THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD



AGENDA

Tuesday October 15, 2024

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Fingal/Via Video Link

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
- 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - (a) Minutes of Committee of Adjustment meeting of May 27, 2024
- 5. NEW BUSINESS
 - (a) Minor Variance Application MV 2024-05, R. Singh and M. Bajwa, 10868 Sunset Road
- 6. ADJOURNMENT



Meeting of the Committee of Adjustment Monday May 27, 2024 Council Chambers, Fingal/Via Video Link

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson: Mayor Grant Jones

Members: Deputy Mayor Justin Pennings

Councillor John Adzija Councillor Sarah Emons Councillor Scott Fellows

Township Administration Present: Lisa Higgs, Secretary-Treasurer

Paul Hicks, Planner

MV 2024-03 and MV 2024-04

In attendance: S. Congdon, Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd.

MV 2024-03, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd, Optimist Drive BLK 183 and MV 2024-04 Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz, Sycamore Road BLK 173

C of A 2024-06 Moved by: Member Fellows

Seconded by: Member Pennings

THAT the regular Council meeting adjourn to sit as a Committee of Adjustment to hear minor variance applications MV 2024-03, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd., Optimist Drive BLK 183 and MV 2024-04 Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd., Sycamore Road BLK 173 at **7:15 p.m.**

CARRIED

Approval of Committee of Adjustment Minutes

C of A 2024-07 Moved by: Member Emons Seconded by: Member Adzija

THAT the minutes from the Committee of Adjustment Meeting of

April 8, 2024 are hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order and stated that this application seeks relief from the provisions of Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended to permit the development of street rowhouse dwellings by way of a future vacant land Plan of

Condominium application. Specifically, the minor variance will consider the following: to obtain relief from the provisions of Section 3.38 - Parking Regulations and Section 10.2 - Residential 3 (R3) Zone of Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended, to permit the following:

- 1. Reduce the required minimum separation of parking from a property line from 1.0 m to 0.0 m; and
- 2. Reduce the required minimum interior side yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.5 m.

Chairperson Jones asked if any member of the Committee had a disclosure of interest concerning the Minor Variance Application. No disclosures were made.

Chairperson Jones asked the Secretary-Treasurer what method and when was the notice given to the public for this hearing. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that a sign was posted on the property prior to the May 17, 2024 2024 deadline and notices were mailed to property owners within 60 metres on May 16, 2024.

Planning Consultant Paul Hicks presented reports PLA 2024-07, MV 2024-03, Blk 183 Optimist Drive and PLA 2024-08, MV 2024-04, Blk 173 Sycamore Road. MV 2024-04 is requesting a reduce the required minimum separation of parking from a property line from 1.0 m to 0.0 m; and a reduce the required minimum interior side yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.4 m.

Chairperson Jones asked if any Committee Members had any questions on the Planning Reports. No questions were asked.

Chairperson Jones asked the Secretary-Treasurer if any comments were received from staff. The Secretary-Treasurer responded yes. Comments received from staff were included in reports PLA 2024-07 and PLA 2024-08.

Chairperson Jones asked if any written submissions were received on these applications. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that no written submissions were received on either of these applications.

Chairperson Jones asked if the owner and/or applicant is in attendance and to please identify yourself so that the Township has a record of your attendance at this public hearing, with your name and civic address. We would like to give you an opportunity to address the application. S. Congdon of Strik Baldinelli and Moniz identified herself. She reported that she agrees with the recommendations that were presented in the staff reports.

