

**UPPER THAMES RIVER
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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Huron County: Planning & Development Dept.
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Attention: Mrs. Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary: (sent via e-mail ssmith@huroncounty.ca)

Dear Ms. Smith:

Re: Application for Consent B47/17
Owner/Applicant: John & Betty Ann Christie
Property Description: Pt. Lots 25 & 26, South Thames Road Concession, Usborne
Ward, South Huron in the County of Huron, ON

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) has reviewed the subject application with regard for the policies in the *Environmental Planning Policy Manual for the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (June 2006)*. These policies include regulations made pursuant to Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and are consistent with the natural hazard and natural heritage policies contained in the *Provincial Policy Statement (2014)*. The Upper Thames River Source Protection Area Assessment Report has also been reviewed in order to confirm whether the subject property is located within a vulnerable area. The Drinking Water Source Protection information is being disclosed to the Municipality to assist them in fulfilling their decision making responsibilities under the Planning Act.

PROPOSAL

The purpose of this application is for the creation of a new lot under the surplus farm residence policies. The land to be severed is approximately 1.6ac (0.65ha) and contains a house, shed and grain bin. The vacant agricultural land to be retained is approximately 128.4ac (52ha).

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

The subject lands are not affected by any regulations made pursuant to Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

Clean Water Act

The *Clean Water Act* (CWA), 2006 is intended to protect existing and future sources of drinking water. The Act is part of the Ontario government's commitment to implement the recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry as well as protecting and enhancing human health and the environment. The CWA sets out a framework for source protection planning on a watershed basis with Source Protection Areas established based on the watershed boundaries of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. The Upper Thames River, Lower Thames Valley and St. Clair Region Conservation Authorities have entered into a partnership for The Thames-Sydenham Source Protection Region.

The Assessment Report for the Upper Thames watershed delineates three types of vulnerable areas: Wellhead Protection Areas, Highly Vulnerable Aquifers and Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas. Mapping which identifies these areas is available at: http://maps.thamesriver.on.ca/GVH_252/?viewer=tsrassessmentreport

Upon review of the current assessment report mapping, we wish to advise that there are *no vulnerable areas* identified for this area.

RECOMMENDATION

The UTRCA can advise that we have no objection to the proposed application for consent. The foregoing comments are provided as information for the Land Division Committee, the applicant and the Planning Department.

UTRCA REVIEW FEES

At this time, when the subject property is not affected by any natural hazards or natural heritage features, no fee will be charged.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at extension 228.

Yours truly,
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