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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI MILLS COMMUNITY OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills adopted Official Plan Amendment #29 (By-law # 22-072) on the 20th day of September 2022, under Sections 17 and 22 of the Planning Act. This amendment now requires the approval of Lanark County.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT of Official Plan Amendment No. 29 is to identify Prime Agricultural Areas; areas where prime agricultural lands predominate. The municipality has identified these areas through an alternative agricultural land evaluation system approved by the Province known as Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR). LEAR was developed in collaboration with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and an Agricultural Advisory Committee named by Council. A concurrent Zoning By-law Amendment has been brought forward to align with these proposed changes. OPA No. 29 proposes a transition period to January 5, 2024, before coming into effect.

A copy of the Official Plan Amendment No. 29 is available for inspection at the Municipal Office, 3131 Old Perth Road, Almonte, ON, K0A 1A0 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on Statutory Holidays.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of Lanark County (the approval authority), if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to Lanark County. The adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 29 will be submitted for approval to Lanark County at the following address: 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, ON K7H 3C6, Attention – Julie Stewart, County Planner.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the subject lands are subject to the following applications under the Act:

Zoning By-law Amendments:

- Z-08-22 (Sheets) 1267 -1281 Rae Road – Application to implement 30 metre setback from Rural- Agricultural Overlay as a condition of consent. By-law passed and in appeal period (ends October 3)

- Z-09-22 (Leroux) – 125 Montgomery Park Road – Application to permit development in the floodplain. By-law passed and in appeal period (ends October 3)
- Z-10-22 (Sulpher) – 121 Montgomery Park Road - Application to permit development in the floodplain. By-law passed and in appeal period (ends October 3)
- Z-12-22 (Scheel) – 231 McWatty Road – Application to rezone lands from Rural Commercial (C5) to Rural (RU) in circulation period

Minor variances:

- A-17-22 - 196 Lynx Hollow Road – Application to reduce rear yard setback of existing shed. Decision made and in appeal period.

No rural subdivision applications except Draft Plan Approval for Glen Isle Subdivision **09-T-84002**.

EFFECT OF WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS

A Committee of the Whole meeting, which included a virtual presentation of Draft OPA No. 29 – Agricultural Lands LEAR was held on March 25, 2021. A similar presentation was held with the Agricultural Advisory Committee on April 22, 2021, followed by a virtual information session held on April 28, 2021.

A Statutory Public Meeting was held on May 4, 2021 to present Draft OPA No. 29 March 2021 – Agricultural Lands LEAR. Approximately 200 written and oral submissions were received. As a result of the written and oral submissions, the Agricultural Advisory Committee struck a LEAR Working Group to provide local knowledge on agricultural lands. On February 18, 2022, the Agricultural Advisory Committee passed the LEAR Working Group’s recommendation.

A second Public Meeting was held on April 2, 2022 to present OPA No. 29 May, 2022. Approximately 190 written and oral submissions were received. On May 17, 2022, Committee of the Whole deferred OPA No. 29. On June 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole struck a Councillor’s Working Group to address questions and concerns that were raised by the public.

On September 6, 2022, Committee of the Whole passed a recommendation from the Councillor’s Working Group to approve, without modifications, OPA No. 29 (dated May 9, 2022) which By-law was passed by Council on September 20, 2022.

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

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