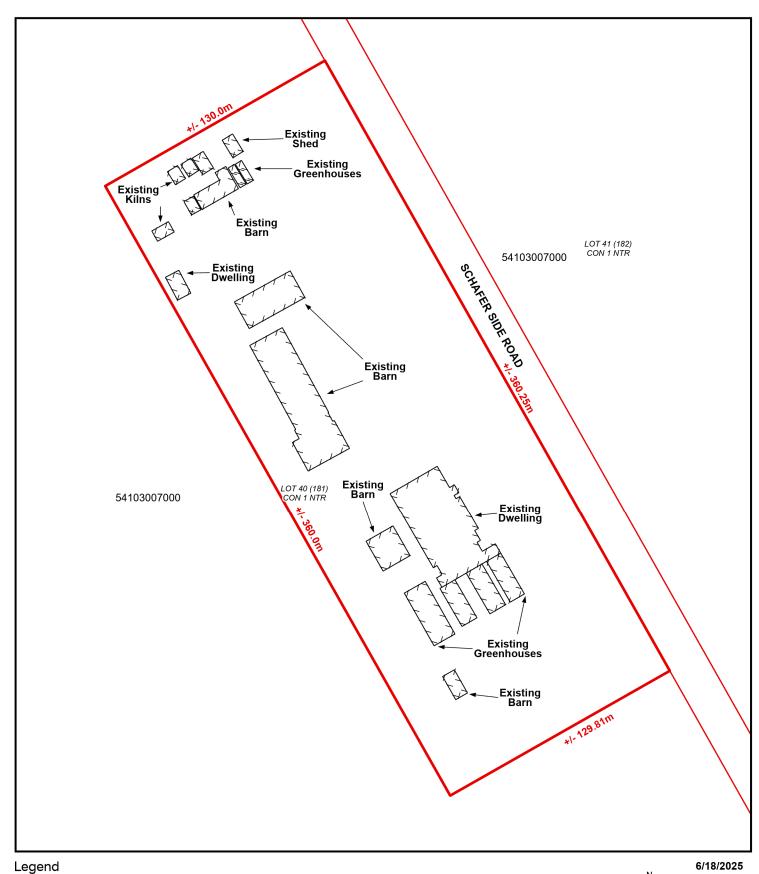
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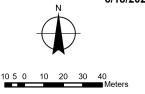


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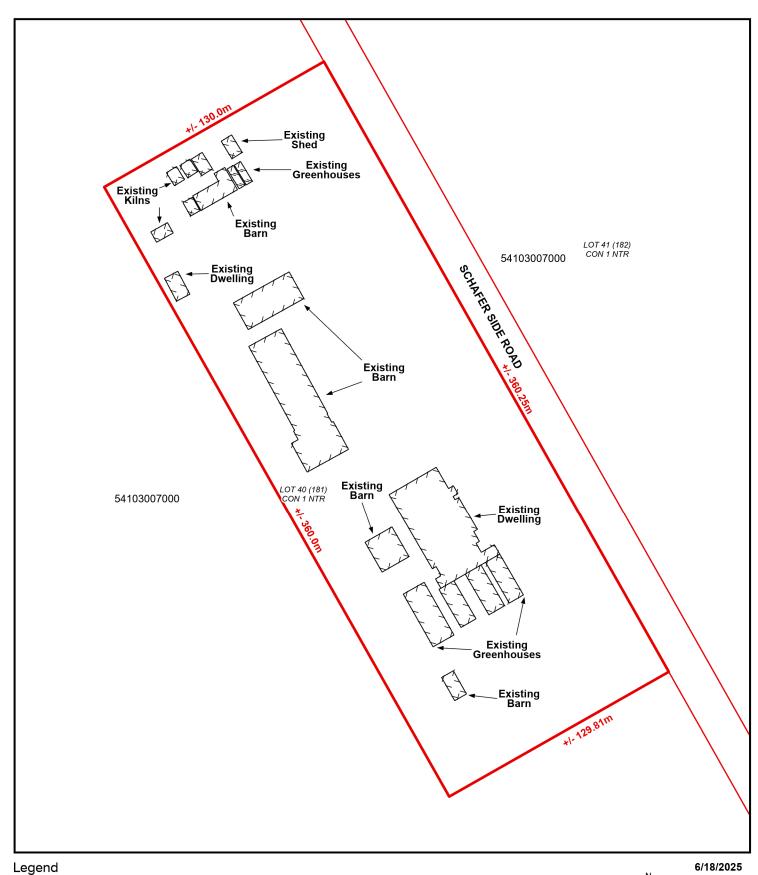


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