



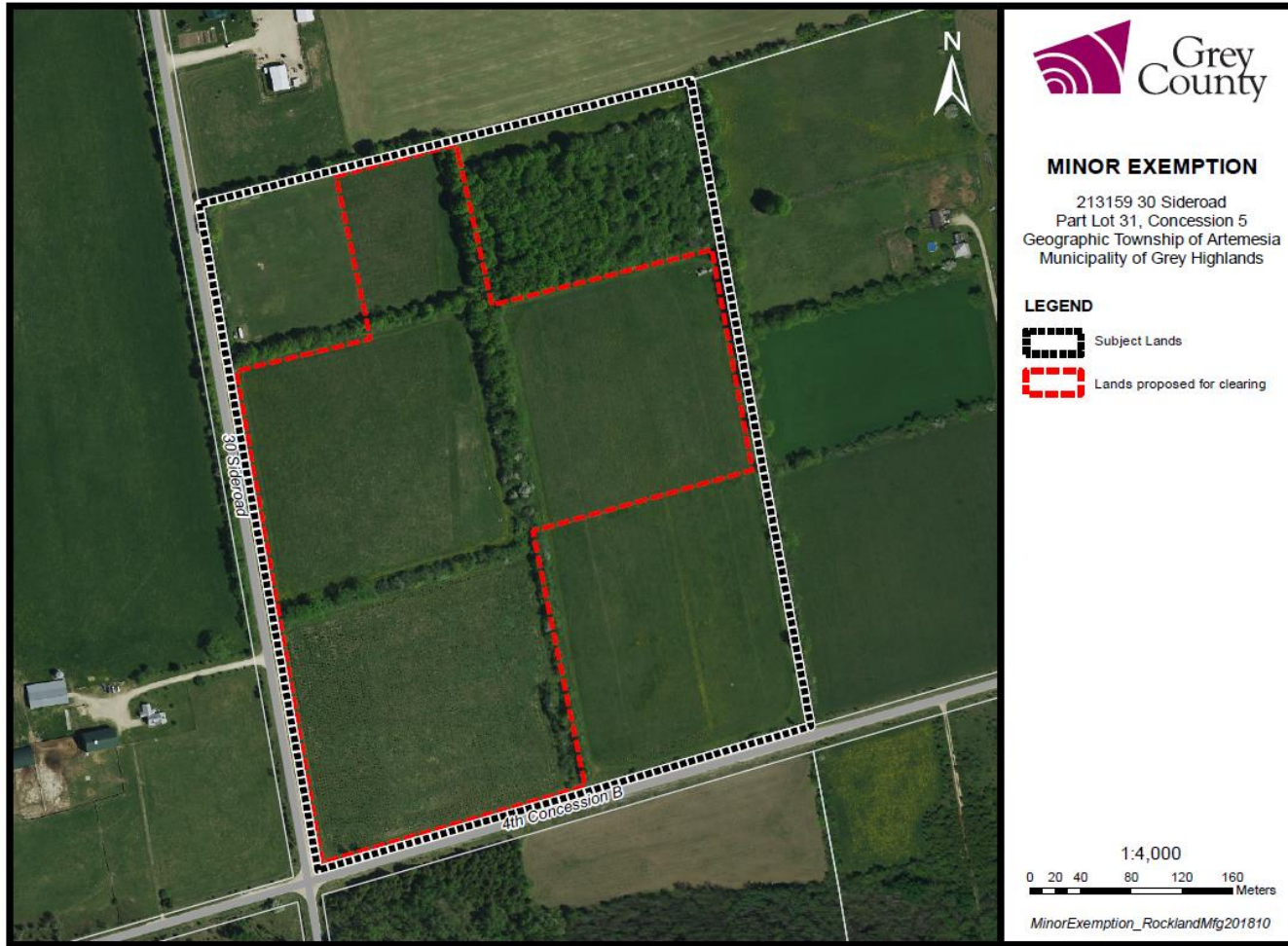
**Rockland Mfg. Inc. (John M. Martin)**  
**Minor Exemption Application**  
**Report PDR-CW-40-18**

Lot 31, Concession 5 (213159 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad)  
(geographic Township of Artemesia)  
Municipality of Grey Highlands