C of A 2024-08 MOVED BY: Member Fellows SECONDED BY: Member Pennings

THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Southwold receive Report PLA 2024-07 regarding Minor Variance Application MV 2024-03 filed by, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd, BLK 183, Optimist Drive; and

THAT the Committee of Adjustment approves the proposed Minor Variance to obtain relief from the Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended to permit the development of street rowhouses by way of a future vacant land Plan of Condominium application in accordance with the site-specific decision sheet attached to the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF DECISION APPLICATION NO. MV 2024-03

ATTACHED is a certified copy of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in the matter of an Application MV 2024-03 for a minor variance pursuant to Section 45 (10) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The applicant, the Minister or any other person or public body who has an interest in the matter may appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment, not later than the **15**th day of June, 2024, a Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the Tribunal fee, in the amount of \$400.00 for the first appeal and \$25.00 for each further appeal related to the same matter. Certified Cheque, Money Order or Credit Card payment are to be made payable to the Minister of Finance and in Canadian funds. If you wish to appeal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) website at: https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/

Additional Information regarding this application for minor variance is available for review, at the Township of Southwold Municipal Office, or by contacting the Township Planner via phone at 519-769-2010 or e-mail at cao@southwold.ca, or available online at the Township's website at: www.southwold.ca/current-planning-applications

Dated This 30th day of May, 2024.

Lisa Higgs, CAO

Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment

Township of Southwold

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

DECISION SHEET

Application No.

MV 2024-03

Date of Hearing:

May 27, 2024

Owner/Applicant: Farhi Holdings Corporation.

Agent:

Sandra Congdon, Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd

Description:

Blk 183 PLAN 11M266

Municipal Address: Optimist Drive

Lot Description:

Existing Lot Area	4,094.0 sq m (1.01 Ac)
Existing Lot Frontage	113.62 metres (372.77 feet)
Existing Lot Depth	38.0 metres (124.67 feet)

In the matter of Section 45(1) of The Planning Act R.S.O 1990, the Township of Southwold Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2011-14, and an application for **Minor Variance**.

The owners are requesting a Minor Variance to seek relief provisions of Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended to permit the development of street rowhouses by way of a future vacant land Plan of Condominium application. Specifically, the minor variance will consider the following:

- 1. Reduce the required minimum separation of parking from a property line from 1.0 m to 0.0 m:
 - a. This provision will apply to all lots.
- 2. Reduce the required minimum interior side yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.5m.
 - a. This provision will apply to lots 9 and 10 and shown on the Site Plan attached as Appendix 1.

Decision:

The application is hereby **approved**, subject to the following Condition:

1. That all development must comply with an approved Grading and Drainage Plan for the subject lands, to the satisfaction of Staff.

Reasons for approval, in accordance with Report PLA 2024-07:

- 1. The variance does maintain the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
- 2. The variance does maintain the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

- 3. The variance requested is desirable for the appropriate and orderly development and use of the lands and buildings.
- The variance is minor in nature.

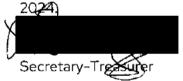
The effect of written and oral submissions on the Decision is contained within Report PLA 2024-07 and the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Meeting of May 27, 2024.

We, the undersigned, concur in the decision and reasons given for the decision of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold of this 27th day of May, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE	TO GRANT	TO REFUSE	Absent Present
Committee Member, John Adzija			\cup \cup
Committee Member, Scott Fellows			() (K
Committee Member, Sarah Emons			() (0/
Chairperson and Committee Member, Grant Jones			() (V
Committee Member, Justin Pennings			() (V

***********CERTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S DECISION*******

I, Lisa Higgs, being the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold, certify that this is a true copy of the Committee's decision on the 27^h day of May,



NOTICE OF LAST DATE OF APPEAL*************

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DATE FOR APPEALING THIS DECISION TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL (OLT) IS THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

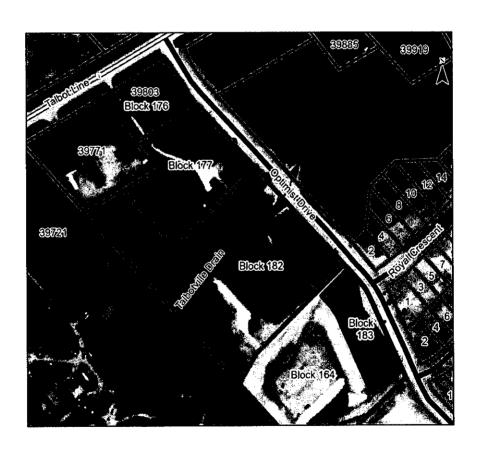
The decision of the Committee may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by serving personally on or sending by registered mail to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee a Notice of Appeal and a copy of an appeal form which is available from the OLT website at www.olt.gov.on.ca setting out the objection to the decision and the reasons in support of the

objection accompanied by payment to the Secretary-Treasurer of the fee prescribed by the Tribunal as payable on an appeal from the Committee of Adjustment to the Tribunal.

