

Applicant: Stephen Woods
File No.: 58-C-232021
Municipality/Twp: Unorganized Territory
Subject Lands: PIN 62505-0429, 625050435, 625050436,
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NOTICE OF DECISION

On Application for Consent Subsection 53(17) of the Planning Act

On the **above noted date**, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) gave a provisional consent to Application No. **58-C-232021** for a lot addition, in respect of the land described as PIN 62505-0429, 625050435, 625050436, on Sandstone Lake, Unorganized Territory, District of Thunder Bay. A copy of the decision is attached.

Who Has Appeal Rights under the Planning Act

Other than the applicant, only a “specified person” or “public body”, as defined in s. 1(1) of the *Planning Act*, has the ability to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

When and How to File a Notice of Appeal

Notice to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal must be filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on or before the last date of appeal as noted above.

The notice of appeal should be sent to the attention of Madisyn Owen, Planner at the address shown below and it must,

- (1) set out the reasons for the appeal, and
- (2) be accompanied by the fee prescribed under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act in the amount of \$400.00, payable to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

How to Receive Notice of Changed Conditions

The conditions of a provisional consent may be changed at any time before the consent is given.

You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of the provisional consent if you make a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of approval of the provisional consent.

Other Related Applications

N/A

Getting Additional Information

Additional information about the application is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the address shown below.

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Mail Address for Notice of Appeal

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Municipal Services Office North (Thunder Bay)
435 James Street South, Suite 223
Thunder Bay, ON. P7E 6S7
Attention: Madisyn Owen, Planner
Telephone: (807) 632-1633

In addition, send a copy of your notice of appeal to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks. You can provide notice by email at minister.mecp@ontario.ca or by mail at:

College Park
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON
M7A 2J3

Appeal Rights under the Environmental Bill of Rights

The *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993* provides a separate ability to seek leave to appeal decisions on consent applications that are posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO). This appeal must be commenced within 15 days of the notice of decision being posted on the ERO. For more information about this appeal method, refer to the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*, or <https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-bill-rights>.

The notice for this application is available to view on the ERO at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8894>



Victoria Kosny, Manager
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The Minister's conditions to the granting of consent for this transaction **which must be fulfilled within two years from the date of this letter** are set out below. These conditions must be fulfilled prior to the granting of consent.

Conditions

1. That this approval applies to permit the lot addition of 0.25 hectares of vacant land from Part 3 of 55R3227 of PIN 62505-0429 to the neighbouring property owner of PIN 62505-2435, and 62505-2436, in the above-noted location on Sandstone Lake in the Unorganized Territory, District of Thunder Bay.
2. That the following documents be provided for the transaction described in Condition 1:
 - a. A copy of the application to transfer documents;
 - b. A schedule to application to transfer on which is set out the entire legal description of the parcel(s) in question. This Schedule must also contain the names of the parties indicated on application to transfer; and
 - c. A reference plan of survey, which bears the Land Registry Office registration number and signature as evidence of its deposit therein, illustrating the parcel(s) to which the consent approval relates; and/or a legal description of the lands to be severed (and retained if requested) which is acceptable to the land registrar.
3. That prior to final approval, an application to consolidate the severed lands, Part 3 of 55R3227, PIN 62505-0429, with Part 1 and 2 of 55R3227, PIN 62505-2435, 62505-2436, be prepared and an undertaking from the person registering the documents shall be required agreeing to register the consolidations once the land transfers have been registered.
4. That prior to final approval, the Ministry must be advised by the Thunder Bay Health Unit that the retained lands and the severed lands have been inspected and are suitable for the installation of a subsurface sewage system or that the existing systems meet their requirements.
5. This Ministry is to be advised in writing by the transferor that the Offer of Purchase and Sale agreement, or alternatively an acknowledgement by the transferor and transferees if the transaction is between family members, contains the following clause:
 - a. No assessment has been undertaken for groundwater quality or quantity. Groundwater supplies may not be adequate to support the use of individual private wells, should this source of water be used in future on the lots.
 - b. Should wells be considered as drinking water sources, they must be constructed in accordance with Regulation 903-Wells, under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

