

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

## BY-LAW NO. 28-2022

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Being a by-law to prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns and other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon within a defined area of the Municipality of Thames Centre for the purpose of public safety.

### **(Firearms Discharge By-law)**

**WHEREAS** Section 119 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25* authorizes municipalities to prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns and other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon within a defined area of the Municipality of Thames Centre for the purpose of public safety;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre deems it expedient and necessary to exercise the power conferred upon local municipalities, under Section 119 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25*, as amended;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

In this By-law,

"Bow" means a weapon consisting of a curved, sometimes re-curved, stave of a resilient material, strung taut from end to end and used to launch an arrow, a bolt, a quarrel or any similar projectile and that is capable of causing bodily injury or death to a person and includes cross-bows, long-bows, re-curve bows and compound bows.

"Firearm" means a barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing bodily injury or death to a person, and includes any frame or receiver of such a barrelled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm, including air guns, spring-guns, or any class or type thereof.

"Municipality" means the area within the boundaries of the Municipality of Thames Centre.

"Nuisance animal" means any animal or bird found damaging or destroying property on a person's own land or, on reasonable and probable grounds, that a person believes is about to damage or destroy property on their own land.

### **2. DISCHARGE - PROHIBITED**

No person shall discharge a firearm or bow within the area of the Municipality as identified on the maps which forms Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this By-law and is described in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law, except as authorized by this By-law.

### **3. EXCEPTIONS**

- (a) This by-law is not intended to interfere in the exercise of the rights and privileges granted, or the performance of duties imposed upon a peace officer or other persons, by any Act of the Province of Ontario or the Government of Canada, and it shall not at any time be so construed.
- (b) Part 2 of this By-law does not apply so as to prohibit the discharge of firearms in the Municipality, when the discharge occurs in shooting or rifle ranges which are within buildings constructed so that there is no danger of any bullet or projectile discharged or fired therein, passing out of the building.

- (c) Part 2 of this By-law does not apply so as to prohibit the discharge of bows in the Municipality, when the discharge occurs in archery ranges which are within buildings constructed so that there is no danger of any projectile discharged therein, passing out of the building.
- (d) Part 2 of this By-law does not apply so as to prohibit the discharge of a bow on property used for educational purposes if it is for the purposes of archery instruction or an archery competition that is authorized by a board of education, an educational institution or the principal of a school that occupies the property.
- (e) Part 2 of this By-law does not apply so as to prohibit the discharge of a bow, when the discharge occurs at a competition event which has been sanctioned by the Federation of Canadian Archers or the Ontario Association of Archers.
- (f) Part 2 of this By-law does not apply so as to prohibit the discharge of a firearm or bow for the destruction of diseased, nuisance or sick animals, or for the slaughter of animals for food by the owner, occupier or authorized agent of the owner or occupier, of any land designated in the Municipality of Thames Centre Official Plan for agricultural uses.
- (g) Part 2 of this By-law, as it applies to the discharge of a firearm, does not apply so as to prohibit the owner or occupier of a parcel of land of 20.24 hectares (50 acres) or more located within the area set out in Schedules "A" and "B" of this By-law, or a person or persons carrying such owner or occupier's written permission on their person, from discharging a firearm for the purposes of hunting, target shooting or the training of dogs.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Part 2 of this By-law, as it applies to the discharge of a firearm, does not apply so as to prohibit the owner or occupier of lands known municipally as 2290 Slo-Pitch Road and legally described as Part of Lot 13, Concession B, SRT (geographic Township of North Dorchester), Municipality of Thames Centre, or a person or persons carrying such owner or occupier's written permission on their person on said lands, from discharging a firearm for the purposes of hunting, target shooting or the training of dogs.

- (h) Part 2 of this By-law, as it applies to the discharge of a bow, does not apply so as to prohibit the owner or occupier of a parcel of land of 4.05 hectares (10 acres) or more located within the area set out in Schedules "A" and "B" of this By-law, or a person or persons carrying such owner or occupier's written permission on their person, from discharging a bow for the purposes of hunting or target shooting.

#### **4. ENFORCEMENT**

- (a) Any person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is, upon conviction, guilty of an offence and is liable to any penalty as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33*.
- (b) The Court in which the conviction has been entered, and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted, and such order shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted.

#### **5. REPEAL-ENACTMENT**

- (a) By-law No. 112-2004 is hereby repealed.
- (b) This By-law shall come into force and take effect as of the day of the final passing thereof.

**READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**READ** a **THIRD** time and **FINALLY PASSED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Original signed by

