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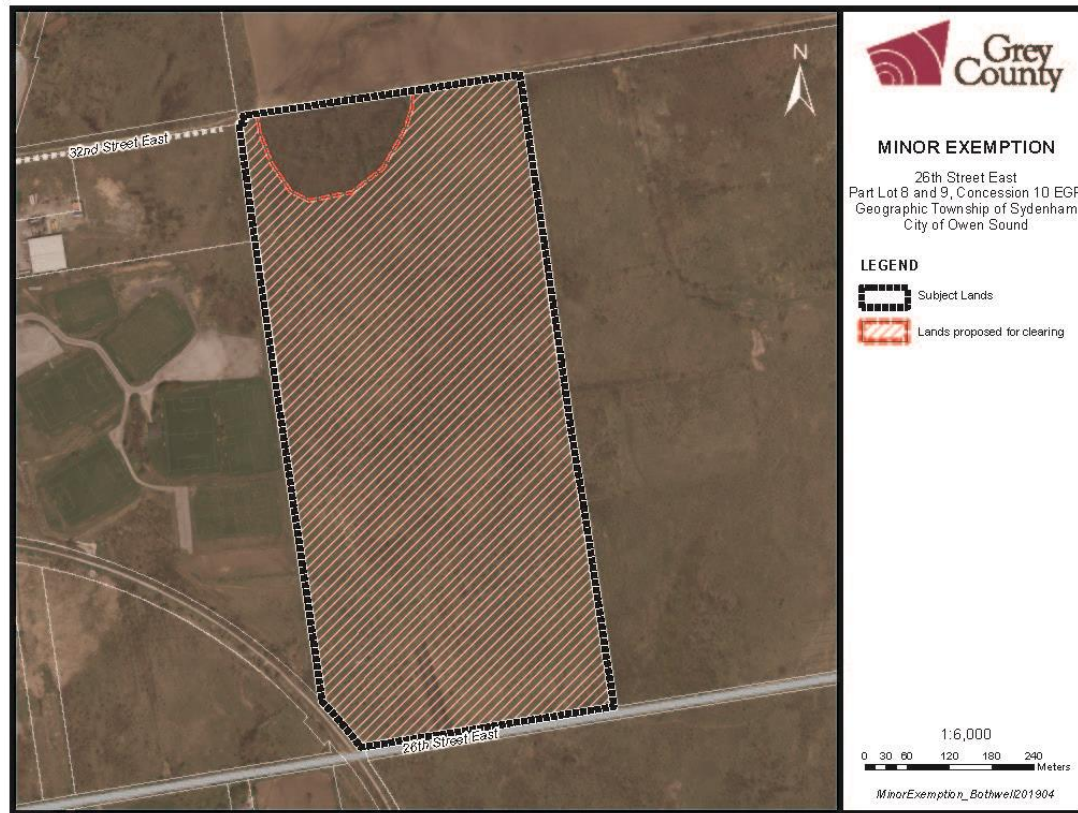
George Bothwell
Minor Exemption Application
Report PDR-CW-28-19

Part of Lot 8, Lot 9, Range 10 EGR
(Geographic Township of Sydenham)
City of Owen Sound

Proposed Minor Exemption Application

- Application made after some of the work has been completed.
- The minor exemption application proposes to clear/remove the invasive buckthorns and other growing thorns including other non-native woodland species; as well as
- Cut/remove the ash trees that are threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer;
- The long term goal is to improve the cattle pasture and to create productive farmable lands, where the soil is favourable.

Proposed Tree Clearing



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.
 - Grey Sauble Conservation Authority noted the applicant would require a permit from their office, if site grading was proposed.
 - The City of Owen Sound had no objections. They requested that the dead and diseased trees were removed using best forestry practices to limit the further spread of Emerald Ash Borer
 - Grey County's Forest By-law Enforcement Officer noted that the trees already destroyed were mainly ash and buckthorn. He also recommends that a double windrow of trees is planted along the western boundary.
 - County planning staff are recommending approval of this minor exemption application.

Recommendation

- ▶ That Report PDR-CW-28-19 be received and that the application for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Part of Lot 8 and Lot 9, Range 10, EGR, in the Geographic Township of Sydenham, City of Owen Sound be approved subject to the following conditions:
 - That a double windrow of trees be planted on the western boundary;
 - That the necessary permits be obtained from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority; and
 - That the diseased ash trees be disposed of using best forestry management practices to limit the further spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.