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- c. Water from Sandstone Lake should not be used for human consumption unless it is disinfected and/or treated to meet the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards, as stipulated in O. Reg. 169/03 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- d. Small private sewage disposal facilities which have a daily sewage flow of 10,000 litres or less per day must be certified by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. Large private sewage disposal facilities which have a daily sewage flow of >10,000 litres, or communal systems, must be approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit should be contacted for information on the proper installation and operation of Class IV septic systems and Class 1 (pit privy) sewage systems.
- e. Domestic waste must be appropriately handled and disposed of at an approved waste disposal facility.
- f. Public participation in the Lake Partner Program to assist in understanding the health of Ontario's Lakes is encouraged. For more information on the Lake Partner Program please see the following website: [Water sampling and testing \(inland lakes\) | ontario.ca](#).
- g. If wildlife is encountered during construction, work should cease immediately and allow the animal to naturally move out of the construction zone. If the animal does not leave the area for a prolonged period of time, a qualified biologist should be consulted for response or mitigation measures. If an animal is injured or deceased or if a Species at Risk is found on the site, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) SAR Ontario Branch (SAROntario@ontario.ca) should be contacted for guidance and handling. Please visit "How to avoid authorization" and "Permit types" (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-get-endangered-species-act-permit-or-authorization>) for more information.
- h. The use of Best Management Practices for shoreline development is strongly recommended. Best Management Practices such as shoreline naturalization and vegetated buffer strips can reduce the adverse effects of shoreline development on inland lakes. It is recommended that:
 - Avoid developing next to the shoreline for a minimum of 30 metres and maintaining vegetation along the shore and around the property;
 - Using grassed swales and/or vegetated filter strips on lots that require ditching to control runoff;
 - Directing roof leaders to rear yard ponding areas, soakaway pits or rain barrels;
 - Directing sump pump foundation drains to rear ponding areas and infiltration trenches; and
 - Locating sewage systems as far as possible from the shoreline where native soils are deepest, with any drinking water wells remaining up gradient.

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The following NOTES are for your information:

NOTES:

1. The required Transfer/Deed of Land form and Schedule page shall contain a complete and accurate legal description. The Minister's certificate of consent will be affixed to the completed Schedule page. For this reason, the names of the parties also must be set out on the Schedule page, so that the consent may be properly related to the intended conveyance.

If the applicant(s), in making the application for consent,

- (a) requested that the certificate be given;
- (b) provided a registrable legal description of the retained land; and
- (c) provided a statement from an Ontario solicitor in good standing that there is no land abutting the subject land that is owned by the owner of the subject land other than land that could be conveyed without contravening section 50 of the Planning Act.

then the Minister will give the applicant a certificate for the retained land.

Inaccuracies or omissions with regard to the legal description in the Transfer/Deed of Land form, the Schedule page or the survey plan will result in the documents being returned without consent.

2. All Buildings, including those in unorganized territories, have been required to comply with the Ontario Building Code since December 31, 1975. At this time in unorganized territory, building permits and the payment of permit fees are not required. Inquiries about the Building Code should be made to:

Buildings and Development Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5
Telephone: (416) 585-7041
codeinfo@ontario.ca

3. If any archaeological resources (artifacts or any other physical evidence of past human use or activity) are found, all alteration must immediately cease on the site and a licensed consultant archaeologist must be engaged to carry out an archaeological assessment in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act prior to any further alteration. Any alterations or soil disturbance to an archaeological site prior to having met the requirements of Section 48(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act is an offence. The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism may be contacted for guidance (archaeology@ontario.ca).

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The Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33 requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MCM should also be notified (archaeology@ontario.ca).

4. MNR's guidebook: Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Reference Manual in support of the Provincial Policy States, 2014, dated April 2017, can be used to determine, and mitigate the potential risk of wildland fire.
5. Owners and prospective buyers should contact the Thunder Bay Health Unit for all sewage systems that require a permit, including greywater systems but excluding pit privies. The importation of suitable fill may be required to construct sewage treatment systems to the satisfaction of the Health Unit. The Health Unit can also provide information on construction requirements, including minimum distances required between sewage systems and sources of potable water.
6. New wells must be installed in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 903 (Wells). Water quality and quantity testing should be completed for each new parcel in accordance with MECP's "*Technical Guideline for Private Wells*" (1996) and conducted by a qualified professional. If water from test wells exhibit values for health and aesthetic parameters that are above the Ontario Drinking Water Standards, the water must be treated prior to consumption. Upon well installation, a qualified professional should also demonstrate that there is an adequate quantity of groundwater available to meet the requirements of the residence without interference to adjacent properties.
7. It is the applicant's and/or agent's responsibility to fulfill the conditions of consent approval within **two years of the date** of this letter pursuant to Section 53 of the *Planning Act*. **We will issue no further notice or warning of the expiration of the two-year period.**

If the conditions to consent approval are not fulfilled within two years of the date of this letter and the applicant is still interested in pursuing the proposal, a new application will be required. All documentation required for final approval should be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing **a minimum of one month prior to the lapsing date.**