

PUBLIC NOTICE

pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

APPLICATION FOR ZONE CHANGE  
in the  
TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

Township of Zorra  
163 Brock Street  
Thamesford, ON PO Box 189, N0M 2M0  
Telephone: 519-485-2490

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026

**FILE:** ZN 5-24-09 (Michael Wilhelm (Harrington Pit))

**Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Zone Change**

The purpose of this application is to rezone a portion of the subject lands from the 'General Agricultural (A2) Zone' to 'Aggregate Industrial (ME) Zone' in order to facilitate the establishment of a new sand and gravel pit (above water table). The subject lands are approximately 40 ha (98 ac) in size, and it is proposed that an area of approximately 27.8 ha (69 ac) be rezoned to permit the aggregate extraction (maximum 500,00 tonnes annually) approved under ARA Licence Number 626649. It is proposed that the lands west of the area to be extracted will remain in their current state (woodlands and wetlands), and the pit, upon completion of extraction activities, is proposed to be rehabilitated back to an agricultural condition (consistent with the rehabilitation plan approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry). The proposed aggregate operation will be accessed via Road 96, at the north end of the subject property, and it is proposed that extraction will occur in stages, with two (2) areas of extraction proposed, referred to as Area 1 and Area 2 as generally shown on the approved site plans.

The subject lands are described as Lot 30, Conc. 1 (West Zorra), are located in the southwest corner of Road 96 and 31<sup>st</sup> Line, and are municipally known as 316829 31<sup>st</sup> Line in the Township of Zorra.

**Public Meeting**

The Council of the Township of Zorra will hold a public meeting to consider the proposed Zone Change on:

**Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Place:** In person and virtual public meeting via live stream  
Township Office, 163 Brock Street, Thamesford, ON PO Box 189, N0M 2M0  
Township of Zorra YouTube Channel -  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCceQkQTakEgGU4PYRUT\\_C7g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCceQkQTakEgGU4PYRUT_C7g)

The format of Committee of Adjustment and Zoning By-law public hearings has changed and will now take place using a hybrid meeting model. The public may attend the meeting in-person (at the Township municipal office) or may participate virtually through a software application called Zoom. There are multiple ways to participate through Zoom and the option for videoconferencing and/or telephone is available. Public meetings and Council meetings may be viewed through a live stream feed at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCceQkQTakEgGU4PYRUT\\_C7g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCceQkQTakEgGU4PYRUT_C7g) should you wish to view the meeting but not participate.

If you would like to participate in the public hearing, please email [clerk@zorra.ca](mailto:clerk@zorra.ca) or call 519-485-2490 ext. 7228 by **Friday, May 1, 2026**. Leave your name and phone number, as well as the application file number or address of the property you are calling about. Staff will return your call and provide participation options and details. Arrangements can also be made to obtain a copy of the relevant planning report if you are unable to download a copy from <https://zorra.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingSchedule.aspx>

**Other Planning Act Applications:** None

Please be advised that Council may approve, modify or refuse the requested application at the meeting. If you do not attend or are not represented at the meeting, the Council may proceed and may not advise you of any proposed modifications.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Zorra on the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the either the Clerk of the Township of Zorra or to [planning@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:planning@oxfordcounty.ca).

In order to appeal a decision of the Township of Zorra, to the Ontario Land Tribunal, eligibility requirements must be met as outlined in the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Township of Zorra to the Ontario Land Tribunal but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Township of Zorra or the County of Oxford before the amendment is adopted, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. Third party appeals of any decision are not permitted.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Zorra or the County of Oxford before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

