



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: June 23, 2025

Report No: DS-037-25

Subject: Public Meeting Report - Additional Residential Units in the Urban Area for lots with no municipal water or sewage services - Zoning By-law Amendment (Z-12-25)

Recommendation: THAT Report DS-037-25, with respect to Town initiated draft Zoning By-law amendment regarding additional residential units in the Town's Urban Area, be received for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) is being proposed to permit additional residential units (ARUs) on lots in the Urban Area, in the low-density residential zones, that are not served by full municipal water and sewage services.

Furthermore, to conform to the updated provincial regulations regarding ARUs, the ZBA includes amendments to maximum lot coverage requirements for lots with ARUs in low density residential zones and minimum separation distance between a principal dwelling and a detached garage containing an ARU.

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Background

An additional residential unit (ARU) is a self-contained dwelling unit with its own kitchen, bathroom and sleeping facilities, located within a single detached, semi-detached or townhouse dwelling, or within a detached accessory building on the same lot as the foregoing.

Background

In accordance with the Planning Act, Council approved changes on June 3, 2024 (through report [DS-047-24](#)) to the Town's Official Plan and Urban Zoning By-law to permit ARUs on lots that are served by municipal water and sewage servicing.

On November 19, 2024, the Province amended the additional residential units regulation (O. Reg. 462/24) under the Planning Act. The updated provincial regulation establishes restrictions on certain zoning standards, such as lot coverage and distance separation between a principal dwelling and a detached accessory building containing an ARU.

Discussion

Lots in the Urban Area on Private Servicing

A Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) is being proposed to Urban Zoning By-law 016-2014 to permit additional residential units (ARUs) on lots in the low-density residential zones that are served by private water and/or sewage servicing. There are a limited number of lots in the low-density residential zones that do not have access to municipal water and sewage services. It is anticipated that full municipal water and sewage services will not be available to these lots for the foreseeable future. Staff have heard interest from some property owners of these lots that they would like to add ARUs on their properties.

The Official Plan Amendment (OPA) being proposed through report DS-036-25 to permit ARUs in the Rural Area also enables ARUs on lots in the Urban Area that are served by private water and sewage servicing. The draft ZBA, attached as Appendix A, is proposing that up to two (2) ARUs be permitted on a lot in any low density residential zone that is not served by municipal water and sewage services, subject to the lot having a minimum lot size of 0.625 hectares (1.544 acres) for one (1) ARU and a minimum lot size of 0.875 hectares (2.162 acres) for two (2) ARUs. It must also be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Town that the private water and/or sewage services on the lot are adequate and capable of servicing all dwelling units located on the lot.

Conformity with Updated Provincial Regulations

The updated provincial regulation regarding ARUs came into effect after the Town approved its zoning regulations for ARUs in the Urban Area. The updated provincial regulation established restrictions on certain zoning standards. The Town's current Urban Zoning By-law provisions regarding ARUs conflict with two standards of the updated provincial regulation: 1) lot coverage in the low-density residential zones, and 2) minimum distance

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separation between a principal dwelling and a detached garage containing an ARU on the lot.

The Town's low density residential zones currently limit maximum lot coverage to 30% for lots that are less than 660 m² in size, 25% for lots 660 to 830 m², and 20% for lots larger than 830 m². To conform to the provincial regulation, lots with ARUs will be permitted to have a maximum lot coverage of 45%.

The Town's current zoning requires a detached garage containing an ARU be located no closer than 5.5 metres from the principal dwelling on the lot. The updated provincial regulation limits the distance that municipalities can require between the principal building and an accessory building containing an ARU to a maximum of 4 metres. The Town's current zoning requires a distance separation between a principal dwelling and an accessory building that is not a detached garage containing an ARU to be a minimum of 3.5 metres. For consistency, this ZBA proposes to change the minimum distance separation between a principal dwelling and a detached garage containing an ARU to 3.5 metres.

Consultations

Notice of this statutory Public Meeting was given on June 3rd, 2025. A copy of the draft Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA), attached as Appendix A, was made available on the Town's website for public review and comment. The draft ZBA was also circulated to relevant Town departments and external agencies for review and comment. Any comments received will be considered before bringing the amendments back to Council for consideration of adoption.

Financial Impact

This review, including the drafting of the official plan and zoning by-law amendments as well as the information sessions, has been undertaken with resources provided for in the approved budget.

ARUs are exempt from the payment of development charges (DC), as well as for the conveyance of parkland, under a combination of Provincial legislation and the Town's related by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Appendix A - Draft Zoning By-law Amendment

Approved by CAO
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Chief Administrative Officer

Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.