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Mayor, A. Warwick

Original signed by

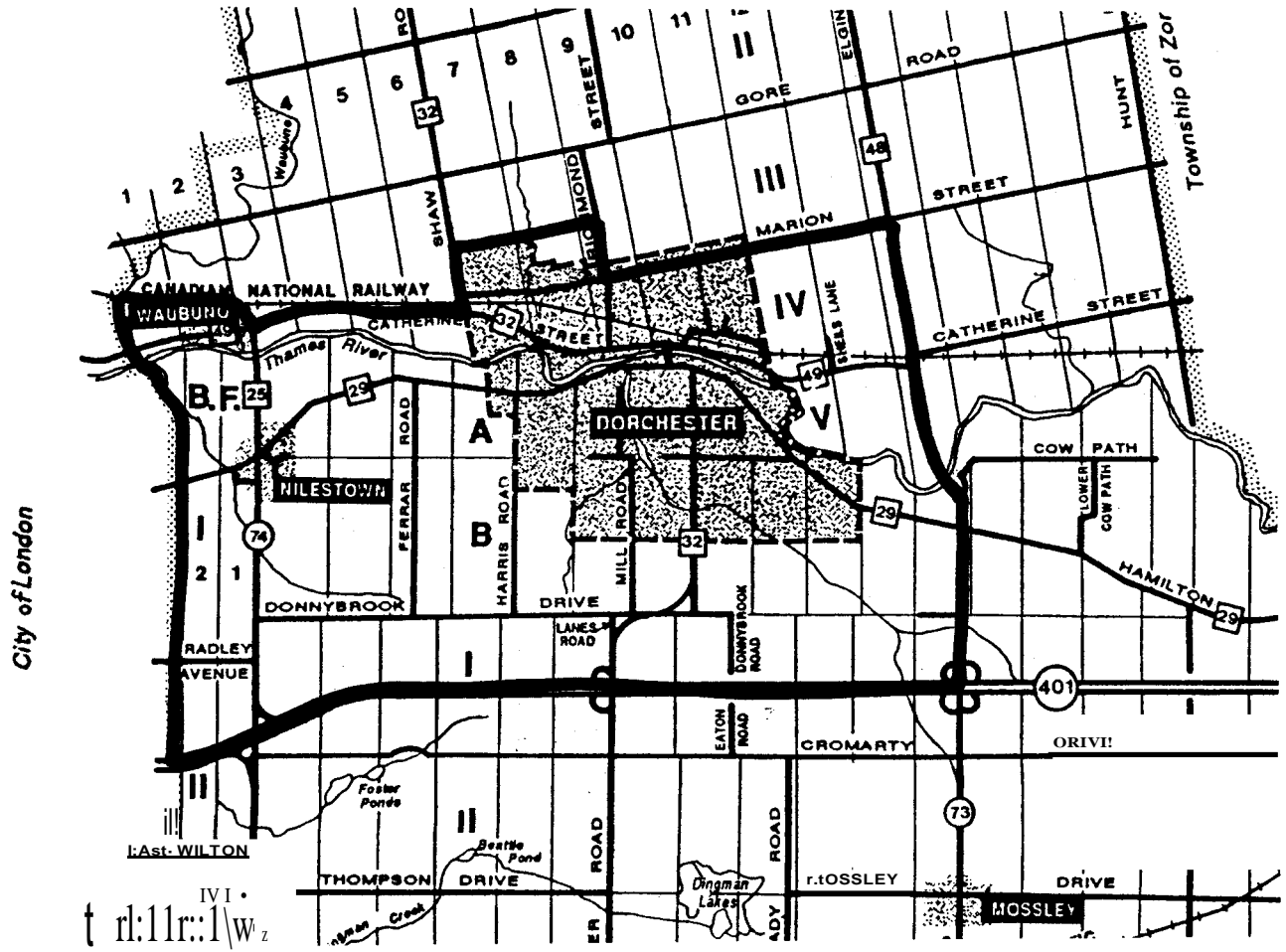
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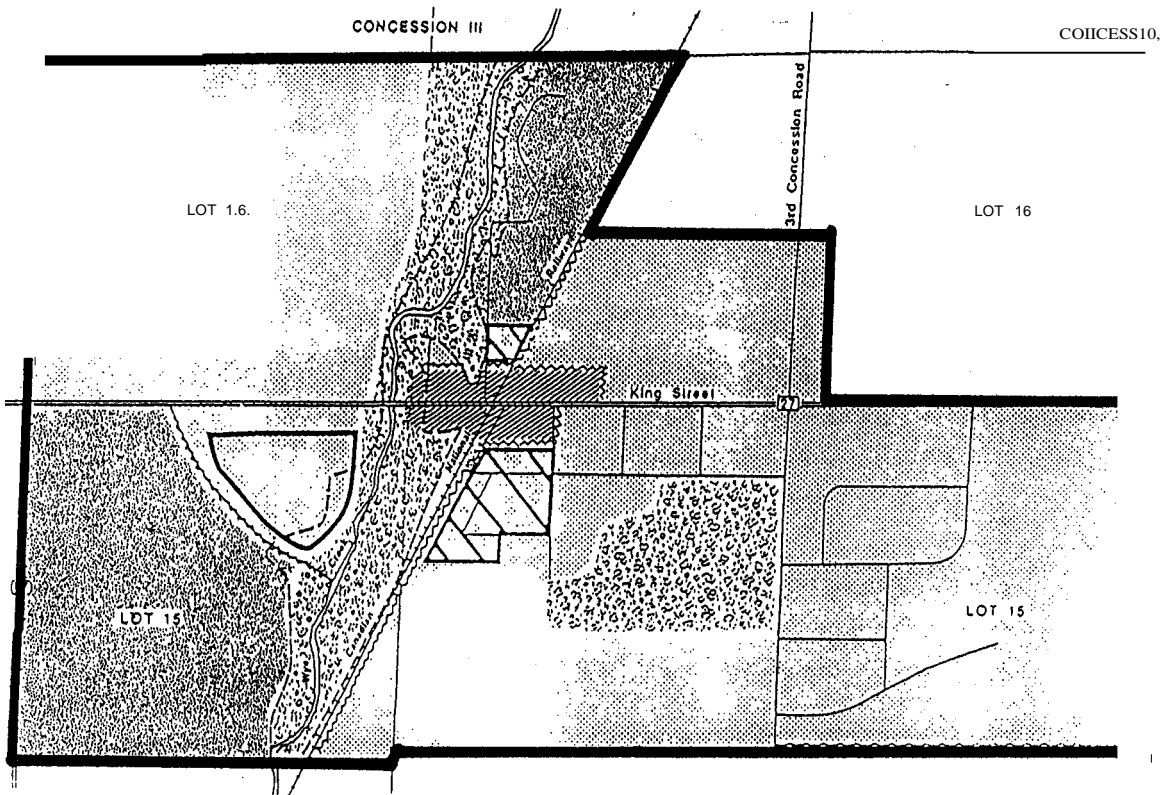
SCHEDULE "A"

