

MINUTES
WOODLOT COMMITTEE

The Woodlot Committee of the County of Lambton met at the Lambton County Buildings at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2003, to hold a hearing into several applications for exemption from the County of Lambton Trees By-law 15 of 2002.

Present: Chair Wm. Bilton, Warden Todd Case. Member: P. Davidson. Also present were Deputy-Secretary-Treasurer M. Pauschenwein and Woodlot Inspector R. Minielly.

Absent: K. Hart.

Application W-003/03

James W. Seward
Concession 4, Lot 26
497 Courtright Line
Township of St. Clair (MO)

An application for exemption from the County of Lambton Trees By-law 15 of 2002 for James W. Seward of the Township of St. Clair (MO) for an exception from the provisions of By-law 15 of 2002 of the County of Lambton, being "A by-law restricting and regulating the destruction of trees by cutting, burning or other means" in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

Attending the meeting were James Seward and his brother Steven Seward. Mr. Seward stated that he would like to remove 100 feet of woodlot from the east side for the drain and 400' of woodlot from the north of a 75 acre farm in order to make the farm viable and keep the farm status for property tax purposes.

A letter was read from the Township of St. Clair stating that "for drainage improvements to his farm on Lot 26, Mr. Seward is proposing to clean out an existing open ditch. The existing ditch runs from north to south for approximately 3,000 feet in Concession 4 and empties into the Carr Drain. The Carr Drain is a municipal drain running from west to east across Lots 25 and 26, on the blind line between Concession 3 and 4.

R. Minielly stated that Mr. Seward has a severe drainage problem with this property. No outlet is possible unless a major drainage work is installed to the northwest corner of the woodlot.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the amount of trees that Mr. Seward would like to remove. At a minimum, 5 acres would have to be removed on the east side of the farm for a 50' R.O.W. for the drain, approximately 4 acres of thorn on the north portion of the property and 5 acres from the north part of the existing woodlot to make up the 14 acres. Mr. Seward originally requested a removal of 20 acres.

- (A) **#1:** Davidson/Case: That Woodlot Committee make recommendation to County Council that the removal of 14 acres (5 acres along drain, approx. 4 acres of hawthorne and 5 acres from the north part of the existing woodlot) be approved and that the applicant enter into an agreement with the County of Lambton to replant on a 1:1 in area basis. If the area for replanting on the owner's property is not sufficient, the remainder will be planted elsewhere in the township, the site being approved by the Woodlot Inspector. Carried.

Application W-004/03

**Steven Seward
Concession 4, Lot 25
Township of St. Clair (MO)**

An application for exemption from the County of Lambton Trees By-law 15 of 2002 for Steven Seward of the Township of St. Clair (MO) for an exception from the provisions of By-law 15 of 2002 of the County of Lambton, being "A by-law restricting and regulating the destruction of trees by cutting, burning or other means" in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

Attending the meeting were Steven Seward and his brother James Seward. Mr. Seward stated that he would like to remove a .6 acre portion of trees in order to install a tile drain. This property is adjacent to the property in the application submitted by his brother James Seward (W-003/03). He wishes to install an 8" solid tile main from the centre of his property to the Carr Drain. Perforated field tile is to be connected to this main in order to permit drainage of existing low areas in the cultivated fields. The proposed route for the main is through an existing woodlot situated on the south portion of the property.

There was a discussion regarding replanting. Mr. Seward agreed to replant.

- (A) **#2:** Case/Davidson: That Woodlot Committee make recommendation to County Council that Application W-004/03 be approved to remove a .613 acre portion of trees and that the applicant enter into an agreement with the County of Lambton to replant on a 1:1 in area basis and that the replanting location be approved by the Woodlot Inspector. Carried.

Application W-005/03

**Virginia Crawford & Rex Crawford a/f
Malcolm Crawford Estate
Concession 10, South Part Lot 15
Township of St. Clair (SO)**

An application for exemption from the County of Lambton Trees By-law 15 of 2002 for Virginia Crawford and Rex Crawford a/f Malcolm Crawford Estate for an exception from the provisions of By-law 15 of 2002 of the County of Lambton, being "A by-law restricting and regulating the destruction of trees by cutting, burning or other means" in respect to a woodlot which is located on the property noted above.

Attending the meeting were Virginia Crawford and her brother Rex Crawford. Mr. Crawford explained to the Committee that he would like to remove approximately 2.14 acres of trees to straighten up the woodlot and increase productivity.

There was a discussion regarding replanting. Mr. Crawford has already made arrangements with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to have several acres of trees planted on Virginia Crawford's farm property.

- (A) #3: Case/Davidson: That Woodlot Committee make recommendation to County Council that Application W-005/03 be approved to remove 2.14 acres of trees. Carried.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to meet again on May 13, 2003.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

William Bilton

Chair

Madeline Pauschenwein

Deputy- Secretary-Treasurer