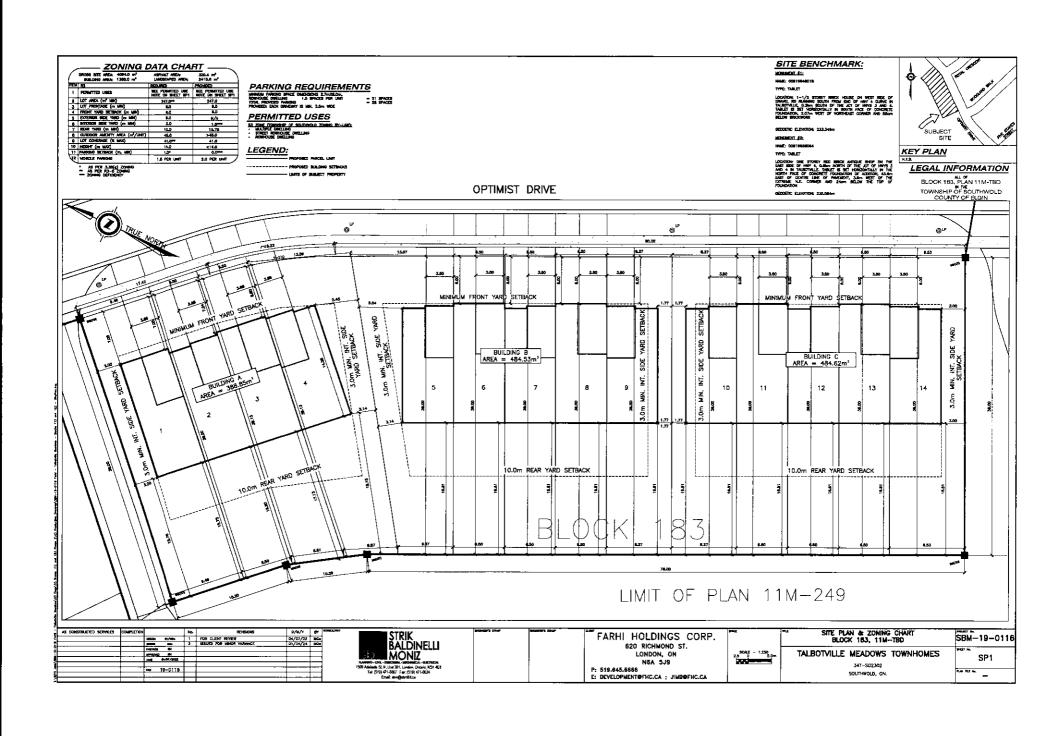
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Schedule A: Subject Area Map Optimist Drive - MV 2024-03



Appendix 1: Site Plan



C of A 2024-09 MOVED BY: Member Adzija SECONDED BY: Member Emons

THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Southwold receive Report PLA 2024-08 regarding Minor Variance Application MV 2024-04 filed by, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd, BLK 173, Sycamore Road; and

THAT the Committee of Adjustment approves the proposed Minor Variance to obtain relief from the Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended to permit the development of street rowhouses by way of a future vacant land Plan of Condominium application in accordance with the site-specific decision sheet attached to the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF DECISION APPLICATION NO. MV 2024-04

ATTACHED is a certified copy of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in the matter of an Application MV 2024-04 for a minor variance pursuant to Section 45 (10) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The applicant, the Minister or any other person or public body who has an interest in the matter may appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment, not later than the **15th day of June**, **2024**, a Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the Tribunal fee, in the amount of \$400.00 for the first appeal and \$25.00 for each further appeal related to the same matter. Certified Cheque, Money Order or Credit Card payment are to be made payable to the Minister of Finance and in Canadian funds. If you wish to appeal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) website at: https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/

Additional Information regarding this application for minor variance is available for review, at the Township of Southwold Municipal Office, or by contacting the Township Planner via phone at 519-769-2010 or e-mail at cao@southwold.ca, or available online at the Township's website at: www.southwold.ca/current-planning-applications

Dated this 30th day of May, 2024.

Lisa Higgs, CAO

Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

DECISION SHEET

Application No. MV 2024-04 **Date of Hearing:** May 27, 2024

Owner/Applicant: Farhi Holdings Corporation.

Agent: Sandra Congdon, Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd

Description: Blk 173 PLAN 11M266

Municipal Address: Sycamore Road

Lot Description:

Existing Lot Area	3, 222.0 sq m (0.08 Ac)
Existing Lot Frontage	87.08 metres (285.86 feet)
Existing Lot Depth	37.0 metres (121.39 feet)

In the matter of Section 45(1) of The Planning Act R.S.O 1990, the Township of Southwold Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2011-14, and an application for **Minor Variance**.

The owners are requesting a Minor Variance to seek relief provisions of Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended to permit the development of street rowhouses by way of a future vacant land Plan of Condominium application. Specifically, the minor variance will consider the following:

- 1. Reduce the parking separation from a property line from 1.0m to 0.0m
 - a. This provision will apply to all lots
- 2. Reduce the required interior side yard setback from 3.0m to 1.4m in Appendix 1 to this report and to be attached as Schedule A to any decision of the Committee of Adjustment
 - a. This provision will apply to lots 6 and 7 as shown in the Site Plan attached as Appendix 1

Decision:

The application is hereby **approved** subject to the following Condition:

1. That all development must comply with an approved Grading and Drainage Plan for the subject lands, to the satisfaction of Staff.

Reasons for approval, in accordance with Report PLA 2024-08:

- 1. The variance does maintain the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
- 2. The variance does maintain the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

- 3. The variance requested is desirable for the appropriate and orderly development and use of the lands and buildings.
- 4. The variance is minor in nature.

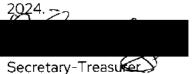
The effect of written and oral submissions on the Decision is contained within Report PLA 2024-08 and the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Meeting of May 27, 2024.

We, the undersigned, concur in the decision and reasons given for the decision of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold of this 27th day of May, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE	TO GRANT	TO REFUSE	Absent Present
Committee Member, John Adzija	<u> </u>		() (b)
Committee Member, Scott Fellows	V		() (Y)
Committee Member, Sarah Emons	<u>V</u>	-	() (8
Chairperson and Committee Member, Grant Jones	<u></u>		co co
Committee Member, Justin Pennings			() ()

**********CERTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S DECISION*********

I, Lisa Higgs, being the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold, certify that this is a true copy of the Committee's decision on the 27^h day of May,



May 29, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DATE FOR APPEALING THIS DECISION TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL (OLT) IS THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

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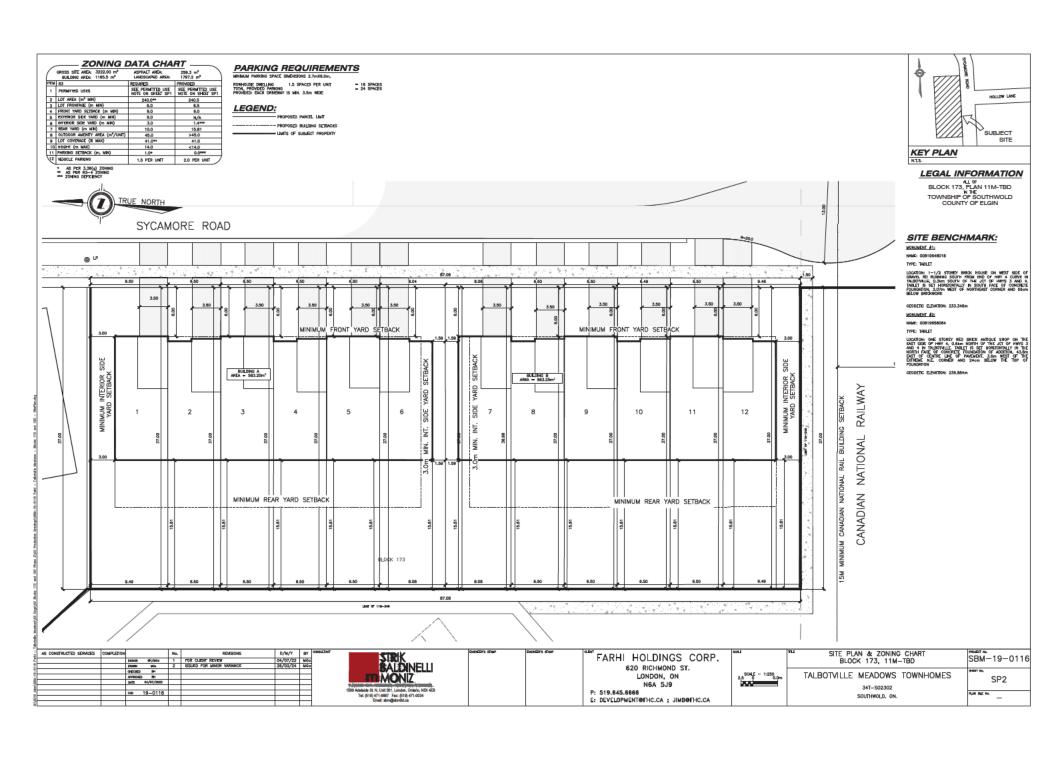
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Schedule A: Subject Area Map Sycamore Road - MV 2024-04



Appendix 1: Site Plan



Chairperson Jones advised the public that the last day for appealing this decision is June 15, 2024. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee in respect of this application, you must submit a written request to the Township of Southwold Committee of Adjustment. If you are not the applicant, you should request a copy of the decision since it may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant or another member of the public.

MV 2024-03 and MV 2024-04, Adjournment of Committee of Adjustment

C of A 2024-10 Moved by: Member Pennings
Seconded by: Member Fellows

THAT the meeting of the Committee of Adjustment to hear applications MV 2024-03, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd., Optimist Drive BLK 183 and MV 2024-04 Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik Baldinelli Moniz Ltd., Sycamore Road BLK 173 and the regular meeting of council reconvenes at **7:27p.m.**

CARRIED

Chairperson	Secretary-Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

Report to Council

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2024

PREPARED BY: Christie Kent, Planner, Mike Szilagyi, Planner & Lisa

Higgs, CAO/Clerk

REPORT NO: PLA 2024-16

SUBJECT MATTER: Minor Variance Application MV 2024-05

10868 Sunset Drive, Talbotville

Owners: R. Singh and M. Kaur Bajwa

Recommendations:

THAT the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold receive Planning Report PLA 2024-14 regarding Application for Permission and Minor Variance MV 2024-05;

THAT the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold grant Permission under Section 45(2)(b) of the Planning Act to permit an accessory building to be used for a Home Industry; and,

THAT the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold grant the requested Minor Variance to obtain relief from the provisions of Section 3.1 (b) (Accessory Uses) to permit an increased lot coverage for accessory buildings and 3.14 (c) (Home Industry) to permit an increased maximum floor area devoted to a Home Industry.

Summary:

- The permission would specify that a Home Industry, as an accessory use to the
 principal residential use of the property, conforms with the uses permitted in the
 Zoning By-law, whereas Home Industry is not specifically permitted within the
 Residential 1 (R1) Zone but accessory uses, buildings and structures shall be
 permitted in any zone subject to provisions;
- The variances would increase the lot coverage of an accessory building from 15% to 25% and increase the maximum gross floor area devoted to a Home Industry from 200m² to approximately 325m²;
- The applicants reside on the property and intend to establish and scale the proposed Home Industry until such time that the subject property is re-zoned to align with the underlying Industrial land use designation.

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Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee of Adjustment with background information to support the recommendation to approve Application for Permission and Minor Variance following the Public Hearing scheduled for October 15, 2024.