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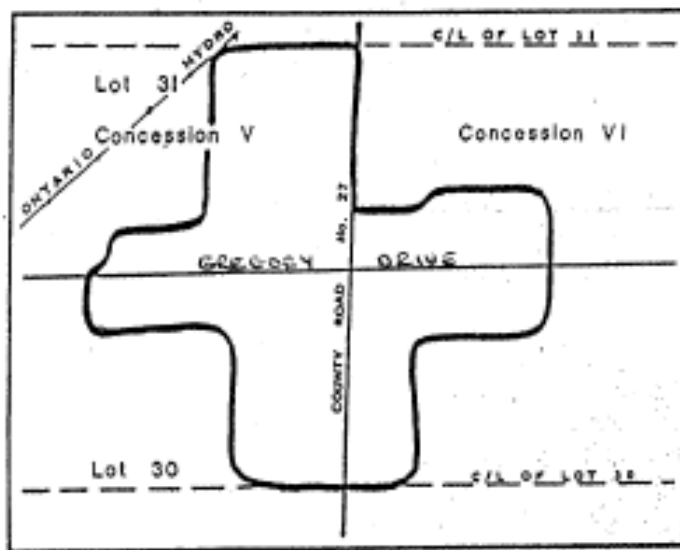
MAP 1 (Dorchester/Nilestown/Waubuno)



