



Kegal

From Jennifer Dailloux <jdailloux@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Date Wed 2024-09-04 9:40 AM
To Sabrina Richards <srichards@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Hiya,

Can we chat about the [REDACTED] file tonight? I'd like to hear your thoughts....

Jen

Jennifer Dailloux
Councillor, Ward 3
& Deputy Mayor
Township of Algonquin Highlands

cell: (705) 927-1273
Email: jdailloux@algonquinhighlands.ca

10:00



Liz

Usually an hour and 1/2 but that usually includes topics outside of the agenda... it also includes every item.... I would think a half to three quarters of an hour should do you on this one unless it includes detailed Q&A with Sean. My 1/2 hr estimate is based on you and I having spoken already.



Thu, Sep 5 at 12:05 PM

Well done Jen...and good decisions by all! It's very odd to be a fly on the wall lol

Thank you, Liz! Are you a bit better this morning?

This is a bit like a roller coaster... I'm improving but I felt better yesterday.

Thu, Sep 5 at 1:44 PM

Council passed a resolution that you should get better with immediate effect. 🗳️👍



Message





Kristen Glass

COPY

From: Website <bylawcomplaint@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Sent: June 18, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Greg Moore
Subject: Online Complaint Form

File Upload:

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Date & Time: Daily, in the mornings.

Location: [REDACTED] rd.

Terms: agree

Details: Hi, I live at [REDACTED] Most mornings there is a stench of burning plastic that wafts through the neighbourhood, and I can smell it in my house. I've spoken to a few neighbours about it and have been advised the source of the stink comes from Kegel Heating burning "everything". We have a dump down the street, so there should be no reason to incinerate everything. I'm asking for this to be stopped. We have a by-law prohibiting burning of noxious materials which I'm hoping applies to commercial businesses as well as residents. I appreciate your thoughts on my issue, and some advise if I'm in the wrong.

Thanks in advance,

Robert D.J. Mascia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 22, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Robert D.J. Mascia
Cc: Greg Moore; Kristen Glass
Subject: Re: Complaint images

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I am interested to learn if the Fire Department was notified as I have been told this is a fire hazard by a firefighter. When you get a chance please let me know,
Take care,
[REDACTED]

On May 22, 2024, at 10:33 AM, Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca> wrote:

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Staff has investigated this matter and have determined that no violations were found. Case is now deemed closed.

Regards,

Robert Mascia, MLEO(C)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
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From: Robert D.J. Mascia
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 2:36 PM
To: [REDACTED] Kristen Glass <kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Subject: RE: Complaint images

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, I will review this with Kristen when she is back in the office.

Regards,

Robert Mascia, MLEO(C)

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 1:55 PM

To: Kristen Glass <kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Robert D.J. Mascia

<rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Subject: Complaint images

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As a follow up to our discussion yesterday. These are the pictures in regards to the complaint about the brush and wood pile/fence on [REDACTED] and the concern about it being a fire hazard. Thank you.

Beth

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Robert D.J. Mascia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 24, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Robert D.J. Mascia; Greg Moore
Cc: Kristen Glass; Jeff Lewis; Sabrina Richards
Subject: Re: Complaint - [REDACTED]

Sherry

No response was given by Bylaw

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Hello and thank you for your prompt reply.

I'd just like to take a moment to express that making a formal complaint is not something that I, or any of the households in the affected area, take lightly. Those of us that have come forward as a result of this case represent a number of tax payers and residents with growing concerns over the impact to the local environment, quality of life, and for a community of families who have been here for upwards of 90 years.

In my initial bylaw complaint submission I outlined a number of specific incidents and concerns that we have had over the last decade; an industrial commercial business being run from a residentially zoned area, shipping containers, derelict vehicles, and other large machinery stored on the property, hazardous plastics being burned in an on-site incinerator, and recently a growing pig farming operation with the constant smell of manure throughout the summer all on/from the same residential property. Despite these incidences, increasing concerns over impact to and contamination of the surrounding environment, and the continued dismissal of any conciliatory efforts to address our concerns, we have not felt the need to formally file a complaint with the township until now.

