

PUBLIC NOTICE

pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

APPLICATION FOR ZONE CHANGE in the TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

Township of Zorra
163 Brock Street
Thamesford, ON PO Box 189, N0M 2M0
Telephone: 519-485-2490

DATE: Thursday, July 30, 2026

FILE: ZN 5-26-06 (Paul and Jayme Claessens)

Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Zone Change

The purpose of this application is to rezone the subject lands (and additional lands to the immediate south) from their respective 'Rural Residential (RR) Zone' and 'General Agricultural (A2) Zone' and place them into a new 'Special Rural Residential Zone (RR-sp)' in order to facilitate the expansion of a 'Rural Entrepreneurial Use' on the subject lands. The proposed zone change would also seek site-specific provisions to permit the rural entrepreneurial use (electrical contractor currently operating on the property) to occupy approximately 279 m² (3,000 ft²) within a proposed accessory structure (proposed in addition to the existing 148 m² (1,600 ft²) accessory structure). A future consent application is forthcoming and will seek to sever and convey the area of approximately 0.3 ha (0.74 ac) immediately south of the subject lands in order to accommodate the proposed rural entrepreneurial use.

The subject lands are described as Lot 22, Concession 3 (North Dorchester), are located on the south side of Road 74, between 15th Line and 17th Line, and are municipally known as 642914 Road 64, Township of Zorra.

Public Meeting

The Council of the Township of Zorra will hold a public meeting to consider the proposed Zone Change on:

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: In person and virtual public meeting via live stream

Township Office, 163 Brock Street, Thamesford, ON PO Box 189, N0M 2M0

Township of Zorra YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCceQkQTakEgGU4PYRUT_C7g

The format of Committee of Adjustment and Zoning By-law public hearings has changed and will now take place using a hybrid meeting model. The public may attend the meeting in-person (at the Township municipal office) or may participate virtually through a software application called Zoom. There are multiple ways to participate through Zoom and the option for videoconferencing and/or telephone is available. Public meetings and Council meetings may be viewed through a live stream feed at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCceQkQTakEgGU4PYRUT_C7g should you wish to view the meeting but not participate.

If you would like to participate in the public hearing, please email clerk@zorra.ca or call 519-485-2490 ext. 7228 by **Monday, July 27, 2026**. Leave your name and phone number, as well as the application file number or address of the property you are calling about. Staff will return your call and provide participation options and details. Arrangements can also be made to obtain a copy of the relevant planning report if you are unable to download a copy from <https://zorra.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingSchedule.aspx>

Other Planning Act Applications: None

Please be advised that Council may approve, modify or refuse the requested application at the meeting. If you do not attend or are not represented at the meeting, the Council may proceed and may not advise you of any proposed modifications.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Zorra on the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the either the Clerk of the Township of Zorra or to planning@oxfordcounty.ca.

In order to appeal a decision of the Township of Zorra to the Ontario Land Tribunal, eligibility requirements must be met as outlined in the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Township of Zorra to the Ontario Land Tribunal but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Township of Zorra or the County of Oxford before the amendment is adopted, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. Third party appeals of any decision are not permitted.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Zorra or the County of Oxford before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