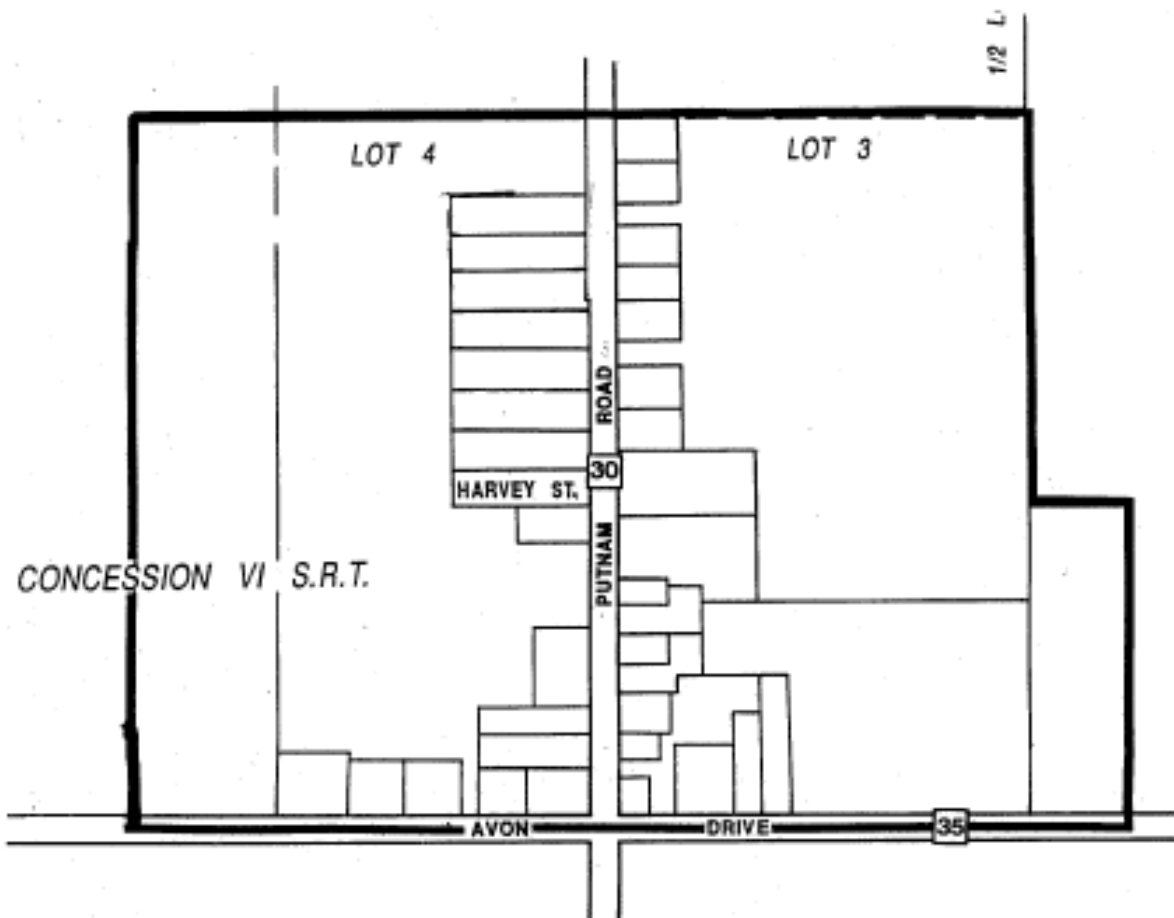
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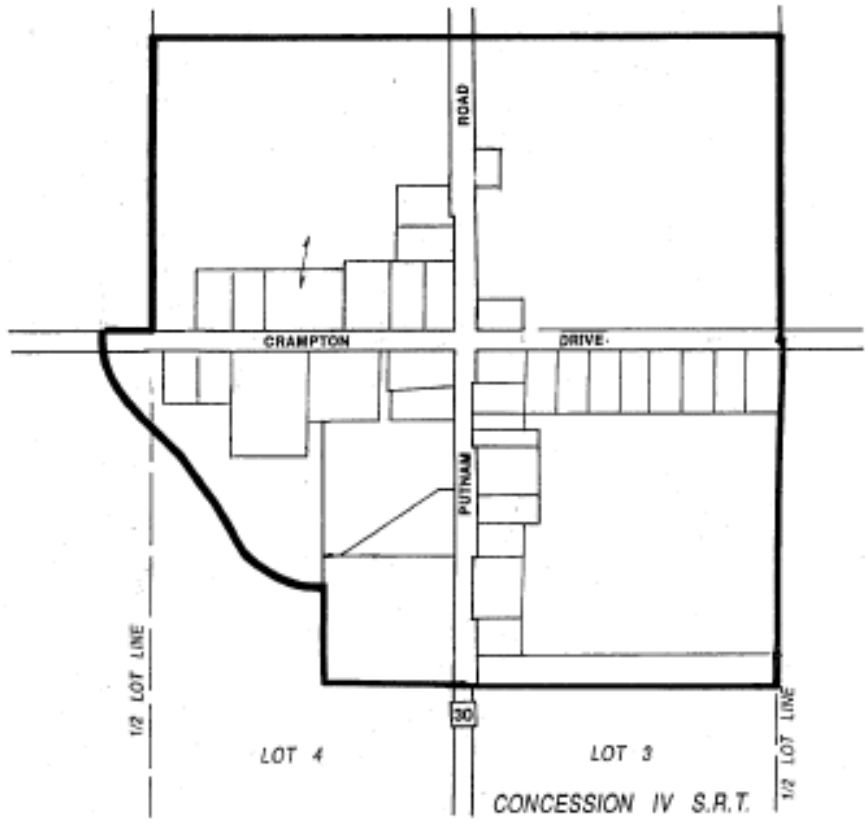
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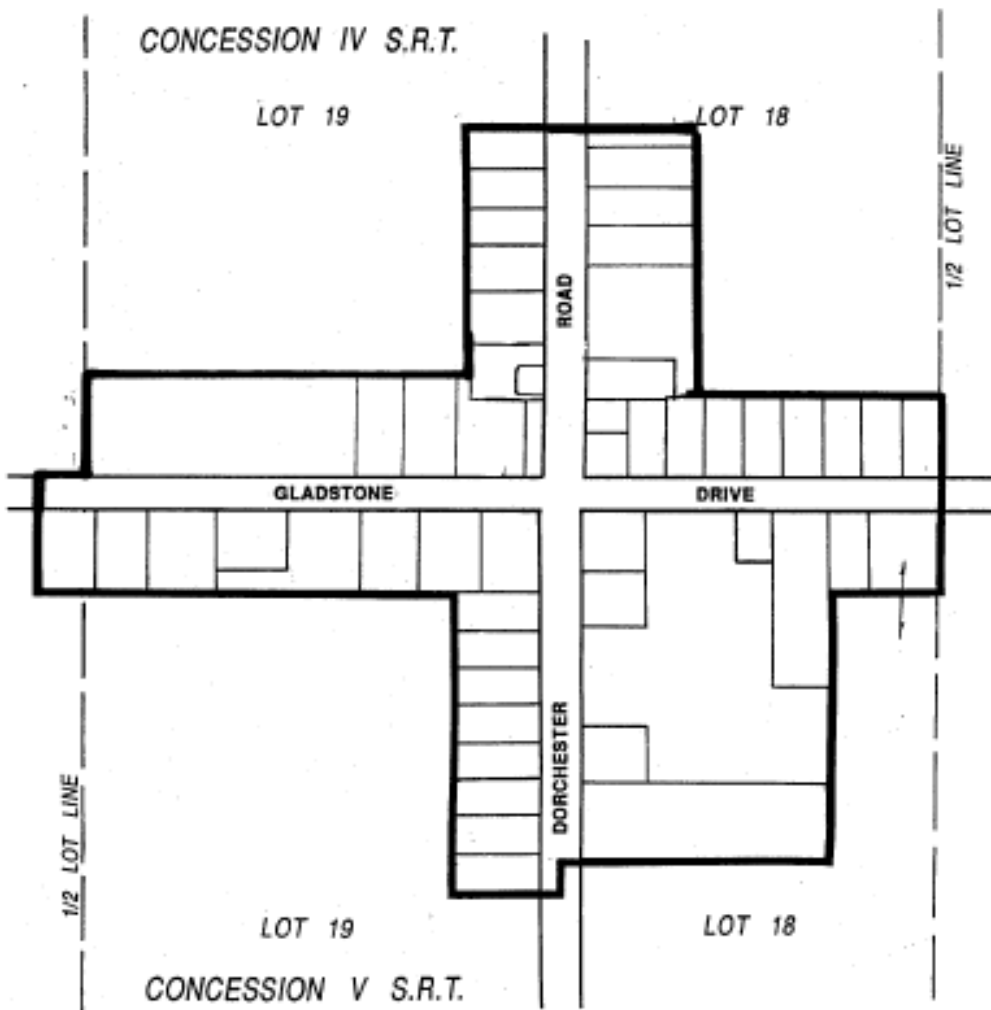
MAP 4 (Avon)



