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Township Clarifying Currently Permitted Uses of Burl's Creek Lands

Oro-Medonte, ON – Following the Friday, May 22, 2015 Special Meeting of Council, Township of Oro-Medonte staff have been directed to bring forward a by-law at the Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Meeting of Council to repeal Temporary Use By-law 2014-111.

By-law 2014-111 granted permission for parking and camping during special events on two parcels of property at Burl's Creek that did not previously have appropriate zoning for those uses. The Township has indicated on a number of occasions that By-law 2014-111 is null and void due to an inadvertent oversight that occurred during the approval process.

"Despite numerous public comments and communications from the Township stating that Temporary Use By-law 2014-111 is not in effect, the Township is taking the step of repealing the by-law to make clear that this is the case" says Deputy Mayor Ralph Hough.

Based on legal advice provided to the Township, it appears that WayHome Music & Arts Festival would be permitted in accordance with the Township's Zoning By-law (97-95). The Township understands there are other interpretations of the by-law; Save Oro Inc. & West Oro Ratepayers Association Inc. have taken the position that WayHome is prohibited, however, Burl's Creek is of the opinion that the event is permitted. As such, the Township has reached out to legal counsels for the parties to consider a joint court application regarding interpretation of the by-law.

Visit www.oro-medonte.ca for more information about the 2015 Temporary Use Application submitted by Burl's Creek.

Oro-Medonte is a diverse and beautiful community with a central location in Ontario. A community of 20,078 full-time residents, Oro-Medonte covers a land area of 61,000 hectares, stretching from the northern border of Barrie and Lake Simcoe to the southern fringes of Orillia and north to Tay and Severn Townships. For more information, please visit our website at www.oro-medonte.ca.

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