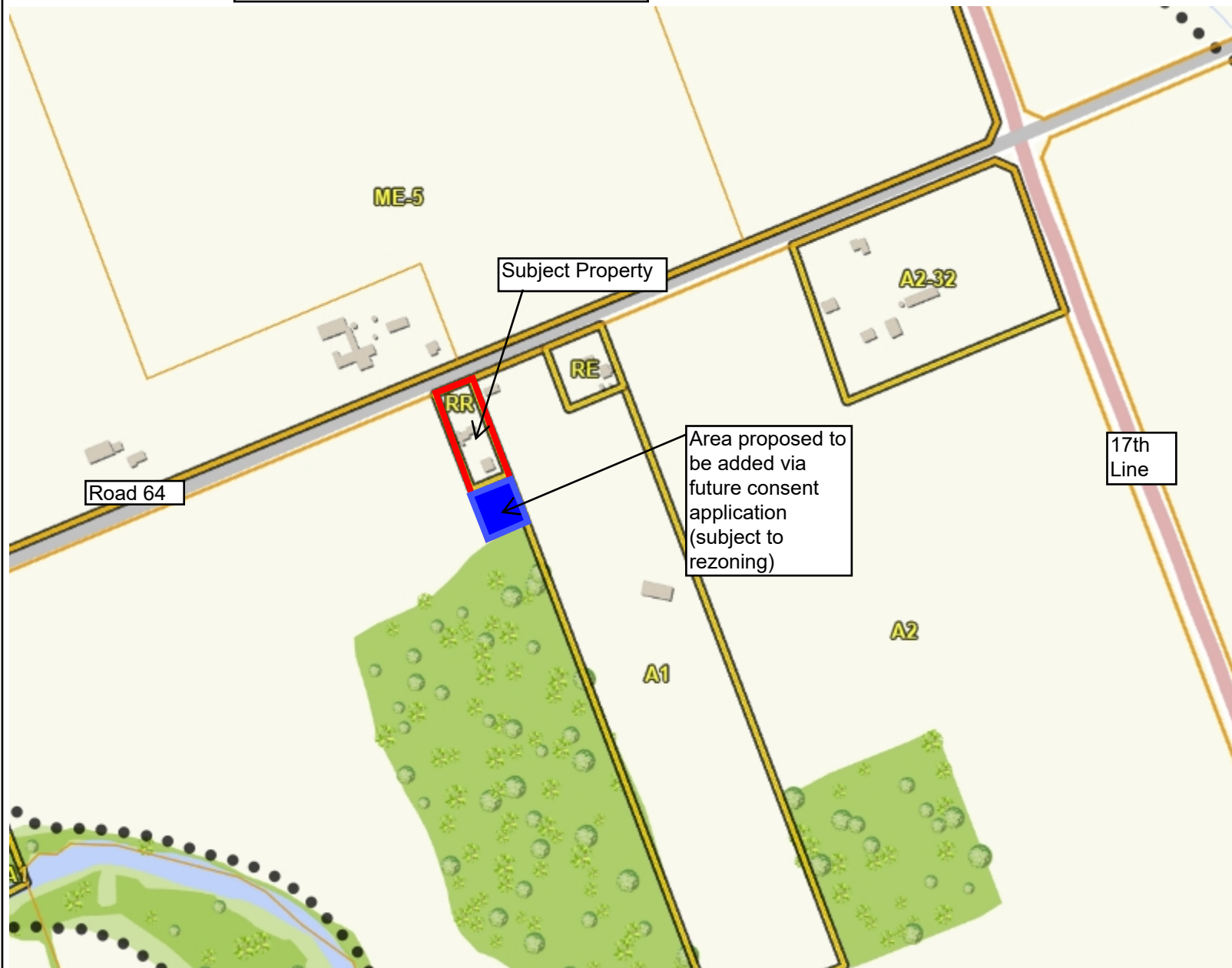
Additional information relating to the proposed amendment is available for review at the County of Oxford Community Planning Office at the address below, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by visiting the Community Planning website at www.oxfordcounty.ca/en/services-for-you/land-use-development.aspx . If you have any questions regarding the above-noted application and how to preserve your appeal rights, please contact **Spencer McDonald, Development Planner**, Community Planning Office **(519-539-9800 ext. 3205)**. Written comments may be forwarded to the address below or emailed to: planning@oxfordcounty.ca. Please include the applicant's name and our File Number on all correspondence.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather St. Clair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Heather St.Clair, MCIP, RPP
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Legend

- Parcel Lines**
- Municipal Boundary
 - Property Boundary
 - - - Assessment Boundary
 - Road
 - Unit
- Zoning Floodlines**
- Regulation Limit**
- ◆ 100 Year Flood Line
 - ▲ 30 Metre Setback
 - Conservation Authority Regulation Limit
 - Regulatory Flood And Fill Lines
- Land Use Zoning (Displays 1:16000 to 1:500)

Notes



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July 7, 2026