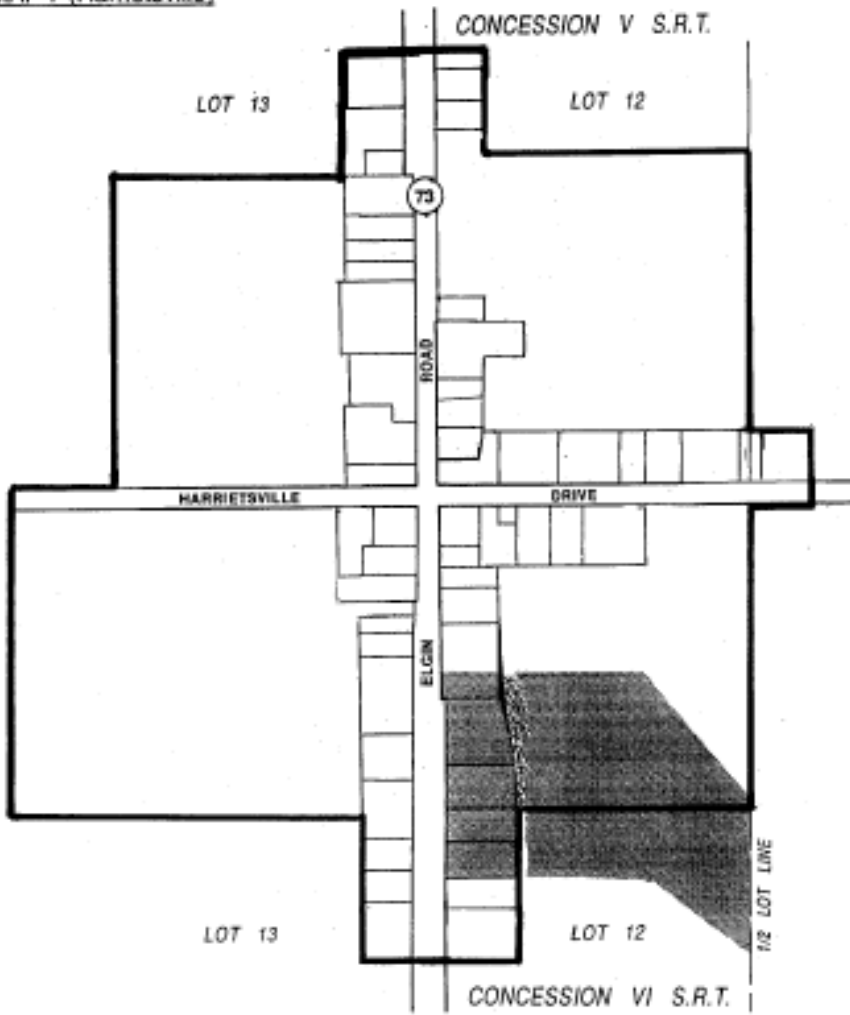
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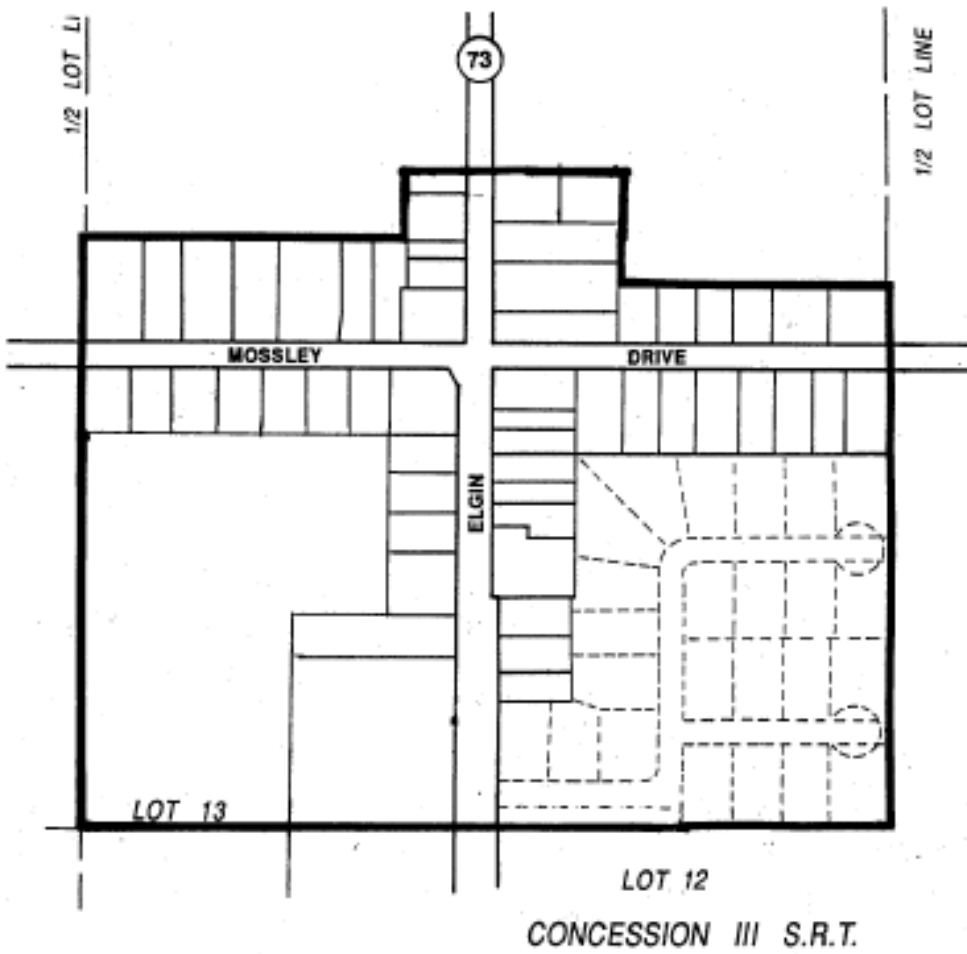
MAP 6 (Gladstone)



