# TOWN OF DEER LAKE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT No. 2, 2022

Upper Humber River Subdivision Development
Rezone from Environmental Protection and Commercial General
to Residential Medium Density

Prepared for the Town of Deer Lake
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April 2023

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### URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT 2000 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TOWN OF DEER LAKE

### **DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT No. 2, 2022**

Under the authority of section 16, section 17, and section 18 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Deer Lake

- Adopted the Deer Lake Development Regulations Amendment No. 2, 2022 on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.
- b) Gave notice of the adoption of Deer Lake Development Regulations Amendment No. 2, 2023 by advertisement posted on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> days of June 2023 as follows:
  - (i) Town of Deer Lake webpage June 19th, 2023
  - (ii) Notice boards at Foodland, Coleman's and Lawton's June 20, 2023
- c) Set the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Deer Lake for the holding of a public hearing to consider objections and submissions.

Under the authority of Section 23 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Deer Lake approves the Deer Lake Development Regulations as amended.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 10th day of August 2023

Mayor:

Mike Goosney

Clerk:

Lori Humphrey

(Council Seal)

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Under the authority of Section 16 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Deer Lake adopts the Deer Lake Development Regulations Amendment No. 2, 2022.

Adopted by the Town Council of Deer Lake on the 15th day of May 2023.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of August 2023

Mayor:

Mike Goosney

Clerk:

Lori Humphrey

(Council Seal)

### CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the attached DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS Amendment No. 2, 2022 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act*.

MCIP:

John Baird

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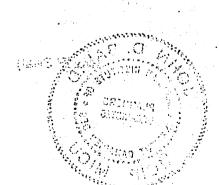
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### **TOWN OF DEER LAKE**

### **DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT No. 2, 2022**

### **BACKGROUND**

Please refer also to Municipal Plan Amendment No. 2. The purpose of this amendment is to allow the development of a residential subdivision connecting to the north end of Humberview Drive on the east of Humber River.

Approval of the proposed development will require an amendment to the Development Regulations involving the following changes.

- Rezoning of 4.3 hectares from Environment Protection (EP) to Residential.
- Rezoning of 3.2 hectares from Commercial General (CG) to Residential Medium Density (RMD).

The proposed area to be amended from Environmental Protection to Residential Medium Density is buffered from the Humber River shoreline based on the following restrictive parameters:

- At no point will it encroach closer than 30 metres from the Humber River shoreline.
- At no point will it encroach into the Upper Humber River Habitat Management Unit, which is subject to a stewardship agreement between the Town and Provincial Wildlife Division.
- At no point will it encroach closer than 5 metres from the existing nature trail running parallel to Humber River.
- At no point will it encroach into the 1:20-year and 1:100-year flood risk areas as delineated in the recent Humber River Flood Study.

The shoreline buffer resource map delineating each of these restrictive parameters in relation to the proposed amendment area is provided below.

Regulation 4.23 of the Deer Lake Development Regulations addresses development in and in the vicinity of Deer Lake's three habitat management units.

### "4.23 Habitat Conservation

### (1) Stewardship Agreement

In accordance with the Deer Lake Stewardship Agreement with the Province, Council will conserve and protect sensitive wetland and waterfowl habitat within the Deer Lake Planning Area.

An application for development within wetland areas and along freshwater shorelines shall be reviewed by Council to ensure that the proposed development will not impact negatively on sensitive wetlands or other habitat used by waterfowl. Where it deems that a proposed development may have impacts, Council may refuse the application or may establish mitigating conditions to minimize potential habitat degradation.

### (2) Habitat Management Units

The Deer Lake Planning Area includes three areas that are designated Habitat Management Units under the Stewardship Agreement. All three Management Units are contained within the Environmental Protection zone. These include the:

- Junction Brook Bog Habitat Management Unit
- The Island Habitat Management Unit
- Upper Humber River Habitat Management Unit

Only conservation and open space uses will be permitted within these management units. Any proposed land use or activity within a Habitat Management Unit will be referred to the Wildlife Division, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for review and comments before Council will issue a permit."

As per comments received from Jonathan Sharpe, Municipal Habitat Stewardship Coordinator with the Wildlife Division and other respondents to the public notice (see Public Consultation section below), this amendment will include the following conditions.

- No development will be permitted within the Environmental Protection buffer area other than the existing municipal nature trail and minor associated facilities such as park benches
- No private trails will be permitted in the Environmental Protection buffer area to connect residential properties to the municipal nature trail or the Humber River shoreline
- Neither the developer, residential property owners, or other persons will be permitted to clear trees or other vegetation in any part of the Environmental Protection buffer area
- ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, and other motorized vehicles will not be permitted in the Environmental Protection buffer area
- No boats, docks or other boat landing facilities will be permitted anywhere in this section of Humber River
- The Town will make new residents aware of the intent of the shoreline buffer and will
  include restrictions against cutting trees, building trails, boating facilities, motorized
  recreational vehicles use, etc. as a condition of all development permits issued for
  properties that abut the Environmental Protection buffer zone.