The subject lands are located at 10868 Sunset Drive, Talbotville and are legally described as Part of Lot 42, Concession East of the North Branch of Talbot Road, Geographic Township of Southwold, County of Elgin. The subject lands are highlighted

The subject lands are located within the Talbotville settlement area, on lands designated Industrial on Schedule 4A of the Township of Southwold Official Plan. It is assumed that over the longer-term planning horizon, the existing residential uses will transition to commercial/industrial uses that are more compatible with surrounding larger-scale industrial and commercial uses. To the north of the subject lands is the Oegema Turkey Shoppe and associated agricultural uses. Lands to the south include similar residential uses while southwest of the subject property lands are zoned to permit parking and storage of construction vehicles. Other surrounding land uses include existing residential and agricultural lands reserved for future residential.

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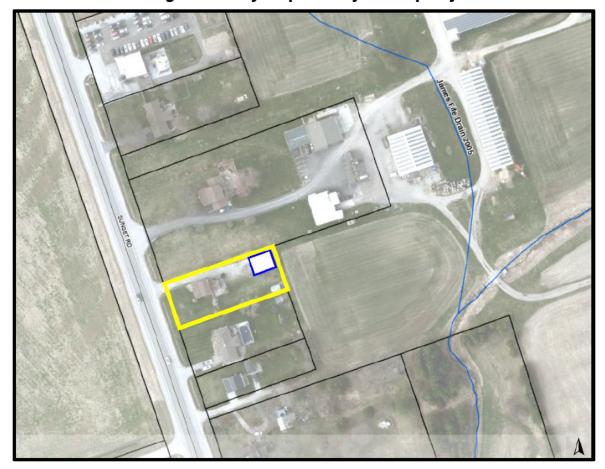


Figure 1.0 Key Map of Subject Property

Consultation

Statutory Notice Requirements

The Notice of the Public Hearing was provided in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. Property owners within 60m of the subject lands were provided notice through regular mail delivery. Applicable persons and public bodies were provided notice of the Public Hearing and a request for comments via email. Signage advising of the date of the Public Hearing, as well as the purpose and effect of the application, was placed on the subject property and details of the application and Public Hearing were also posted publicly on the Township's website.

Public and Agency Comments

At the time of the writing of the report, no comments or concerns have been received from public agencies or surrounding property owners.

Township Comments

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The Development and Infrastructure Services team expressed concerns about the water servicing on the subject property, especially as it relates to the accessory building and indicated that a servicing sketch needs to be submitted prior to issuance of a building permit. The department also indicated that there are concerns about the inclusion of significant hard surfacing. Prior to issuance of any building permits, the proponent will be required to submit a grading plan, showing that stormwater runoff will not exit the property onto neighbouring lands and will outlet into an appropriate receiver.

The building department had comments that a submitted survey for a building permit needs to show the location of existing septic system to ensure OBC Part 8 setbacks are maintained from newly proposed construction, and that any plumbing proposed for the new construction will need to be accommodated in the septic design. A land use permit from MTO will also be required for building permit issuance.

Multiple departments expressed concerns about the number of non-resident employees, indicating that the proponent must comply with the Home Industry requirements of the Zoning By-Law, which limits this to a maximum of two. Roadside parking is not permitted by either employees or customers. The proponent confirmed their intention to limit the number of non-resident employees.

Overview and Analysis:

This analysis is provided prior to the Public Hearing. Should new information arise regarding this proposal, the Committee of Adjustment is advised to take such information into account when considering the recommendation provided by Township Staff.

Application for Permission and Minor Variance was reviewed with consideration to the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), Elgin County Official Plan, Township of Southwold Official Plan, and the Township of Southwold Zoning Bylaw 2011-14. A summary of the applicable planning policies and regulations is provided.