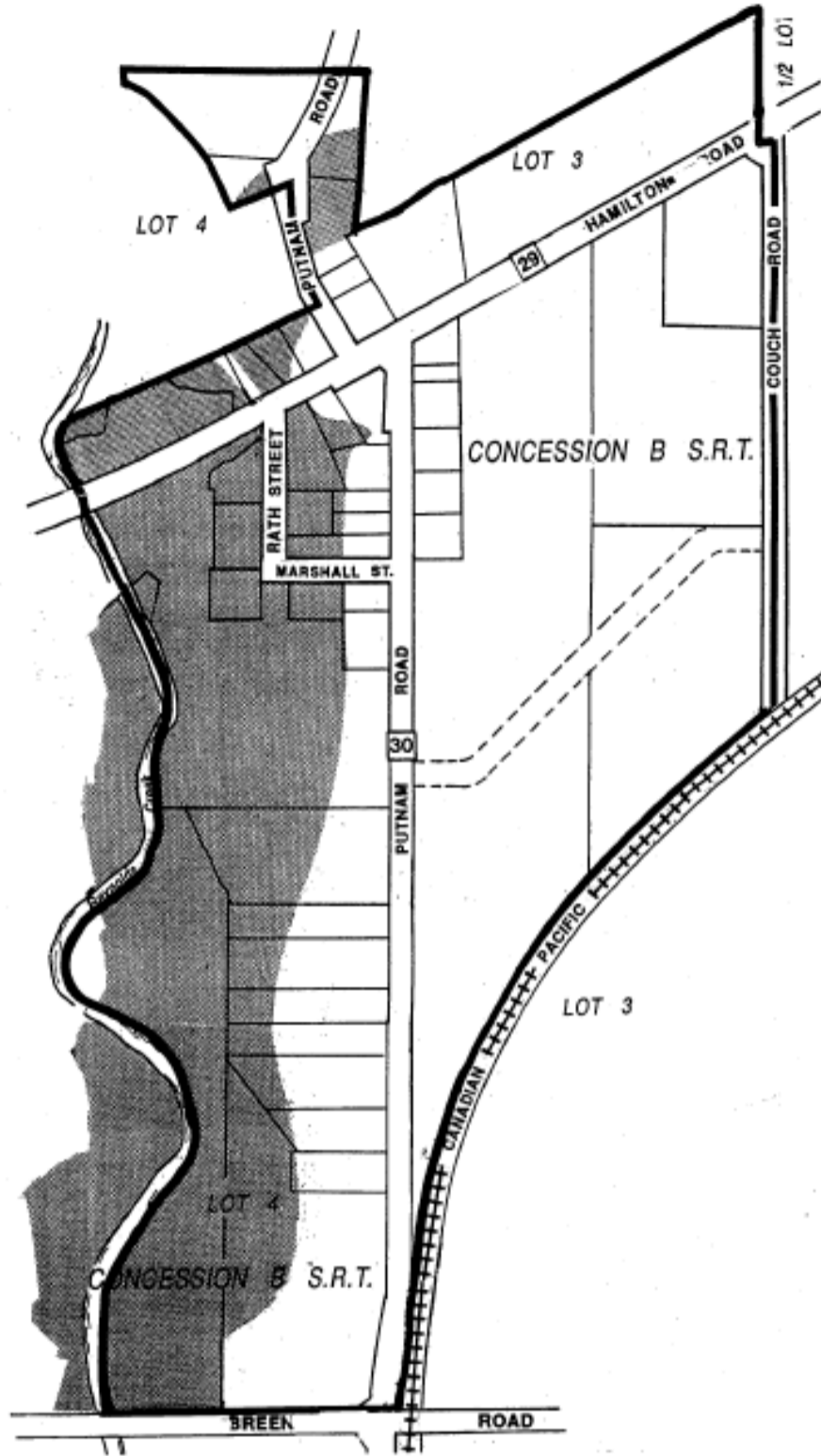
MAP 7 (Harrietsville)



