Marvara Farms Limited
Minor Exemption Application
Report PDR-CW-17-18
Lots 38 - 40, Concession 2 SDR and
Lots 41 – 45 Concession 3 SDR
(geographic Township of Artemesia)
Municipality of Grey Highlands

This presentation contains a summary of Staff Report PDR-CW-17-18. For more details on this application, including a thorough comment summary and planning analysis, please see the Staff Report.
Proposed Minor Exemption Application

- Original minor exemption application proposed to clear 12 acres of pine plantation and 27 acres of natural mature secondary growth forest.
- The purpose of the clearing was to better connect farm lands on the subject property.
- Initial comments were not supportive of this amount of clearing and recommended an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be completed.
- Following the completion of the EIS, the application was amended to clear 2.5 acres of pine plantation and 0.7 acres of natural mature secondary growth forest.
- The revised proposal would allow for the installation of two laneways to connect farm fields and improve efficiency.
Original
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 members of the public.
- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) is supportive of the revised proposal, but noted that permits would be required for the proposed laneways.
- The Municipality of Grey Highlands has no concerns subject to the SVCA and County criteria being addressed.
- The County’s Forest Management By-law Enforcement Officer is supportive of the revised proposal.
- County Planning staff are recommending approval of the revised proposed tree clearing.
Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-CW-17-18 be received and that the application for a Minor Exemption under the County’s Forest Management By-law for Lots 38 – 40, Concession 2 South of the Durham Road (SDR) and Lots 41 – 45, Concession 3, SDR, in the geographic Township of Artemesia, Municipality of Grey Highlands, be approved.