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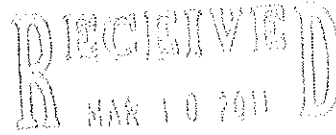
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Mr. Lance Thurston
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Re: **Status of Official Plan Amendment No. 80 (OPA #80)
5 Year Review of the Official Plan
County of Grey**

Dear Mr. Thurston:

This letter is further to the Notice of Decision given on February 14, 2011, pursuant to subsections 17(34) and 17(35) of the *Planning Act* with respect to the approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 80 for the County of Grey.

OPA #80 was appealed to the Board by three (3) appellants. Details of the appeals are as follows:

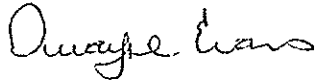
- 1) Stephen D'Agostino, on behalf of the Town of Hanover, appealed OPA #80 because "it fails to provide for adequate opportunities for economic development and growth to accommodate the needs of the Town";
- 2) Clint Stredwick, on behalf of Mr. Lou Salvino and Insicon Inc., appealed OPA #80 because it fails to recognize a Draft Plan Approved Plan of Subdivision on lands described as Part Lot 16, Concession 20, Township of Georgigan Bluffs (Geographic Township of Keppel). The appellant also objects to the County's desire to make all Rural Plans of Subdivision legal non conforming uses and argues the County's approach to draft plans of subdivision in the rural area does not recognize the significant number of existing Rural Plans of Subdivision and does not provide for a designation or criteria for the establishment or location of rural plans of subdivisions;
- 3) Don Scott (Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc) appealed OPA #80 because primary bedrock resources are not identified on Schedule "B" and OPA #80 lacks a 500-metre setback from all aggregate resources, including primary bedrock resources. Further, concerns have been raised regarding the rural non-farm consent policies and the appellant wants the hamlet of Jackson recognized as a tertiary settlement area. Also, the appellant is requesting a policy be revised to state that the upgrading of haul roads for mineral aggregate operations be 'cost-shared' with municipalities.

A copy of the appeal letters are attached for your information.

Pursuant to subsection 17(38) of the *Planning Act* which pertain to appeals, Official Plan Amendment No. 80 is being forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board with the required record.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-873-4695 or dwayne.evans@ontario.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



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