MAP 8 (Mossley)



MAP 9 (Putnam)





## **SCHEDULE "B"**

### **TO BY-LAW NO. 28-2022**

The areas of the Municipality of Thames Centre in which the discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited as shown on Schedule "A" to this By-law are described as follows:

#### **MAP 1 (Dorchester/Nilestown/Waubuno)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING at the intersection of the westerly limit of the Municipality of Thames Centre with the northerly limit of Highway 401;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of the Municipality of Thames Centre to the southerly limit of the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railway;  
THENCE easterly along the southerly limit of the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railway to the easterly limit of Westchester Bourne;  
THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of Westchester Bourne to the northerly limit of Catherine Street;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Catherine Street to the westerly limit of Shaw Sideroad;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Shaw Sideroad to a point distant 500 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Marion Street to the westerly limit of Richmond Street;  
THENCE southerly along the westerly limit of Richmond Street to the northerly limit of Marion Street;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Marion Street to the westerly limit of Elgin Road;  
THENCE southerly along the westerly limit of Elgin Road to the northerly limit of Highway 401;  
THENCE westerly along the northerly limit of Highway 401 to the point of commencement.

#### **MAP 2 (Thorndale)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of West Nissouri at the intersection of the westerly limit of Lot 14 of Concession III with the westerly limit of Lot 15 of Concession III;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Lots 15 and 16 of Concession III to the northerly limit of Lot 16 of Concession III;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Lot 16 of Concession III to the easterly limit of the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railway;  
THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railway to southerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R-5876;  
THENCE easterly along the southerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R-5876 to the westerly limit of Fairview Road;  
THENCE continuing easterly to and along the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R- 12493 to the westerly limit of Part 5 of Reference Plan 33R-12493;  
THENCE southerly along the westerly limit of Part 5 of Reference Plan 33R-12493 to the northerly limit of King Street;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of King Street to a point half-way between Fairview Road and Heritage Road;  
THENCE southerly in a straight line to the southerly limit of Lot 15 of Concession IV;  
THENCE westerly along the southerly limit of Lot 15 of Concession IV;  
THENCE continuing westerly to and along the southerly limit of Lot 15, Concession III to the point of commencement.

**MAP 3 (Wellburn)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of West Nissouri at the intersection of the westerly limit of Purple Hill Road with the centreline of Lot 30 of Concession V;  
THENCE westerly along the centreline of Lot 30 of Concession V to a point distant 200 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line to a point distant 150 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line to a point distant 200 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line to the southerly limit of Gregory Drive;  
THENCE continuing northerly along the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11734 to the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11734;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11734 to the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-756;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-756 to the centreline of Lot 31 of Concession V;  
THENCE easterly along the centreline of Lot 31 of Concession V to the easterly limit of Wellburn Road;  
THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of Wellburn Road to the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-7256;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line to the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R- 111373;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11373 to the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11373;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11373 to the easterly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11373;  
THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11373 to the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-2272;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Parts 1, 2 and 3 of Reference Plan 33R-2272 to the easterly limit of Part 3 of Reference Plan 33R-2272;  
THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of Part 3 of Reference Plan 33R-2272 to the northerly limit of Gregory Drive;  
THENCE continuing southerly to and along the easterly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R- 3819;  
THENCE southerly in as straight line to the centreline of Lot 30 of Concession VI;  
THENCE continuing westerly along the centreline of Lot 30, Concession VI to the point of commencement.

**MAP 4 (Avon)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of North Dorchester at the intersection of the westerly limit of Putnam Road with the northerly limit of Avon Drive;  
THENCE westerly along the northerly limit of Avon Drive to a point distant 400 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Putnam Road to a point distant 550 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Avon Drive to the westerly limit of Putnam Road;  
THENCE continuing easterly to and along the northerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R- 9034 to the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-9034;  
THENCE continuing easterly northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-9034 to the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession VI S.R.T.;

THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession VI S.R.T. to a point distant 300 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Avon Drive to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE southerly in a straight line parallel to Putnam Road to the northerly limit of Avon Drive;  
THENCE westerly along the northerly limit of Avon Drive to the point of commencement.

