



## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

### Report No: BP-2021-28

October 12, 2021

From: Jacob Rheaume – Chief Building Official / Director of Building, By-law & Planning

RE: By-law No. 43-2021 - Clear Cutting By-law, and

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#### **Recommended Motion:**

**THAT** the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. BP-2021-28;

**AND THAT** the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopts By-law No. 43-2021 - Clear Cutting By-law, and.

**AND THAT** By-law 43-2021 be read a first, second, third time and enacted in Open Council this 12th day of October, 2021

#### **Background / Analysis:**

The Township held a public meeting to gather the last round of comments from the public on September 15, 2021. Based on discussions with members of the public, GFA and staff, and based on legal advice, only three changes were made to the By-law after that meeting.

- 1 – All adjacent neighbours will be notified by mail a minimum of two weeks before issuing the clear-cutting permit. (6.1 (f))*
- 2 – A copy of the permit shall be posted on the property by the owner or the applicant once the permit is issued and shall remain posted until the work is completed. (6.7)*
- 3 – The term “private drain” was added to the definition. (2.16)*
- 4 – Section 6.4 (b) was clarified for when a survey is required for an application.*

This By-law was created to control the associated nuisance with clear cutting and gather statistics on the amount clear cutting being done in North Glengarry. It is also important to note that it complies with Best Management Practices for farming from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and does not impede with any other applicable laws.

It was also made to implement best practices related to the management of the tree canopy and natural vegetation and to complying with Bill 68 “Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act, 2016,” requiring all municipalities to adopt and maintain policies to protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation within their jurisdiction.

The intent of the By-law applies only to woodlands over 1.0 hectares (2.47 acres) or more in one calendar year in an individual Roll Number within the area of the Township of North Glengarry, located on a property within the Township of North Glengarry.

The By-law will come into force once passed by Council. Any work that has started on a prior date is allowed to continue without having to comply with this By-law. Any subsequent clear-cutting work will require a permit issued under By-law No. 43-2021 Clear Cutting By-law.

**Alternatives:**

1. Option 1: The Council of the Township of North Glengarry passes By-law No. 43-2021 - Clear Cutting By-law.
2. Option 2 (not recommended): The Council of the Township of North Glengarry does not pass the By-law.

**Financial Implications:**

No financial implications.

**Attachments & Relevant Legislation:**

- By-law No. 43-2021
- By-law Schedules

**Others consulted:**

Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk  
Kasia Olszewska, Planner

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Reviewed and Approved by:  
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk