



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Information Report

Report From: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

Subject: SRCAO.21.07 Proposed Consent Application B-2020-123 432 Alma Street,  
Paisley (Lorenz)

Appendices: Appendix A – Consent Application Notice and SVCA Comments

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### **Report Summary**

To provide Council with information related to a proposed consent application on Alma Street in Paisley.

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### **Background**

On May 6, 2021 Bruce County provided formal notice of a consent application (B-2020-123) for the creation of two (2) residential lots on Alma Street in Paisley. (See Appendix A.)

As part of the processing of the application it was circulated to Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) for comment. On May 19th SVCA provided detailed comments on the proposal.

SVCA reviewed the application as per their mandated responsibilities for natural hazard management including their regulatory role under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Based on current hazard mapping the lands are entirely within the regulatory floodplain of the Saugeen River.

The proposed consent application indicates that the lots are located wholly within the regulatory floodplain and specifically within the flood fringe. Notwithstanding the concerns raised in their comments attached the following alternative comment was

provided to assist in the approval of the application:

SVCA staff could only support the proposed severance should the Municipality's emergency services department advise future residents could be rescued in the event of a regional storm event, under 2.11 metres of flooding.

Staff contacted the SVCA to confirm how the above condition could be addressed and they indicated that our Emergency Services Department would need to state that in the event of a regional storm of 2.11 metres of flooding safe evacuation could be undertaken. SVCA also suggested that a comprehensive evacuation plan for the area should be developed should the need arise to evacuate the area in a flooding event.

Since that meeting, Arran Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services has indicated that water rescue could be provided and that there is capacity to provide rescue services in the case of such flooding event. Staff will work to develop an appropriate evacuation plan as recommended by SVCA.

Staff will be providing SVCA and Bruce County Planning support for this consent application on the basis that Arran Elderslie Emergency Services Department can support an evacuation and that we will be preparing an appropriate evacuation plan in the event of regional flooding event.

In the interim, staff shall continue to work with SVCA to seek opportunities and support a review of the existing hazard mapping within our community.

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### **Analysis**

Not Applicable

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### **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

Not Applicable

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

No financial impacts

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Approved By: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer