



## MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

To / Destinataire Mayor Sutcliffe and Members of Council

From / Expéditeur Don Herweyer, Interim General  
Manager, Planning, Real Estate and  
Economic Development

Subject / Objet Tree Clearing near Tewin Area Date: February 28, 2023

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, staff were made aware of a tree cutting operation on the land north of Piperville Road between Ramsayville and Anderson Roads (GLOUCESTER CON 7 PT LOTS 16 TO 20). The land where the tree cutting occurred is immediately to the south of a portion of the Tewin urban growth area, as approved in the new Official Plan. The site is a part of a larger area that was considered and evaluated for urban growth as a part of the development of the City's Growth Management Strategy.

The property is subject to the provisions of the Tree Protection By-law, 2020-340 and the Site Alteration By-law, 2018-164. A stop work order was issued under the Tree Protection By-law on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to halt tree cutting activities to allow time for City staff to visit the site to investigate. Staff have confirmed that trees were removed from this land and that no tree permit was obtained from the City.

The landowner has provided notice that cutting operations were in support of future agriculture-related uses and they indicated widespread damage from the 2022 Derecho incident. The Tree Protection By-law and Site Alteration By-law provide for exemptions where permits are not required, including where tree removal is required for normal farm practices as a part of an agricultural operation.

City staff will continue to monitor the activities on the site to determine consistency with by-law exemptions. Staff will provide further updates as required.

Thank you,

Don Herweyer, MCIP, RPP  
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