	Section(s)	Relevant Policy Direction
Provincial Policy Statement, 2020	PPS 1.1.3 Settlement Areas	Settlement Areas shall be focus of growth and development
Elgin County Official Plan	A6.1.1. Settlement Areas C1.1.3 Employment Areas	Tier Two Settlement AreaEncouraging development of lands within settlement areas

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	Section(s)	Relevant Policy Direction
	C2.7 Secondary Uses	 Recognizing types of employment and different locational requirements to support continued viability Secondary use (such as Home Industry) is any land use that is accessory and subordinate to the principal use
Township of Southwold Official Plan	5.2 Settlement Area Land Uses 5.2.4 Industrial	 Settlement Areas are intended to be complete communities with a mix of uses Industrial uses are intended to provide for a range of employment types and support economic diversification Small scale commercial uses may be permitted provided they do not detract from the area for industrial purposes now or in the future
Township of Southwold Zoning By-law 2011-14	2.0 Definition for "Accessory" 8.0 Residential 1 (R1) Zone	 "Accessory" means a use, a building or a structure that is customarily incidental, subordinate and exclusively devoted to a main use and located on the same lot Applies to low density residential development

Permission

An Application for Permission considered under Section 45(2) of the Planning Act is not subject to the same evaluation criteria (four tests) that a minor variance is typically reviewed when considering a request under Section 45(1).

Under Section 45(2), subsection (b), the Committee of Adjustment is afforded the power to: "...upon any such application, where the uses of land, buildings or structures permitted in the by-law are defined in general terms, may permit the use of any land,

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building or structure for any purpose that, in the opinion of the committee, conforms with the uses permitted in the by-law [Zoning By-law]."

1. Is the permitted "use" described in the By-law defined in general terms?

The Residential 1 (R1) Zone outlines two permitted uses within Section 8.0 of the Zoning By-law: Home Occupation and Single Detached Dwelling. Section 3.1 of the Zoning By-law (Accessory Uses) indicates that accessory uses, buildings or structures shall be permitted in any zone subject to the provisions of the applicable zone and evaluation criteria.

For the purposes of this report, jurisprudence for the meaning of "general terms" is adopted from *Social Betterment Properties International (Re), 2015.* Specific terms refer to clear, specific and unchanged requirements, whereas general terms would lack such criteria.

Definitions

"ACCESSORY", when used to describe a use, a building or a structure, means a use, a building or a structure that is customarily incidental, subordinate and exclusively devoted to a main use, building or structure and located on the same lot therewith, and shall not include a residential use unless specifically stated otherwise.

Based on the above definition, "accessory" is considered to be a general term as the considerations of what may constitute an accessory use, building or structure are unspecified.

2. Does the purpose conform with uses permitted in the By-law?

A home industry differs from a home occupation (a permitted use of the R1 Zone) in that a home industry may be located within an accessory building or structure and is typically greater in size and scale than a home occupation which is intended to be located within the principal dwelling unit. Both home industry and home occupation are intended to be secondary, or incidental and subordinate, to the main use of the property and can be considered as accessory. The proposed home industry use (woodworking shop) conforms to the definition of a home industry, as outlined below:

"HOME INDUSTRY" means an occupation or business conducted for gain or profit within a dwelling unit and/or accessory buildings in accordance with Section 3.14 Home Industry.

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In addition to the above consideration, it is notable that the underlying land use designation within the Township's Official Plan is Industrial. Rezoning the subject lands to a site-specific Commercial / Industrial Zone would be supportable based on the policy direction established within the Official Plan. Permission with variances is being pursued by the Applicants as a zone change to remove the principal residential use was considered premature. The Applicants reside on the property and intend to scale the home industry use until such time that a more comprehensive plan for the Talbotville industrial lands is available and a rezoning is deemed necessary or otherwise advanced.

Minor Variances

The Applicants are requesting relief from the following provisions of the Zoning By-law:

Section 3.19(b) Accessory Uses - Lot Coverage

In all other Zones and for all other uses, with the exception of uses, buildings and structures in the Agricultural Zones, the lot coverage of all accessory buildings or structures on the said lot shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the said lot area. One (1) accessory building or structure, not exceeding 15.0 m² (161.5 sq.ft) in floor area, may be excluded from the calculation of total lot coverage.