The Town will consider providing limited access points from the subdivision to the trail as an alternative to property owners building their own trails.

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Council provided public notice of the proposed amendment via its website (<a href="www.deerlake.ca">www.deerlake.ca</a>), its Facebook page, and physical postings at the Town Office, Foodland, Colemans, Bella Rae Variety, Home Hardware and Simmons Tire. Council directly notified the Wildlife Division with whom it has a Municipal Stewardship Agreement for the protection of the Upper Humber River Management Unit, a stewardship area located near the proposed

### development.

Three responses were received.

- 1. D. Jean Young (email-April 19, 2022). Objects to the amendment for the following reasons:
  - Updated flood mapping is not available
  - Subdivision will encroach on hiking trails
  - Great care must be taken before changing conservation areas
  - May cost taxpayers more money because of flooding
  - May reduce income from tourists who like to walk the trails
- 2. Mark Keough (verbal comments submitted to Director of Operations). Objects to the amendment for the following reasons:
  - A larger buffer is required for this area
  - Residents will encroach on the EP zone with their ATV's and dirt bikes
  - Boaters will look to gain access to the waters of the Humber River.
- 3. Jonathan Sharpe, Program Coordinator Municipal Habitat Stewardship, Wildlife Division, Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (letter-April 22, 2022). The letter states that its intention is to provide input prior to the formal approval/permitting process. The following summarizes the main points of the letter.
  - Refers to the stewardship agreement between the Town and the Department for the conservation of the Upper Humber River Management Unit located close to the proposed subdivision
  - The Management Unit takes in a lush riparian landward buffer, a small island and adjoining freshwater wetland
  - Area has abundant emergent and submerged vegetation (e.g., Cattails, Reed Canary Grass, Rushes, low shrubs), a variety of waterfowl species, shelter for beavers, and various songbird species
  - An interpretive nature trail follows the riverbank, some of which may require rerouting away from the proposed subdivision area
  - Residential development is not consistent with conservation of the adjacent 30-metre riparian buffer. No development should be approved within the buffer itself.
  - The development may create a desire for viewing and trail access to the river by residents of the proposed subdivision
  - New residents should be made aware of the intent of the buffer and that cutting trees and building trails will not be permitted. Town should consider including such restrictions in building lot agreements
  - The Town may consider providing limited access points to the trail as opposed to property owners building their own trails

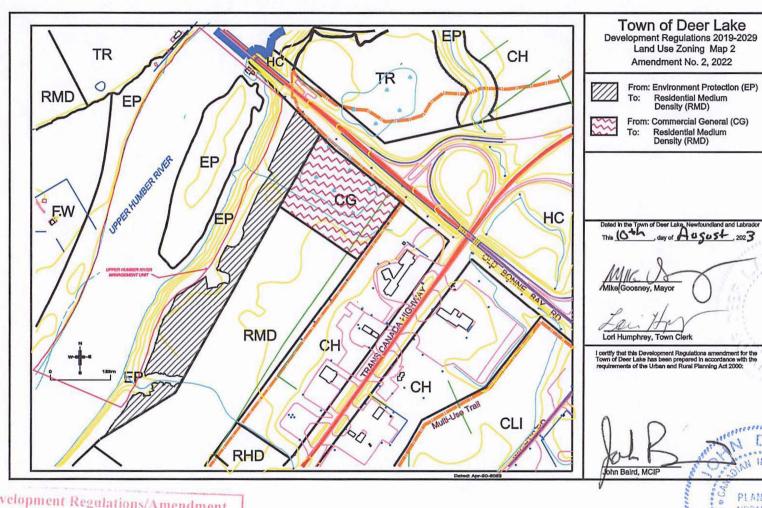
### **DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT No. 2, 2022**

The Deer Lake Land Use Zoning Map is amended as shown on the following page. It rezones:

- 1. 4.3 hectares from Environmental Protection to Residential Medium Density
- 2. 3.2 hectares from Commercial General to Residential Medium Density

This amendment includes the following restrictive conditions that the Town will require of the land developer and future landowners and residents of the subdivision:

- No development will be permitted within the Environmental Protection buffer area other than the existing municipal nature trail and minor associated facilities such as park benches
- No private trails will be permitted in the Environmental Protection buffer area to connect residential properties to the municipal nature trail or the Humber River shoreline
- Neither the developer, residential property owners, or other persons will be permitted to clear trees or other vegetation in any part of the Environmental Protection buffer area
- Use of ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, and other motorized vehicles will not be permitted in the Environmental Protection buffer area
- No boats, docks or other boat landing facilities will be permitted anywhere in this section of Humber River
- The Town will include restrictions against cutting trees, building trails, boating facilities, motorized recreational vehicle use, etc. as a condition specified in all development permits issued for properties that abut the Environmental Protection buffer zone.



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