



## News Release

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At its meeting of May 13, 2020, Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, dealt decisively with the longstanding issue of OPA 15.

Previously adopted OPA 15 had targeted the community of Everett with a substantial amount of growth including a proposal to significantly expand the settlement area boundaries. The County of Simcoe, which must approve any such amendment, had not approved the amendment originally proposed in 2013, as the amount of growth proposed significantly exceeded both County and Provincial growth expectations for the municipality.

Council, in reviewing currently approved growth, the costs of servicing growth, and the implications of boundary expansion, determined that the existing boundaries of Everett should not be altered.

The original OPA 15, in addition to expanding the settlement area, also proposed policies to guide growth, ensuring that it met community needs and would be compatible with the existing community. These included policies encouraging good design, community facilities and appropriate commercial development for the community to service local residents.

“In reviewing OPA 15, we decided it was proposing too much growth, but we also realized that it was important to keep the policies which would control already approved growth and make sure it benefitted the community”, said Mayor Pinto. “Therefore, we modified OPA 15 to remove the settlement expansion and to keep, and even strengthen, the policies to guide development that is still expected to occur within the settlement.”

The modified OPA 15 removes entirely the proposal to expand the community boundaries and now instead focuses on ensuring any development that does occur meets community design guidelines, promotes accessible and desirable community facilities, and encourages local economic development to the benefit of residents.

“We know the County of Simcoe supports these revisions, and we have modified OPA 15 to be a positive influence for our community. The new OPA 15 will build on the strengths of the community and ensure that any new development inside the existing boundaries of the community is to the benefit of the community. This is a win for the community”, said Mayor Pinto.