

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Growth and Sustainability

Planning Services



To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Ian Search, BES, Planner I

Date: June 9, 2025

Subject: Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA-02-2025) – 1370 Lakeshore Road 203

Recommendation

Approve Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA-02-2025 (Zoning By-law 2-2012, as amended), to rezone the lands known legally as, Part of Lot 7, Concession North of Middle Road, Maidstone, designated as Part 1 on Plan 12R24098, save and except Part 1 on Plan 12R30038, being part of the PIN 75013-0137(LT), and known municipally as 1370 Lakeshore Road 203, from "Agriculture (A)" to "Agriculture Zone Exception 1 (A-1)" zone (indicated as "1370 Lakeshore Rd 203 Retained Land" on the Key Map, Appendix B), in the Municipality of Lakeshore; and

Direct the Clerk to read By-law 46-2025 during the Consideration of By-laws, all as presented at the July 8, 2025 Council meeting

Strategic Objectives

This does not relate to a Strategic Objective; however, it is a core service of the Municipality.

Background

The Municipality of Lakeshore has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the farm property known municipally as 1370 Lakeshore Road 203 ("subject property"). The property is zoned "Agriculture" in the Lakeshore Zoning By-law 2-2012. It is currently a 50.42 acres (20.4 hectares) farm located north of County Road 46, south of Highway 401, at the southeast corner of Lakeshore Road 203 and North Rear Road (Appendix A).

A provisional consent (file: B-09-2024) was granted by the Committee of Adjustment on November 13, 2024, to sever a dwelling surplus to the farming operation of a farmer that will be purchasing the subject property. The rural residential lot to be severed will have frontage on Lakeshore Road 203 and is indicated as Part 1 on the plan of survey (Appendix C). The lot to be severed will have an area of 1.71 acres (6,920.12 m²) and a lot frontage of 70.1 metres (230 feet), which will incorporate a dwelling and accessory uses/structures. The retained farmland parcel will have a lot area of 48.71 acres (19.71 hectares) following the severance.

As a condition of the provisional consent, the applicants are applying to rezone the retained farmland parcel to prohibit residential dwellings and additional residential units on the retained farmland parcel (Appendix B), as required in the Lakeshore Official Plan and Provincial Planning Statement.

Subject Land: 50.42 acres (20.4 hectares)
Existing Use – Agriculture with dwelling
Proposed Use – Agriculture and one rural residential lot
Access — Lakeshore Road 203 (severed and retained lot)
Services — Municipal water, private sanitary

Surrounding Uses: North: Agriculture, woodlands
South: Agriculture, woodlands
East: Agriculture
West: Agriculture

Official Plan: Agricultural

Existing Zoning: Agriculture (A)

Comments

The application was circulated to internal departments and no objections to the rezoning were received as of the date of this report. The Team Leader of Development Engineering and Approvals commented that a drainage tile map should be submitted for the retained farmland parcel, as requested for the provisional consent approval.

Comment: The applicant submitted a drainage drawing to the attention of Community Planning which was sent to the Assistant Drainage Superintendent. The drawing was deemed satisfactory. The Team Leader of Development Engineering and Approvals has been informed and has no further concerns.

Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) (2024)

The proposed rezoning application is consistent with the PPS. Subsection 4.3.3 c) 2. requires the planning authority to ensure that new dwellings and additional residential units are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the surplus farm dwelling severance. A provisional consent (B-09-2024) was granted to sever a dwelling

surplus to a farming operation as a separate lot. As a condition of consent, and as required by the PPS, the applicants are rezoning the retained farmland parcel to prohibit dwelling(s). In doing so, additional residential units will also be prohibited from developing on the retained farmland parcel, in accordance with the PPS.

County of Essex Official Plan

The rezoning application conforms to the County of Essex Official Plan and is consistent with their land use policies:

3.3.3.4 Lot Creation

- c) Lot creation to accommodate a habitable residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation is permitted subject to the local Zoning By-law being amended, to prohibit new residential dwellings on the vacant remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance.

Lakeshore Official Plan

The subject property is designated Agricultural in the Lakeshore Official Plan, and the rezoning application conforms to the Agricultural Designation policies.

6.2.3 Agricultural Lot Creation & Lot Adjustment

A consent to sever may be granted for the following purposes:

- b) Where a previous or current farm acquisition has rendered a habitable farm dwelling surplus to the needs of a farm operation, subject to the following conditions:
 - i) the remnant farm parcel will be zoned so as to prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings;
 - ii) the non-farm parcel will be zoned to recognize the non-farm residential use and will not accommodate a livestock operation;
 - iii) any livestock facilities to remain on the retained parcel will not be made unsuitable for further livestock operations if the Minimum Distance Separation I provisions cannot be met; and
 - iv) the implementing Zoning By-law will not impose a setback on nearby expanding livestock operations greater than that required by the application of Minimum Distance Separation II Formula including the Minimum Distance Separation Guidelines.

The application will prohibit the construction of any additional dwellings on the retained farmland parcel in accordance with the Official Plan. The surplus dwelling lot will automatically be recognized in the Zoning By-law for non-farm residential use that cannot accommodate a livestock operation due to its lot size being under 4 ha (9.88 acres). There are no livestock facilities on the retained farmland parcel and no known facilities in the general area of the severed lot.

Lakeshore Zoning By-law

The subject property is currently zoned Agriculture (A), in the Lakeshore Zoning By-law 2-2012, as amended. The retained farmland parcel will be rezoned into an Agriculture Zone Exception (A-1) to prohibit a single detached dwelling. The rezoning will automatically prohibit additional residential unit(s) as well given that they are, by definition, accessory to a primary dwelling on a property.

The surplus dwelling lot will meet the minimum frontage and area requirements for a rural residential lot zoned Agriculture (A) – no rezoning of this parcel is necessary. The retained farmland parcel will have a lot area of 48.71 acres (19.71 hectares) following the severance, which meets the minimum lot area requirement of 46.95 acres (19 hectares) in the Zoning By-law.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is recommended that Council approve ZBA-02-2025 (By-law 46-2025) as per the Recommendation section of this report.

Others Consulted

Notice was given to agencies and the general public as required under the provisions of the *Planning Act* and regulations. As of the writing of this report, comments were received from Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA). A standard comment was received from VIA Rail Canada Inc. It is noted that the railroad of this agency is located several kilometres north of the subject property.

ERCA stated that they have no objection to the Zoning By-law Amendment (Appendix D). If any new construction is proposed, the property owner will be required to obtain an approval from ERCA prior to any construction or site alteration or other activities affected by Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Financial Impacts

There are no budget impacts resulting from the recommendation.

Attachments

Appendix A – Aerial Map
Appendix B – Key Map
Appendix C – Survey
Appendix D – ERCA

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	ZBA-02-2025 - 1370 Lakeshore Road 203.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appendix A - Aerial Map.pdf- Appendix B - Key Map.pdf- Appendix C - Survey.pdf- Appendix D - ERCA comment.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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