# Proposed Minor Exemption Application

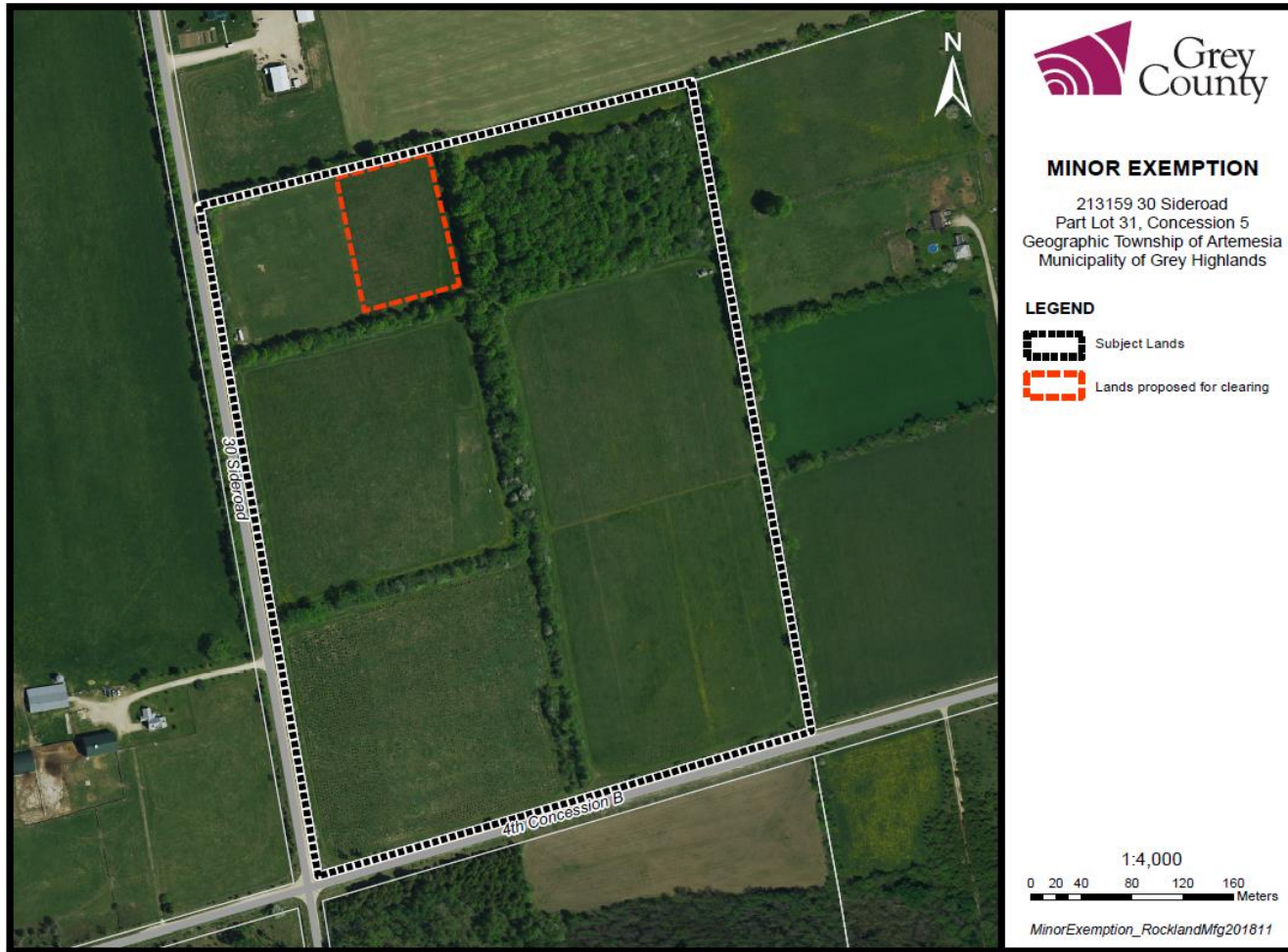
- The initial minor exemption application proposed to clear roughly 32 acres (13 ha) of evergreens and to convert the lands back to farm lands.
- Following circulation, and comments received, the proposal was amended.
- The amended proposal for tree cutting spans 1.97 acres (0.8 ha).

# Initial Proposed Tree Clearing





# Amended Proposal



# Comments Received on Minor Exemption

- ▶ As per the process outlined under the County's Forest Management By-law, the application was circulated to agencies and the public.
  - No comments were received from the public for either submissions.
  - Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) indicated that Grey Sauble planted trees on the subject property in 2009 and 2011 under the 50 million Tree Program through Trees Ontario (now known as forests Ontario).
    - GSCA staff also completed a Managed Forest Plan for the subject property in 2009, which stipulates landowners need to follow 'good forestry practices'.
    - This contract was not binding to subsequent owners of the property.

# Comments Received on Minor Exemption

- Grey County's Forest By-law Enforcement Officer would not support the application as proposed. The officer, alongside the County planner conducted a site visit, and noted the trees are healthy and established.
- An amended proposal was brought forward for review.
- The County's Forest By-law Enforcement Officer indicated support for the revised proposal.
- No concerns were expressed from the Municipality of Grey Highlands.
- County planning staff are recommending approval of the amended minor exemption application.

# Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-CW-40-18 be received and that the amended application (map 2) for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Lot 31, Concession 5 (213159 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad), in the geographic Township of Artemesia, Municipality of Grey Highlands, be approved.