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**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
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SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW

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That Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Approve the revised Site Alteration By-law, attached as Document 1; and**
- 2. Direct staff to conduct a review of the Site Alteration By-law, two years after its approval, and report back on its performance and any recommended improvements.**

Chair Moffatt gave a brief backgrounder on how this report came back to Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and introduced a motion to be voted on following the delegations.

The Committee heard from the following:

1. Paul Johanis - Greenspace Alliance - The amended By-law with new Schedule (b) really helps define what the urban area is. They are pleased to see the changes since last meeting in April. The restriction of approval required, with respect to vegetation removal will go a long way to issue of clearing. The types of areas covered: natural environment area, rural and urban natural features, those are large types of natural features. Still remains small gap and recognizes that work needs to be done.

2. Edward Wood – Spoke at the April meeting when this was first raised. He thanked the Committee and staff for fine tuning the bylaw. He fully supports the motion coming forward. The two year review will be an opportunity to get woodlot owners to get management plan. Managed forest is more productive no matter what its objective.
3. Sheila Perry – Federation of Community Associations - The site alteration bylaw is good news. Feels it is promoting great neighbourhoods. She noted that they are concerned with infill developments.

Councillor Darouze had a question to Roger Chapman, Director, By-law and Regulatory Services: How will this impact their workload?

He said that they have had discussions and expressed concerns regarding service requests and they are at maximum capacity. Problem is multiple bylaws that are consolidated into one bylaw. Primarily will be around drainage ditches. Difficult to anticipate how much work this will entail. Will monitor closely for the next year and will report back.

Questions were also asked with regards to entry to property and laws for that. Tim Marc, Senior Legal Counsel stated that the Municipal Act provides that notice has to be given and identification has to be provided and can't go into a dwelling. Mr. Chapman said that this was standard operating procedures for By-law Officers.

CARRIED as amended by the following motion:

MOTION ARA 34/06

Moved by Councillor El-Chantiry

WHEREAS the report was considered and carried by Planning Committee at its meeting of 27 February 2018; and,

WHEREAS the report was considered and carried as amended by the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee at its meeting of 5 April 2018; and,

WHEREAS the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee directed staff to make certain changes to the draft by-law and bring it back to their next meeting; and,

WHEREAS some rural residents have expressed concerns about the potential for the draft by-law to restrict normal farm practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff amend section 2 of the draft by-law to use the same wording about the preservation of normal farm practice as the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998*, such wording being:

- 2. This by-law shall not apply to restrict a normal farm practice carried on as part of an agricultural operation.**

CARRIED