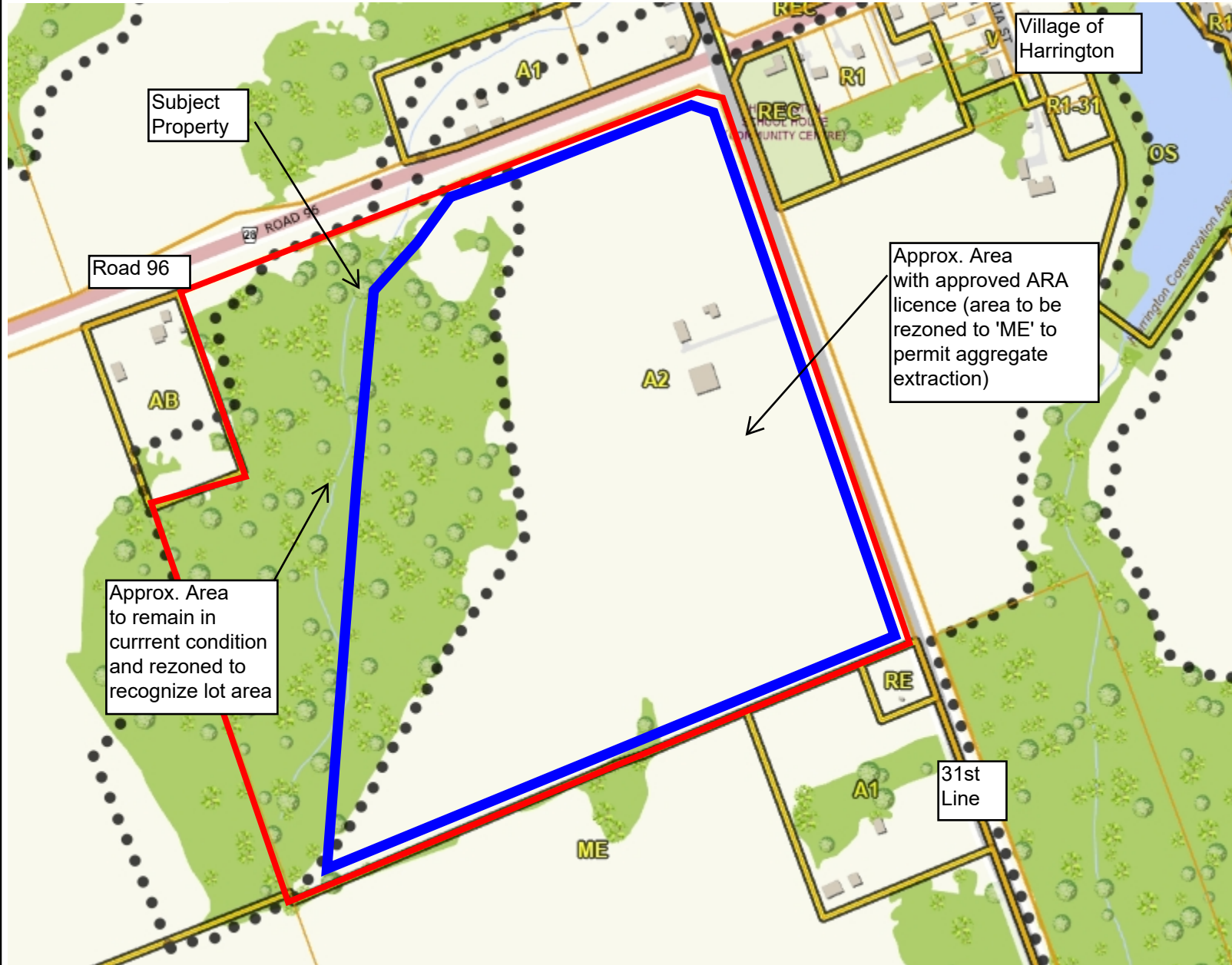
Additional information relating to the proposed amendment is available for review at the County of Oxford Community Planning Office at the address below, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by visiting the Community Planning website at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/en/services-for-you/land-use-development.aspx](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/en/services-for-you/land-use-development.aspx). If you have any questions regarding the above-noted application and how to preserve your appeal rights, please contact **Spencer McDonald, Development Planner**, Community Planning Office (**519-539-9800 ext. 3205**). Written comments may be forwarded to the address below or emailed to: [planning@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:planning@oxfordcounty.ca). Please include the applicant's name and our File Number on all correspondence.

Yours truly,



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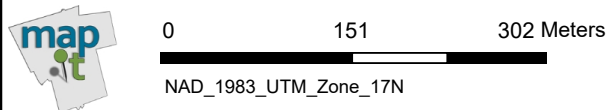
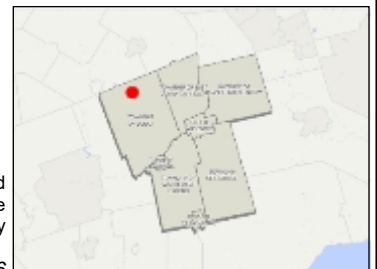
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**Legend**

- Parcel Lines**
  - Municipal Boundary
  - Property Boundary
  - Assessment Boundary
  - Road
  - Unit
- Zoning Floodlines**
- Regulation Limit**
  - ◆ 100 Year Flood Line
  - ▲ 30 Metre Setback
  - Conservation Authority Regulation Limit
  - Regulatory Flood And Fill Lines
- Land Use Zoning (Displays 1:16000 to 1:500)

**Notes**



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February 28, 2026