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Memorandum

Planning and Development Services

Re: Ontario Barn Preservation Letter
To: Heritage Advisory Committee Members
From: Carlson Tsang, Planner, Heritage Planning
Date: September 14, 2020

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum regarding the Ontario Barn Preservation Letter be received.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Heritage Advisory Committee about a letter received from the Ontario Barn Preservation that offers recommendations to better protect heritage barns across the Province.

Background

On July 21, 2020, the Town received a letter from the Ontario Barn Preservation, a non-profit dedicated to preserving, documenting and promoting heritage barns in Ontario. The letter is to provide local municipalities with insights on how to strengthen the protection of heritage barns, which includes:

- Strategies to comply with the requirements of the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae (MDS);
- Changes to the Provincial policy related to lot creation in prime agricultural areas.
- Provide a zoning category for small lots that are sized to permit limited livestock, alternative and value-added agricultural operations; and,
- Review building code requirements for converting a barn to a non-livestock building.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Ontario Barn Preservation Letter