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Elisha Milne  
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**RE: Zoning By-law Amendment C38-24  
Concession 22 S, Part Lot 24, RP 17R1215 Part 2 (264549 Southgate Road  
26)  
Township of Southgate (Geographic Township of Egremont)  
Roll: 420706000213701  
Owner: Ammon Bauman  
Applicant: Eli Sherk**

Dear Ms. Milne,

This correspondence is in response to the above noted application. We have had an opportunity to review the application in relation to the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) and the County of Grey Official Plan (OP). We offer the following comments.

The purpose and effect of the subject application is to rezone about 4,760 square metres of the subject lands to permit an on farm diversified use with 750 square metres of floor area including office and power room and up to 500 square metres of outside storage. The zoned area will be located about 69 metres from the Wetland boundary. A proposed horse barn and shed will be constructed within the existing farm cluster (farmhouse and shed).

Schedule A of the County OP designates the subject lands as 'Agricultural'. Section 5.2.1(1) states,

*Permitted uses in the Agricultural land use type include:*

*c) On-farm diversified uses (See Table 7);*

In addition, Section 5.2.2(5) of the County OP states,

*MDS I will generally not be required for on-farm diversified uses, except where a municipality has required MDS to apply in their municipal official plan or zoning by-law.*

The proposed on-farm diversified use is permitted within the Agricultural designation. It is recommended that the use conform to MDS, if indicated within the municipality's Zoning By-Law.

Section 5.2.2 Table 8 states that the on-farm diversified use shall be,

*The lessor of: 2% of the total size of the property, or a maximum combined area of the use of 8,000 square metres.*

Further, Section 5.2.2(17) of the County OP states,

*The gross floor area of the buildings (combined total for all buildings associated with the on-farm diversified uses) shall not exceed 20% of the total area of the on-farm diversified use.*

The subject property is approximately 24 hectares in size which would permit a total area of 4,800 square metres to be used for the proposed OFDU, including all parking, loading, buildings, servicing, and outdoor storage. The gross floor area for any structures would be limited to 960 square meters. The applicant's proposed use will cover an area of 4,760 square metres and the proposed shop would be 750 square metres, both of which conform with the County OP; therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

Section 5.2.2(20) of the County OP states,

*Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) D-6 Guidelines, or any successor thereto, shall be considered for any new agricultural-related uses or on-farm diversified uses or an industrial nature in the Agricultural, Special Agricultural, or Rural land use types, to guide the separation of industrial uses from nearby dwellings, institutional uses, or other sensitive non-agricultural uses. Uses which are covered as normal farm practices by the Farming and Food Practices Protection Act (FFPPA) shall not be required to meet the D-6 Guidelines, provided they meet all required Provincial noise, air, water, and wastewater standards.*

Municipal staff shall review the applicability of the D-6 Guidelines to the proposed development.

Section 8.9.1(4) of the County OP states,

*The following hierarchy of water or sanitary servicing options will be used to evaluate any development applications within the County, except where specific exclusions are made through this Plan or where more detailed policies have been developed in a local official plan or secondary plan. The feasibility of the options will be considered in the following order of priority which will be assessed through a Servicing Options Study in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) D-5-3 Series Guidelines, or any subsequent update to these Guidelines:*

- d) Individual on-site sewage services and individual on-site water services in accordance with the policies contained in Section 8.9.1.*

From a general planning perspective, it should be ensured that the subject property can safely provide on-site water and sewage servicing.

Schedule A of the County OP indicates that the subject lands contain 'Hazard Lands'. The proposed development is located outside of the Hazard Lands; therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

County Planning Ecology staff have reviewed the subject application and have a comment stating,

*The subject property contains and/or is adjacent to 'Significant Wetlands', 'Other Identified Wetlands', 'Significant Woodlands', 'Significant Wildlife Habitat', potential 'Fish Habitat', and a 'Stream'. Additionally, the property is considered a Significant Groundwater Recharge Area. County staff have reviewed the proposal and based on the site plan, the proposed development will be within adjacent lands to the identified natural heritage features and within a previously disturbed area. As such, it is County staff's opinion that the potential impact to this feature would be negligible, and the requirement for an EIS can be waived.*

*County ecology staff have no concerns with the application. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please reach out to [ecology@grey.ca](mailto:ecology@grey.ca).*

Should the applicant seek to injure or destruct trees on lands that extend more than 15 metres from the outer edge of which a Building Permit has been issued, staff recommend consulting the County's Forestry Management By-law <http://grey.ca/forests-trails>. An exemption to the by-law includes the injuring or destruction of trees required in order to install and provide utilities to the construction or use of the building, structure or thing in respect of which a Building Permit has been issued.

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Provided D-6 Guidelines can be addressed; County Planning staff have no concerns with the subject application.

The County requests notice of any decision rendered with respect to this file.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek McMurdie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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