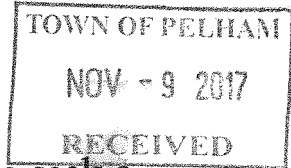


Town of Pelham Committee of Adjustment
20 Pelham Town Square
Fonthaill, Ont

Nov. 8, 2017



Subject: File A36/2017P. Application by Homes by Antonio Ltd. to seek a relief from Section 6.14 of the zoning bylaw.

We object to the granting of such a relief in this request. This bylaw was enacted so as to protect the “business of farming” from the encroachment of residential homes to within a specified distance from buildings housing farm animals. As we know, farm animals, their byproducts, the noise and the storage of animals and byproducts can give off a strong and offensive odour. This bylaw is meant to keep homes a safe distance from such farming businesses for the protection of the residents.

It was also enacted to protect the farming community from unnecessary complaints from their residential neighbours regarding farming operations.

Everyone in the Town of Pelham has read the news over the past several years regarding Town of Pelham residents complaining about small farms in our community with cattle. They complain about the noise, smell and worry about their safety if such animals escape. They move to the country and then expect everyone around to change so they can enjoy what they perceive as “quaint country living”.

This particular application is requesting relief from the 300 metre distance. This request is not a minor variance, it is 3 1/2 times closer than the bylaw allows. We can see using common sense if someone needed several metres to assist in accommodating a residence but this is not at all reasonable or acceptable.

The farm across from the proposed house has large acreage and is situated on greenbelt land so is limited to farming and only farming. It was a former dairy farm and the barn and was built to accommodate a large herd of animals.

The proposed location of the new house could put a portion of the house within 300 metres of our barn at 931 Canboro Rd. But as we said earlier, several metres is reasonable.

The company that purchased this piece of property either failed to do their homework or are hoping that the town caves to their request.

The bylaw is there to protect the livelihood of farmers and farms and the application must be denied.

Respectfully.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug Hargreaves".

Doug & Tara Hargreaves