The initial concern that brought us to this point is a wall of stumps, logs, brush, kindling, and other debris piled up beneath the Hydro right of way, running roughly a hundred and fifty feet long and reaching heights of eight feet tall. The unsightly wall (not a berm by definition) also runs alongside one of only two privately owned roads that access our entire area and are frequented by more than fifteen families. Surely this falls under the Clean and Clear Bylaw (Section 4.1b). In addition, the concerns over any fire hazards posed by this wall were raised several weeks ago by myself and a few others who represent a number of the affected households.

Since that complaint was filed, the [REDACTED] family has been devastated by not one, but two fires, that erupted within a twelve hour period and destroyed their home. Words cannot describe the depths of despair that they are facing - I am truly heartbroken for their loss. Nobody should have to face that nightmare.

This very incident has once again raised many concerns and fears amongst our community over potential fire and safety threats. So we are once again reaching out to the bylaw enforcement office in the hopes that you sincerely and carefully consider this case, in its entirety (as outlined in MY original submission). Our hope and intent here is to find an amicable resolution for all involved parties so that the community can continue to peacefully coexist and support each other as neighbours who have lived side by side for many generations.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

On Jun 20, 2024, at 12:05 PM, Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

As per your request for correspondence on your complaint. The By-Law Department has consulted with the Building Department, Fire Department and Planning and Zoning and no violations were found.

The By-Law Department has closed this file as no violations were found.

Regards,

Robert Mascia, MLEO(C)

No reports from dept

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Greg Moore

From: Greg Moore
Sent: June 27, 2024 2:48 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Sean O'Callaghan
Subject: RE: Complaint - [REDACTED]

Perfect, will see you tomorrow.

Thanks,


Greg Moore, CBCO
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 2:47 PM
To: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Complaint - [REDACTED]

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We are at [REDACTED] but we can meet at the intersection at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Envoyé de mon iPhone

Le 27 juin 2024 à 14:40, Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca> a écrit :

Hi [REDACTED]

We will be on site at 09:00. Please indicate a meeting address.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 2:33 PM
To: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED] Sean O'Callaghan
<socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Subject: Re: Complaint - [REDACTED]

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Hello Greg thank you for your prompt reply. Yes tomorrow morning works. What time would you be available to meet at?

Celine

Regards
[REDACTED]

Envoyé de mon iPhone

Le 27 juin 2024 à 14:19, Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca> a écrit :

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Sean O'Callaghan and I would make ourselves available tomorrow, Friday June 28, 2024, in the morning, if acceptable?

Thanks and have a pleasant day,

Greg Moore, CBCO
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:49 AM
To: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Complaint - [REDACTED]

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Regards,

[REDACTED]

*Celine's
email*

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Cc: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>, Kristen Glass
<kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>, Jeff Lewis
<jlewis@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Subject: Complaint - [REDACTED]

Good Morning,

As per your request for correspondence on your complaint. The By-Law Department has consulted with the Building Department, Fire Department and Planning and berms are not regulated.

The By-Law Department has closed this file as no violations were found.

Regards,

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Greg Moore

From: Greg Moore
Sent: June 28, 2024 12:10 PM
To: Robert D.J. Mascia
Cc: Sean O'Callaghan
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi Rob,

It appears that following further investigation/site visit that a revisit of the by-law file is warranted.

I recommend that the brush wall be deemed refuse with regards to the clean & clear by-law and that all farm activities/operations cease as per our zoning by-law.

Also, please investigate the derelict vehicles claim.

Anything to add Sean? i.e. clear cutting, industrial use?

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*Reopened file
then came the zoning
application*

Greg Moore

From: Greg Moore
Sent: June 28, 2024 5:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Robert D.J. Mascia; Sean O'Callaghan
Subject: RE: Complaint - [REDACTED]

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for meeting with us this morning.

Staff are going to review and reopen the by-law complaint file.