• The Applicants are requesting that the permitted lot coverage be increased from 15% to 25% to accommodate future expansion of the accessory building and home industry use.

Section 3.14(c) Home Industry – Gross Floor Area

For any lot, the gross floor area devoted to home industries shall not exceed 200 m² (2,153 sq.ft)

• The Applicants are requesting that the permitted gross floor area devoted to the home industry use be increased from 200m² (2,153 sq.ft) to approximately 325m² (3,498 sq.ft).

When presented with an Application for Minor Variance, the Committee of Adjustment must be satisfied the application meets the "Four Tests" of subsection 45(1) of the Planning Act:

Do the variances maintain the intent of the Official Plan? Yes

The subject lands are designated Industrial within the Township Official Plan. Policy direction for the Industrial areas includes support of a range of employment types and economic diversification, including incorporation of smaller scale uses provided that the current and long-term use of the lands for industrial-type land uses is not compromised.

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The proposed home industry use, with variances enabling future expansion, maintains the intent of the Official Plan and provides an appropriate transitional use on the property. The use will not compromise or detract from the character of the area and is considered orderly development.

Do the variances maintain the intent of the Zoning By-law? Yes

The subject lands are zoned Residential 1 (R1) Zone within the Township's Zoning Bylaw. This zoning recognizes the current use of the lands as residential but does not reflect (but is deemed to conform with) the underlying Industrial land use designation.

The intent of restricting lot coverage of accessory buildings and gross floor area of accessory uses, such as a home industry, is to ensure that both remain operationally and visually subordinate to the principal use of the land, in this case being residential. The existing accessory building is located in the rear yard of the subject property, behind the existing house, and future expansion would remain in what is currently the rear yard.

An increased lot coverage for the accessory building and greater gross floor area for the home industry is not anticipated to result in off-site impacts and would not be out of character with the surrounding land uses.

Are the variances an appropriate use of the land? Yes

The resulting home industry use located in an accessory building with increased lot coverage and gross floor area permissions would be consistent with accessory buildings (both residential and agricultural) and other uses on surrounding properties. The location of the home industry use and accessory building will maintain sufficient lot area and amenity space for the principal residential use of the lands.

As this area is intended for future non-residential land uses, the proposed home industry is considered an appropriate and desirable use of the lands that would not compromise future non-residential land uses.

Are the variances minor in nature? Yes

The requested variances are considered minor in that the subject lands are located in an area characterized by a variety of agricultural and commercial operations as well as residential uses. The site is further intended for future industrial uses. The requests are related to the expansion of an accessory use that presently operates appropriately on the lands without any negative impacts on the surrounding properties. The proposed expansion of the use and accessory structure ensures that that use will be maintained internally, limiting the potential impacts of noise and dust. Confirmation from the

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applicant has been provided that the use will continue to be maintained as a small operation with no requests for additional parking being requested. Furthermore, concerns raised through the review process will be addressed through the building permit process which will be required prior to any construction beginning.

Conclusion:

Subject to receiving further questions and comments from the Committee of Adjustment and members of the public, staff is in a position to state that the application, as proposed:

- i. Is in keeping with the general intent of the Official Plan.
- ii. Is in keeping with the general intent of Zoning By-law 2011-14, as amended, for the Township of Southwold.
- iii. Is desirable and will result in the appropriate development of the area
- iv. Is minor in nature not causing any adverse impact that may result from granting this application

Upon the Committee of Adjustment making a decision, the required Notice of Decision for the Minor Variance will be circulated within 15 days of the meeting. There is a 20-day appeal period during which objections to the decision can be submitted to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The Committee of Adjustment should be able to demonstrate why the application does or does not meet the four tests for a minor variance under the Planning Act and state those reasons in making a decision.

Financial Implications:

There are no significant financial implications related to the consideration of Minor Variance Application MV 2024-05.

Strategic Plan Goals:

The al	bove recommendation helps the Township meet the Strategic Plan Goal of:
	Managed Growth
	Welcoming and Supportive Neighbourhoods
	Economic Opportunity

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Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Site Plan Sketch

