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Comment on Clearview's Draft Zoning By-law before November 5th

CLEARVIEW, ON September 9, 2025 – Clearview Township's Zoning By-law Review is underway with the release of the Draft Zoning By-law, now available on the Township's website for public comment until November 5th.

Mayor Measures and Clearview Council look forward to hearing from residents, "This is a great opportunity for our community to shape the future of Clearview Township." He said, "I encourage everyone to engage in the consultation process—whether through online feedback, attending the open house, or joining the public meeting. Your input is crucial in making sure the new by-law reflects the needs and vision of our residents."

You may interact with the Zoning By-law when building a shed, opening a business, or renovating your home. Zoning is the key tool for implementing the long-term land use planning vision set out in a Municipality's Official Plan. Our new Township Official Plan was adopted in 2024.

The next step is to update the Township's Zoning By-law to conform to the new Official Plan. There are a few key issues which are being reviewed through this process:

- **Agricultural Policy Changes:** We are proposing changes to include farm-related uses and On-Farm Diversified Uses. These new provisions provide more guidance for the diversity of agricultural uses and farm-related uses.
- Additional Residential Units (ARUs): We propose changing which zones ARUs are permitted in, and how many are permitted. This will support a greater diversity of housing types and allow ARUs to be in more residential zones.
- **Accessory Buildings:** We propose changing the way we regulate accessory buildings, such as sheds and garages. We are moving to restrict accessory buildings solely based on lot size, allowing for greater flexibility while ensuring they remain appropriately scaled.

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• **Live-Work Units:** We are introducing live-work units, which are similar to a home business, but slightly more intensive. Examples include a small medical clinic, a small retail store, or an art or yoga studio.

You can find more about these key issues and the draft by-law on our website by visiting www.clearview.ca/ZBLReview.

How can you participate in the review process?

We want to hear your thoughts about our draft Zoning By-law. There are a couple of ways residents are encouraged to participate:

- 1. **Comment on the Draft By-law:** Submit comments using our online survey by visiting www.clearview.ca/ZBLReview. Questions can also be sent to our planning team by email at ZBLReview@clearview.ca.
- 2. **Attend the Open House on Wednesday, September 24th at 2:00 PM:**The Open House will be held in the Council Chambers at the Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner. Ask questions to the project team and tell us what you think.
- 3. **Attend the Public Meeting on Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30 PM:** The Public Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

The purpose of these changes is to bring our Zoning By-law into conformity with Provincial Policy and our new Official Plan. The effect is to create a new Zoning By-law for the whole Township. You can learn more about each topic, review the draft by-law and stay engaged in the process by visiting our website at www.clearview.ca/ZBLReview.

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For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, please contact:

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