Will be in touch next week.

Have a great weekend,

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Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:49 AM
To: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Complaint - [REDACTED]

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Robert D.J. Mascia

From: Michael French
Sent: July 4, 2024 11:57 AM
To: Robert D.J. Mascia
Cc: Greg Moore; Kristen Glass
Subject: BERM

Rob,

As a follow-up to the visit to look at the berm on [REDACTED] There is no elevated cause for concern of this being a potential fire risk, great than the surrounding area.

Regards,

Michael French, CMM III, CFEI, CFII

Fire Chief / CEMC

Fire Services Executive

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Robert D.J. Mascia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 26, 2024 3:12 PM
To: Robert D.J. Mascia
Cc: Greg Moore; [REDACTED] Sherry; Sean O'Callaghan; Kristen Glass
Subject: Re: Complaint - [REDACTED]

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Many thanks for your reply.
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 25, 2024, at 9:05 AM, Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca> wrote:

Good Morning [REDACTED]

The case is still ongoing and we are working with the property owner to bring the property into compliance.

Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:55 PM
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[REDACTED]

Cc: Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Sean O'Callaghan
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Hi Greg, what is the status on this case?
Thanks
[REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Complaint - [REDACTED]

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Robert D.J. Mascia

From: Cox, Kenneth (MNR) <Kennith.Cox@ontario.ca>
Sent: October 17, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Kristen Glass
Cc: Greg Moore; Robert D.J. Mascia; Michael French; Osesky, Chelsea (MNR); Allen, Sarah (MNR); Sean O'Callaghan
Subject: RE: Site Attendance & Photographs 16 October 2024 RE: More Information Requested
RE: Halls Lake Burn Hazard

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Good afternoon Kristen,

Not a problem at all, happy to help shed light on Wildland Fire topics,

I've reviewed both emails with photo attachments, and you are correct, I still maintain the humble opinion that the probability of this berm assisting head, lateral or backing Wildland Fire growth is nil. The course woody debris on the forested side of the burn would undoubtedly combust, in a stationary state, that would cause the responding agency to have to spend a great deal of time and effort to extinguish, however, it would not cause a ground fire to move quicker across the landscape in this current state, and in fact the berm would more effectively identified as a fuel break currently. In summary it would potentially slow a natural occurring Wildland Fires progress as it attempted to pass over the berm. It's simply going to take more water and time to extinguish if the course wooded debris were to catch on fire.

That being said there are many factors including forest/plant succession and human actions that could change the speed of which a Wildland Fire would pass over the berm as time goes on. For example, if a human was to choose to dump a pile of Christmas trees all over the berm after this seasons holidays, then the actions of placing multiple dead spruce, balsam and pine with dyeing needles would accelerate fire as it moved over the berm for the following fire season in 2025 if they were arranged in such an manor. Another example is if the exposed soil is naturally re-seeded as a 100% spruce/balsam fir regeneration micro site, that site would increase in fire spread probability as the seedlings grew up until they get to the age of self pruning laddered branches.

Kind regards,

Ken Cox (pronouns: he/him/his)
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*Read
Kristen's
email asking
about this*



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From: Kristen Glass <kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Sent: October 17, 2024 11:13 AM

To: Cox, Kenneth (MNR) <Kennith.Cox@ontario.ca>

Cc: gmoore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca>; michael french <mfrench@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Osesky, Chelsea (MNR) <Chelsea.Osesky@ontario.ca>; Allen, Sarah (MNR) <Sarah.Allen@ontario.ca>; Sean O'Callaghan <socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Subject: Site Attendance & Photographs 16 October 2024 RE: More Information Requested RE: Halls Lake Burm Hazard

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Good morning, Ken,

Thank-you for your email.

Staff re-attended the area to observe the berm in its current state to determine if the conditions had in fact been altered since your email of July 2nd. Based off our observations and as shown in the attached photographs, it appears that more soil/dirt has been added to the side facing in at the property, plus there is natural plantings (greenery/grasses) starting to grow.

With this information and images, would you still maintain your original position related to the berm and its potential for combustibility?

Kindest regards,

Kristen Glass, CMM II, MLE Professional, Property Standards Professional
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From: Cox, Kenneth (MNR) <Kennith.Cox@ontario.ca>

Sent: October 16, 2024 11:56 AM

To: Kristen Glass <kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Cc: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Michael French <mfrench@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Osesky, Chelsea (MNR) <Chelsea.Osesky@ontario.ca>; Allen, Sarah (MNR) <Sarah.Allen@ontario.ca>

Subject: RE: More Information Requested RE: Halls Lake Berm Hazard

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Good day Kristen,

Nice to virtually meet you, I'm not sure if I've met you in person or not at the twp, I'm also your Volunteer Captain Ken Cox of Stn. 80 Platoon Bravo,

Yes, as it happens I was on scene for a structure fire adjacent to the berm in question in late May, and this question came up after I had been present during 2 concurrent calls and I recollected personal observations of the berm to assist my answer on July 2nd as I had observed it before hand. Unfortunately, at this time the Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services branch of MNR is not currently in a position to visit and assess municipal berm or similar issues vs. fire hazard complaints in person, therefore, I am unable to visit the site on behalf of the MNR at this time for this reason, however, in this unique occurrence I did have a solid recollection of the berm in question from my time on scene as a Captain and I used those berm observations, as well as Fire Chief French's description via phone call to support the standard response I am in a position to provide around these types of concerns to other Municipal, First Nation and Federal jurisdictions across Southern Ontario on similar matters.

My humble advice stands as for the berm in question at that time being a prolonged effort to extinguish for the municipal fire services if it had caught on fire as detailed below, However, in terms of assisting head, lateral or backing fire growth it would have been an micro barrier to that initial spread in its state, (meaning it would reduce fire growth) as the original complainant was concerned for and I was answering to. If since that time, additional fine fuels have been added to the location/berm by human action, it would change the effect of fire behaviour, you may absolutely send me pictures time stamped of the berm in question if you believe at any point the conditions have been altered since July 2nd, that may change the nature of the berms combustibility and you have additional concerns.

Any questions or break down behind the reasonings needed let me know,

Kindest Regards,

Ken Cox (pronouns: he/him/his)

Southern Region Fire Advisor

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From: Kristen Glass <kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Sent: October 15, 2024 3:20 PM

To: Cox, Kenneth (MNR) <Kennith.Cox@ontario.ca>

Cc: gmoore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca>; michael french <mfrench@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Osesky, Chelsea (MNR) <Chelsea.Osesky@ontario.ca>

Subject: More Information Requested RE: Halls Lake Burm Hazard

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Good afternoon, Ken,

I have been asked to follow-up with regards to the berm off [REDACTED] (Halls Lake) and your email response to Chief French back on July 2, 2024.

Chief French is away so I cannot ask him, but how did you view the berm and material content to arrive at your conclusion. Were you able to attend to the site in person?

Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

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From: Michael French <mfrench@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Sent: July 3, 2024 12:16 PM

To: Robert D.J. Mascia <rmascia@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Cc: Greg Moore <gmoore@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Kristen Glass <kglass@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Subject: FW: Halls Lake Burm Hazard

FYI from MNRF

Michael French, CMM III, CFEI, CFII
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From: Cox, Kenneth (MNRF) <Kennith.Cox@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Michael French <mfrench@algonquinhighlands.ca>
Cc: Osesky, Chelsea (MNRF) <Chelsea.Osesky@ontario.ca>
Subject: re: Halls Lake Burm Hazard

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Good morning Chief French,

Regarding the concern of a burm located east of Halls Lake, and its association to a Wildland Fire Risk/Hazard; Burms/debris piles that are comprised of soil mixed in with coarse woody debris do not pose a risk to escaped containment or Wildland Fire containment, and do not pose a threat to Urban Interface incidents by assisting spread. In fact they quite often reduce spread rates from uniform forest fuel types pending time of year and successional forest/plant growth as the burm ages. The main factor burms play in relation to fire is prolonged efforts to extinguishment by a fire services if by chance the sparse wooded debris did catch fire and smoulder. The location in question is all Municipal, and Municipal Protection Area by your services. I have no mitigation concerns or see any risk of Wildland Fire problematic control from the burm in question from my MNR Provincial Fire Advisor role.

For more information regarding possible other environmental factors around burms, Jessica Tomlinson is a excellent resource locally from our local MNR district office, she would be a good contact to reach out to for any non fire related inquiries towards a burm. And can be reached at: jessica.tomlinson@ontario.ca

Kind Regards,

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Celine? Mary Kot

Sean O'Callaghan

*Contradicts
Greg Moore
decision
June 28/25*

From: Sean O'Callaghan
Sent: October 18, 2024 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Liz Danielsen; Julia Shortreed; Lisa Barry; Sabrina Richards; Jennifer Dailloux; Angie Bird; Greg Moore
Subject: RE: Formal complaint regarding logs, large pile of brush, tree trunks and stumps piled on [REDACTED] property at [REDACTED] Road, Algonquin Highlands

*See 2nd email from MWR
RC - regrowth potential*

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

In response to your concern regarding the berm being a potential fire hazard, staff have involved the appropriate internal and external departments/agencies to perform a thorough review.

The subsequent determination received from both the Algonquin Highlands Fire Department as well as the Southern Region Fire Advisor for the Ministry of Natural Resources have determined that the berm does not pose any wildland fire risk. Neither agency has any mitigation concerns nor see any risk of Wildland Fire problematic control from the berm in question. Alternatively, it was noted that a berm quite often reduces spread rates from uniform forest fuel types pending time of year and successional forest/plant growth as the berm ages.

Algonquin Highlands By-law staff have determined the berm would not meet the definition of Refuse (Section 2.20) as provided for under the Township of Algonquin Highlands Clean and Clear By-law as the berm has a planned and intended use. It will undergo natural regeneration of native species as well, will undergo deliberate plantings, so to blend into the surrounding natural landscape in time.

Part 4 Yards – Section 4.1 states: Every owner or occupant of property shall ensure the property, including vacant land is maintained free of:

(b) dead, decaying or damaged trees, branches, hedges, limbs and brush or other similar growth where it may create an unsafe condition;

The berm does not create an unsafe condition. By-law staff have advised the intention of section 4.1(b) is to ensure that any hazard standing trees do not pose a risk to the safety of others. In the case of the berm this section would not apply.

With respect to your other questions I can provide the following information:

1. We would like to know the name of this landscaping company, their description of a berm, and if their description matches with the Township's Official Plan.

- This information is not available or required by the Township as no Municipal approval is required for the subject work undertaken.

2. Is this allowed on a SR2 zoned property?

- Yes. A berm is considered landscaping and is permitted within the SR2 Zone.

*Killing trees
7 X
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3. Proof that Ontario Hydro did an inspection and their report.

- Municipal approval is not required therefore we do not have a copy of any inspections or reports being undertaken by Hydro One.

In closing, the berm does not violate Township By-laws, nor does it create an unsafe condition. The file has been deemed closed based off a full investigation.

I hope this explanation sufficiently addresses your concern

Thanks,

Sean

Sean O'Callaghan, B.U.R.P.I., MCIP, RPP
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*Review Clear and
Clean By law for
damage to trees &
eye sore
Why is Sean responding
to a By law complaint*

-----Original Message-----

From: Liz Danielsen <ldanielsen@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Sent: October 3, 2024 6:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Sean O'Callaghan <socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Julia Shortreed <jshortreed@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Lisa Barry <lbarry@algonquinhighlands.ca>; Sabrina Richards <srichards@algonquinhighlands.ca>; jdailoux@algonquinhighlands.ca; Angie Bird <abird@algonquinhighlands.ca>

Subject: Re: Formal complaint regarding logs, large pile of brush, tree trunks and stumps piled on [REDACTED] property at [REDACTED] Algonquin Highlands

Thank you for your concerns [REDACTED] have forward your correspondence on to our administration for investigation and response.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 3, 2024, at 4:47 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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> [Some people who received this message don't often get email from

[REDACTED] learn why this is important at

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May Fox
letter

- > Dear Mayor, Planner, Council Members and By Law officers of Algonquin Highlands Township;
- >
- > We are lodging a formal complaint regarding the large pile of brush, tree trunks and tree stumps piled on [REDACTED] property at [REDACTED] which is zoned as SR2.
- >
- > Other [REDACTED] have informed us that there have been three formal complaints regarding this fire hazard sent to the By-Law officers to this date. These were not addressed adequately. Details can be provided regarding the township's response to these complaints. Upon hearing this we can't remain silent and would like to provide some context to this issue.
- >
- > Although our property does not share a property line with [REDACTED] we are very close by and have been permanent residents for the past seventeen years. Our family has owned the property since the 1940s.
- >
- > When the [REDACTED] family purchased the property in the 1980s, they inherited a reforested woodlot on the property. Unfortunately, at the time of purchase, this lot had not been maintained resulting in many dead trees that have been left to stand for decades. This has been a concern since it could easily go up in flames.
- >
- > Quite a few years ago [REDACTED] who has had forest management experience, offered to start clearing out the dead trees. The [REDACTED] family gave him permission and were grateful for his work. Nothing was done with this lot until two years ago when we have witnessed clear cutting and removal of stumps. Logs were piled and removed. In late winter of 2024 dead trees surrounding the cleared lot were taken down and piled on the lot along with the stumps from the cleared area. Realize that the logs that make up of pile have been standing dead for decades.
- >
- > As [REDACTED] claims in his letter to council, getting rid of stumps is very costly. His solution was to create a so called 'berm'. According to Algonquin Highlands By-Law 2023-11 the 'Clean and Clear By-Law' it clearly states in part 4.1 -Property maintenance section (b) that dead and decaying trees are not allowed on the property.
- >
- > We also know the cost of tree stump removal and followed the township's guidelines to have this done. In 2006 [REDACTED] was hit by a tornado and [REDACTED] lost many mature trees that were uprooted. [REDACTED] arranged with a [REDACTED] to take the logs and paid for seven truck loads of stumps to be properly disposed of to the tune of several thousands of dollars. An unsightly pile of stumps and logs on our property would be illegal and a fire hazard. Note that [REDACTED] property is also zoned SR2.
- >
- > Since the creation of this pile of dead logs and stumps on the [REDACTED] property, we have noticed that once healthy trees adjacent to the pile, which are on the [REDACTED] property, are dying.
- >
- > [REDACTED] states in his letter to council that he hired a Landscaping Company to build the berm and that he contacted Hydro. It is not clear in his letter whether Ontario Hydro actually did an inspection.
- >
- > 1. We would like to know the name of this landscaping company, their description of a berm, and if their description matches with the Township's Official Plan.
- > 2. Is this allowed on a SR2 zoned property?
- > 3. Proof that Ontario Hydro did an inspection and their report.
- >
- > We would like a written response to these inquiries.

>
> Respectfully submitted,
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CASE INFORMATION

Case number BY-2024-024	Category Clean/Clear Yards	Case created 2024-05-21, 9:37:55 a.m. EDT
Case assignee Robert Mascia	Package generation date 2025-02-14, 2:24:59 p.m. EST	
Case description Possible Clean & Clear violation.		

PLOT INFORMATION

Address	Property Information
[REDACTED] township of Algonquin Highlands	[REDACTED] CON 8 PT LOT 15 RP19R5930;PART 1

Location Information
At the edge of the property close to [REDACTED] Photos have been sent to Kristen Glass and Rob Mascia

PARTIES

NAME AND COMPANY	CONTACT DETAILS	ROLES
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CHAIN OF EVENTS

Work

2024-05-21, 9:37:55 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Created the case

2024-05-21, 9:37:55 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Added an inspection

2024-05-21, 9:38:03 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Booking created | From Tue May 21 12:00:00 UTC 2024 to Tue May 21 16:00:00 UTC 2024

2024-05-21, 10:25:49 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

dispatch-booking

2024-05-21, 3:43:44 p.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Started an inspection visit | On-Site

2024-05-21, 3:48:39 p.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Created a deficiency | Violation - Fail to maintain property clear of refuse/garbage/rubbish/litter/waste/debris. [By-law 2023-11, Section 4.1(a)]

2024-05-21, 3:48:45 p.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Updated the inspection result | Failed

2024-05-21, 3:48:58 p.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Ended an inspection visit

2024-05-22, 10:09:06 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Started an inspection visit | On-Site

2024-05-22, 10:09:22 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

remove-inspection-deficiency

2024-05-22, 10:15:19 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Updated the inspection result | Failed

2024-05-22, 10:15:27 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Ended an inspection visit

2024-05-22, 10:27:25 a.m. EDT

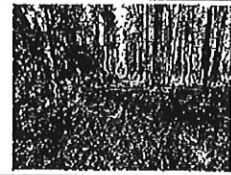
Robert Mascia

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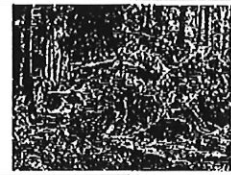
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Robert Mascia

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Robert Mascia

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2024-05-22, 10:27:52 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia

File added | IMG_0184.JPG



2024-05-22, 10:34:02 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Started an inspection visit | On-Site

2024-05-22, 10:36:49 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Updated the inspection result | Passed

2024-05-22, 10:37:00 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Ended an inspection visit

2024-05-22, 10:42:11 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Internal note added | Called [REDACTED] and advised case file on his property is now closed as there is no regulations about creating a berm on his property.



2024-05-22, 10:42:34 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Set as Closed

2024-07-10, 11:37:21 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Back to Active

2024-07-10, 11:37:35 a.m. EDT
Robert Mascia
Set as Closed

Complaints

COMPLAINTS

Date: 2024-05-17, 1:55:12 p.m. EDT

Complainant name: [REDACTED]

Description from the complaint: Concern of extremely large pile of brush and wood stumps. The pile is approx 8 feet tall and over 50 feet in length. This is a fire hazard. We are expecting a dry summer, and this could be a problem.

Received via: -

Internal notes

Work

2024-05-22, 10:42:11 a.m. EDT by Robert Mascla	Called [REDACTED] and advised caso file on his property is now closed as there is no regulations about creating a berm on his property.
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INSPECTIONS

Meeting - Completed

Visits

Inspection visit on-site - Done

2024-05-21, 1:59:00 p.m. EDT

Inspectors: Robert Mascia

Visit result: Failed

Reason for failure: Information required

Internal notes: Attended the property by entering from [REDACTED] Conducted a drive by of the property down [REDACTED] Found that the property is connected to [REDACTED] Returned to the area where the brush and stumps are located and went in on foot. Spoke to [REDACTED] who was chipping downed brush and stumps at the rear of the property. I gave him my business card and asked him to pass it to the property owner [REDACTED] who was not on site. Left the property at 2:26pm

* This was Kegel's group

Inspection visit communication only - Done

2024-05-22, 9:51:00 a.m. EDT

Inspectors: Robert Mascia

Visit result: Failed

Internal notes: Spoke with [REDACTED] the property owner. He advised that he is specifically building a berm for privacy and noise control, and has created the berm with stumps and dirt. He also plans to seed the berm with a "hydro Seed" so it grows grass and vegetation. He is just waiting for the grass seed order to come in from the feed store. I advised [REDACTED] that i will be looking into this further and would contact him when i have come up with an answer.

Inspection visit communication only - Done

2024-05-22, 10:34:00 a.m. EDT

Inspectors: Robert Mascia

Visit result: Passed

Internal notes: Spoke with Sean O'Callaghan, Township Planner and advised him of the situation about the berm and he has advised that he has no concerns as the Township Zoning By-Law does not regulate berms. I Also consulted with Fire Chief and he also has no concerns at this time of the berm being a fire hazard. I will be closing this file.

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* \$ clear
Not zoning
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Deficiencies & Remarks

Violation - Removed

Discovered by: Robert Mascia

Discovery date: 2024-05-21, 3:43:41 p.m. EDT

Reference: Violation #1

Description: Fail to maintain property clear of refuse/garbage/rubbish/litter/waste/debris. [By-law 2023-11, Section 4.1(a)]

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Uploaded on: 2024-05-22, 10:27:23 a.m. EDT



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Media type: image/jpeg
Uploaded by: Robert Mascia
Uploaded on: 2024-05-22, 10:27:31 a.m. EDT



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Uploaded by: Robert Mascia
Uploaded on: 2024-05-22, 10:27:39 a.m. EDT



Filename: IMG_0184.JPG
Media type: image/jpeg
Uploaded by: Robert Mascia
Uploaded on: 2024-05-22, 10:27:51 a.m. EDT



CASE INFORMATION

Case number BY-2024-025	Category Other	Case created 2024-05-21, 9:44:05 a.m. EDT
Case assignee Robert Mascla	Package generation date 2025-02-14, 2:33:34 p.m. EST	
Case description Fall to maintain property clear of refuse/garbage/rubbish/litter/waste/debris. [By-law 2023-11, Section 4.1(a)]		

PLOT INFORMATION

Address	Property Information
[REDACTED] Township of [REDACTED] Algonquin Highlands	[REDACTED] CON 8 PT LOT 15 RP19R5930;PART 1

Location information
[REDACTED] at the south edge of the property

PARTIES

NAME AND COMPANY	CONTACT DETAILS	ROLES
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CHAIN OF EVENTS

Work

2024-05-21, 9:44:06 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Created the case

2024-05-21, 10:36:21 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Internal note added | PLEASE SEE BY-2024-24 FOR CASE INFORMATION. THIS ENTRY IS USED AS COMPLAINT INFORMATION ONLY.

2024-05-21, 10:51:10 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Added an inspection

2024-05-21, 10:51:19 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

update-inspection

2024-05-21, 10:51:24 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

activate-inspection

2024-05-21, 10:51:30 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Started an inspection visit | On-Site

2024-05-21, 10:51:54 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Updated the inspection result | Passed

2024-05-21, 10:52:07 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Ended an inspection visit

2024-05-21, 10:53:00 a.m. EDT

Robert Mascia

Set as Closed

Complaints

*Alone or
Both*

COMPLAINTS

Date: 2024-05-17, 4:12:44 p.m. EDT

Complainant name: [REDACTED]

Description from the complaint: The owner of the property has done an extensive clearing of his lot and, starting last year, has piled out stumps and logs at the south edge of the adjoining to [REDACTED]. The pile is well over 8 feet high, wide and more than 50 feet long. It creates a significant barrier or fence to the [REDACTED]. We are concerned that this also constitute a fire hazard which if it were to happen would completely prevent any car or other access from [REDACTED] and that of [REDACTED] from Carey Close to Old Mill Rd. Photos taken by a [REDACTED] have been sent to Kristen Glass.

Received via: -

Internal notes

Work

2024-05-21, 10:36:21 a.m. EDT by Robert Mascla	PLEASE SEE BY-2024-24 FOR CASE INFORMATION. THIS ENTRY IS USED AS COMPLAINT INFORMATION ONLY.
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INSPECTIONS

Written Communication - Completed
Visits
Inspection visit communication only - Done 2024-05-21, 10:51:30 a.m, EDT Inspectors: Robert Mascia Visit result: Passed Internal notes: PLEASE SEE BY-2024-24 FOR CASE INFORMATION. THIS ENTRY IS USED AS COMPLAINT INFORMATION ONLY