**MAP 5 (Crampton)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of North Dorchester at the intersection of the northerly limit of Crampton Drive with the centreline of Lot 4 of Concession III S.R.T.;  
THENCE northerly along the centreline of Lot 4 of Concession III S.R.T. to a point distant 300 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Crampton Drive to the easterly limit of Putnam Road;  
THENCE continuing easterly in a straight line parallel to Crampton Drive to the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession III S.R.T.;  
THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession III S.R.T. to the northerly limit of Crampton Drive;  
THENCE continuing southerly to and along the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession IV S.R.T. to a point distant 350 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Crampton Drive to the westerly limit of Putnam Road;  
THENCE continuing westerly in a straight line parallel to Crampton Drive to the easterly limit of the Crampton Municipal Drain;  
THENCE northerly along the easterly limit of the Crampton Municipal Drain to the northerly limit of Crampton Drive;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Crampton Drive to the point of commencement.

**MAP 6 (Gladstone)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of North Dorchester at the intersection of the northerly limit of Gladstone Drive with the centreline of Lot 19 of Concession IV S.R.T.;  
THENCE northerly along the centreline of Lot 19 of Concession IV S.R.T. to a point distant 100 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to a point distant 300 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Dorchester Road to a point distant 200 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to the easterly limit of Dorchester Road;  
THENCE continuing easterly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to a point distant 100 metres;  
THENCE southerly in a straight line parallel to Dorchester Road to a point distant 225 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to the centreline of Lot 18 of Concession IV S.R.T.;  
THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 18 of Concession IV S.R.T. to the southerly limit of Gladstone Drive;  
THENCE continuing southerly to and along the centreline of Lot 18 of Concession V S.R.T. to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to a point distant 75 metres;

THENCE southerly in a straight line parallel to Dorchester Road to a point distant 250 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to the westerly limit of Dorchester Road;  
THENCE continuing westerly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Dorchester Road to a point distant 225 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Gladstone Drive to a point distant 350 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Dorchester Road to the northerly limit of Gladstone Drive;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Gladstone Drive in a straight line to the point of commencement.

**MAP 7 (Harrietsville)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of North Dorchester at the intersection of the northerly limit of Harrietsville Drive with the centreline of Lot 13 of Concession V S.R.T.;  
THENCE northerly along the centreline of Lot 13 of Concession V S.R.T. to a point distant 300 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to a point distant 225 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to a point distant 125 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to the easterly limit Elgin Road;  
THENCE continuing easterly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE southerly a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to a point distant 125 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession V S.R.T.;  
THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession V S.R.T. to a point distant 250 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE southerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to the southerly limit of Harrietsville Drive;  
THENCE easterly along the southerly limit of Harrietsville Drive to the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession VI S.R.T.;  
THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession VI S.R.T. to a point distant 300 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to a point distant 225 metres;  
THENCE southerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to a point distant 150 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to the westerly limit of Elgin Road;  
THENCE continuing westerly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to a point distant 150 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Harrietsville Drive to a point distant 350 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to the northerly limit of Harrietsville Drive;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Harrietsville Drive to the point of commencement.

**MAP 8 (Mossley)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of North Dorchester at the intersection of the northerly limit of Mossley Drive with the centreline of Lot 13 of Concession II S.R.T.;  
THENCE northerly along the centreline of Lot 13 of Concession II S.R.T. to a point distant 100 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Mossley Drive to a point distant 225 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to a point distant 50 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Mossley Drive to the easterly limit Elgin Road;  
THENCE continuing easterly in a straight line parallel to Mossley Drive to a point distant 100 metres;  
THENCE southerly a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to a point distant 100 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Mossley Drive to the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession II S.R.T.;  
THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession II S.R.T. to the southerly limit of Mossley Drive;  
THENCE continuing southerly to and along the centreline of Lot 12 of Concession III S.R.T. to a point distant 350 metres;  
THENCE westerly in a straight line parallel to Mossley Drive to the westerly limit of Elgin Road;  
THENCE continuing westerly in a straight line parallel to Mossley Drive to a point distant 300 metres;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line parallel to Elgin Road to the point of commencement.

**MAP 9 (Putnam)**

That portion of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:

COMMENCING in the former geographic Township of North Dorchester at the intersection of the southerly limit of Hamilton Road with the westerly limit of Couch Road;  
THENCE southerly along westerly limit of Couch Road to the northerly limit of the right-of-way of the Canadian Pacific Railway;  
THENCE westerly along the northerly limit of the right-of-way of the Canadian Pacific Railway to northerly limit of Breen Road;  
THENCE westerly along the northerly limit of Breen Road to the easterly limit of the Reynolds Creek;  
THENCE northerly along the easterly limit of the Reynolds Creek to the northerly limit of Hamilton Road;  
THENCE continuing northerly along the Reynolds Creek to a point distant 75 metres;  
THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to Hamilton Road to the westerly limit Putnam Road;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Putnam Road to the southerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R-11816  
THENCE westerly along the southerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R-11816 to the westerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R-11816;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Part 2 of Reference Plan 33R-11816 to the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11816;  
THENCE northerly along the westerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11816 to the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11816;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-11816 to the westerly limit of Part 3 of Reference Plan 33R-11816;  
THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Part 3 of Reference Plan 33R-11816 to the easterly limit of Putnam Road;

THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of Putnam Road to a point distant 75 metres;

THENCE easterly a straight line parallel to Hamilton Road to the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession B S.R.T.;

THENCE southerly along the centreline of Lot 3 of Concession B S.R.T. to the southerly limit of Hamilton Road;

THENCE easterly in a straight line to the point of commencement