

Jp2g No. 20-7064S

April 30, 2024

County of Lanark 99 Christie Lake Road Perth, ON K7H 3C6

Attn Cindy Deachman

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Re EIS Peer Review – Tayview
Part Lot 3, Concession 1,
Geographic Township of Drummond
Town of Perth
County of Lanark
County File No. B21/079

Dear Cindy,

I have reviewed the following information in relation to the above-mentioned application:

• Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Residential Development, Part Lot 3, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Drummond, Perth, Ontario, dated April 11, 2024, prepared by GEMTEC.

We appreciate the comments from our November 6, 2023 letter being addressed in this version of the EIS and for the additional information that GEMTEC has provided in their April 11, 2024 Comment Response letter. We are satisfied that the revised Environmental Impact Statement is consistent with the natural heritage policies of the PPS, the Town of Perth Official Plan and the Lanark County Official Plan. We just have one minor wording suggestion to Section 7.6.4 of the report which states that:

"If development activities occur after the summer of 2024 butternut surveys are recommended to be re-done for the subject lands and adjacent study area. It is recommended that surveys be completed during the late spring (following leaf-out) of the year that development is to occur."

Wording could be including at the end of this paragraph to indicate that if butternut trees are found on or adjacent to the subject lands, a Butternut Health Assessment will need to be completed for these trees to identify if they are healthy and that healthy butternuts are not to be removed or harmed until an overall benefit for the species has been provided following MECP protocols.

It is our opinion that there will be no significant negative impacts on the wetland/valleyland, significant wildlife habitat, fish habitat or potential/confirmed SAR and SAR habitat on or adjacent to the subject lands as a result of the proposed severance and future development of the retained lands, provided that:

- 1. The recommended mitigation measures proposed in the report are properly implemented including obtaining the following approvals, if needed;
 - a. A permit or authorization from RVCA (if required) is to be obtained for the proposed development; and
 - b. MECP is consulted and any direction by MECP is followed, before doing any works within 30 metres of a healthy black ash tree, that will kill, harm or take any healthy black ash tree that meets the size criteria for protection under the Endangered Species Act (i.e. taller than 1.37 m or greater than 8 cm diameter at breast height).





Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

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