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RE: PERMIT NUMBER 54-11
775108 HWY 10, MARKDALE, ON N0C 1H0
ROLL 220 00317600.0000

Regarding your files with respect to our Conditional Permit 54-11. Per the agreement signed by us, May 11, 2011, it was our understanding we agreed to apply for a change of use permit for our existing single family residence, (ie. the bungalow) if it was to be converted to a residence after we moved into the new dwelling.

Since the move into our new dwelling in 2015 much has happened..our parents death, dissolving their estates and homes (packing much of it into the bungalow for the necessary storage), 10 years of rehabilitation of the West Arm of Armstrong Creek with Trout Unlimited, repair and maintenance of outbuildings, tree plants with Conservation in 2014, 16 and 18 to fallow land, 2 weddings, 6 grandchildren born in the area, repairing trails and damage to the forest through poor logging practises before we purchased in 2002 and unexpected health issues.

When I called the building department about the possible addition of a garage to the bungalow it was a hypothetical question, due diligence on our end in order to put together a 5 to 10 year plan for our life ahead. Don recently had a quadruple bypass and we needed to reevaluate and see if applying for a Zoning Bylaw Amendment for the bungalow made sense. We also had to look into how this change could affect our taxes (but being as the office was never commercial it will supposedly have little impact). We have embraced West Grey, it is our home but now entering our 70's we would like to plan ahead in the hopes we can stay as we grow older.

This forward thinking was also triggered by the expense of a new furnace needed for the bungalow. We cannot subdivide the bungalow off, as the second allowed farm access is next door with an entrance to the original homestead log cabin. With the new heat pump now installed the bungalow would be more than comfortable for a family of 4. At this point except for the addition of a garage (and adjusting the roof slope to fit), which we understand would first have to be pre-approved by Saugeen Conservation, the house would remain a 3 bedroom bungalow. Financially this small addition, including the cost for the Saugeen Conservation, the Zoning Bylaw Amendment and all necessary permits, could be plausible.

Now after thinking this process through, yes, we would like to apply for a Zoning Bylaw Amendment for the original/existing bungalow to be used as a dwelling, hopefully for our daughter and her family. Financially and physically this would be a wonderful for us.

We hope you can help us out,

sincerely,
Don and Joanne Harris

Sept 8 / 2025
519-986-1600