

August 31st, 2020

His Worship Graydon Smith and Members of Council
The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge
1000 Taylor Court, Bracebridge
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Attention: Mr. Matt Holmes, Manager of Planning Services

RE: Muskoka Royale Development Inc. Applications for Official Plan Amendment (D09-08/18) and Rezoning (D14-17/18) (the “Applications”) implications of additional wildlife records for the Muskoka Royale College property and adjacent lands. Addendum #1 to Dougan & Associates Species at Risk Summary from June 3, 2020 report

Dougan & Associates was retained by the South Bracebridge Environmental Protection Group to i) collate species records of wildlife and plants for the lands on and adjacent to the Muskoka Royale College property (subject lands) that have been documented from various sources, ii) summarize the species occurrences records, and iii) comment on the potential implications of the findings with regard to environmental policies, in particular wetland status and policy. This report in detail was presented to the Town on June 3, 2020 (file called: 20200603_SpeciesMemo_MuskokaRoyale_Final.pdf).

According to the sources of information reviewed, 204 species of wildlife were identified from the subject lands. Of these, 20 species are considered to be species of conservation concern: four reptiles, 15 bird species, and one insect species (i.e. either federal and/or provincial Species at Risk, or provincially rare species). The records indicate that the subject lands also support several species considered rare or uncommon in the District of Muskoka.

Of the 20 species of conservation concern, seven species have implications under the Endangered Species Act (2007) legislation for Endangered or Threatened Species. This includes:

- Blanding’s Turtle
- Eastern Hog-nosed Snake
- Barn Swallow
- Bobolink
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Least Bittern
- Bank Swallow

The information herein is provided at the request of the South Bracebridge Environmental Protection Group to clarify the Endangered or Threatened Species at Risk that have been confirmed on the subject property and/or in nearby areas based on review of the sources provided in the June 3rd 2020 report.

Additionally, the purpose of the summary addendum is for Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) to re-consider the March 2019 finding and recommendation provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), to request that a reassessment of Endangered and Threatened SAR be undertaken, including but not limited to, comprehensive field investigations for SAR, an updated SAR report to document the findings, and revisions to the Environmental Impact Study to identify how impacts to SAR will be avoided.

We welcome any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,



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