

July 18, 2022

Dear Members of the Middlesex Centre Council:

Please accept the attached Consent Application for a minor 10-metre boundary adjustment to our property of 15675 Nine Mile Road in Ilderton.

We are requesting permission to purchase 10 metres to the rear of our property from the farmers, Michael, and Walter Moir.

We purchased this property from the Moir's in February 2020. It was advertised and sold as a "tear down" with a new septic system. Our plan was to tear down the existing house and build in the same spot. Unfortunately, COVID came and changed that plan with the unpredictability of the housing market.

As our plans changed, we needed to design a house that fit on the property around the existing old farmhouse which we renovated just enough to live in temporarily while we built the new house. As we began the planning of the new house, we learned that the "new" septic system installed in 2019 as part of the severance process completed by the Moir's could not be used for our new house. Instead, our only option was to put in a raised septic bed to comply with Municipality regulations. This meant that the only viable option was to place the new septic bed in the southwest corner of the lot without removing every existing tree on the property. This also forced us to place the new house directly behind the old one leaving only 10 metres to the rear lot line. There was no other option of where to place the new house.

As a result, the raised bed has elevated the house to the point that there is a very steep slope to the rear lot line. This also puts the house very close to the proximity of farming operations (spraying of chemicals). In discussions with Michael and Walter Moir, they expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of the land in the proposed 10 metres which is due to the removal of a barn and gravel laneway that the Municipality made them remove as a condition of the initial severance. That area is full of large rocks which not only has resulted in very poor and low yield of crops but has also posed some damage to their farming equipment. In fact, we agreed to rent the 10 metres from them since previous yield was so poor.

We realize that maintaining land for agriculture is important, but we hope you can see that this slight boundary adjustment of adding 10 metres to the rear of our lot is due to the technical need for a raised septic bed which has impacted the design and building of our new home.

We want you to know that if we are successful with the 10-metre boundary adjustment, we would like to plant 2 rows of trees along the back which I'm sure you would agree is a beneficial improvement to the environment. The request is not for any other reason than to grade at a

more comfortable and safer angle from our house to the lot line and to ensure the distance from our back porch is far enough away from the chemical spraying on the crops.

We also hope you consider that this request is with the full support of the farmers, Michael and Walter Moir and has no impact on their agricultural yield in that area of their farm.

Thank you for your time and support in considering our request for a 10-metre minor boundary adjustment to 15675 Nine Mile Road.

Sincerely,

Robert and Gloria Castelo

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert and Gloria Castelo", written in a cursive style.