Zoning By-Law Review: Proposed Changes – FACT SHEET

Item	Changes	Rationale for Changes
General Provisions (Section 5.0)	Remove subsection 5.9 "Garden Suites".	With introduction of ARUs, garden suites are likely not relevant due to the high cost of constructing them when they are only temporary.
Accessory Uses, Buildings, Structures (Section 5.1)	 Amend Table 5.1.1.4 – "Regulations for Accessory Buildings and Structures" to increase the maximum height of accessory buildings and structures from 3.7 m (12.1 ft) to 6 m (19.6 ft) in Residential or Entrepreneurial Zones. Amend Table 5.1.1.4 – "Regulations for Accessory Buildings and Structures" to increase minimum rear yard and interior side yard setbacks for accessory buildings and structures from 1.2 m (3.9 ft) to 3 m (9.8 ft) in Residential or Entrepreneurial Zones. 	It is proposed to increase the permitted of accessory buildings in Town to permit 2 storey detached accessory buildings. With the increased height permitted, it is recommended to increase the yard setbacks to ensure adequate room is provided for maintenance of the structures and to mitigate privacy concerns from 2 storey accessory structures that may be used as Additional Residential Units.
Additional Residential Units (Section 5.1.4)	Amend Table 5.1.4 – "Regulations for Additional "Table 5.1.4 – "Regulations for Additional" "Table 5.1.4 – "Regulations for Additional" "Table 5.1.4 –	This will provide additional opportunity to provide the

	Residential Units (ARUs)" to reduce the requirement for landscaped open space in the front yard of a lot used for ARU purposes from 50 % to 35%.	required parking space for an ARU.
	 Amend Table 5.1.4 – "Regulations for Additional Residential Units (ARUs)" to remove the requirement for entrances to be from the front lot line to the ARU entrance. 	This provision is not required as it is addressed through other provisions.
	 Amend Table 5.1.4 – "Regulations for Additional Residential Units (ARUs)" to include that ARUs within a building or structure accessory to a residential use shall comply with Table 5.1.1.4 – Regulations for Accessory Buildings and Structures. 	This will provide clarity that an ARU in a detached accessory structure must comply with the same setbacks and provisions as an accessory building.
Cargo Containers (Section 5.2)	 Amend Section 5.2 "Cargo Containers" to permit cargo containers in an Industrial or Commercial Zone only. 	This will permit cargo containers to be used for storage in commercial zones as well.

Home Occupation (Section 5.13)	 Amend Section 5.13.1 "Where Permitted" to include that an eating establishment and food preparation is not permitted within a home occupation. 	In accordance with Public Health requirements, food may only be prepared in a commercial kitchen.
	 Amend Section 5.13.11 "Zone Requirements" which outlines that a home occupation shall not include the shipping or receiving of goods or materials by commercial motor vehicles greater than 420,000 kg, an increase from the previous 4,000 kg (gross vehicle weight). 	This amendment will reflect that most courier deliveries now occur with full size delivery vehicles.
Loading Provisions (5.14)	 Relocate Section 5.14 "Loading Provisions" to Section 5.24.6 	This section is often missed when preparing site plan submissions; relocating it within the parking requirements section of the Zoning By-Law will make it more visible.
Non-Conforming Uses, Sites	Amend Section 5.21.4 Desiration Remark Leaves all to	Often if a building is destroyed
and Buildings (Section 5.21)	"Building Permit Issued" to allow additional time (from 6	by fire it takes longer than 6 months for a building permit to
	months to 1 year) for approved	be issued for a replacement due
	uses and structures that have	to delays with property insurers.
	been issued a building permit but have not yet been	This will provide additional time to prepare and submit for
	constructed and may no longer conform to the Zoning By-Law	building permit issuance.

	as a result of changes or amendments, to be constructed to be deemed legal non-conforming.	
Parking Provisions (5.24)	Amend Section 5.24.1.7.2 "Width of a Joint Access" to include that the width of joint access measured along the street line shall be between 6.7 (22 ft) and 9 m (29.5 ft), or as approved in an approved site plan.	This will provide flexibility for reduced joint access into parking aisles where a site plan has been reviewed and approved by the Town.
	Amend Section 5.24.1.7.1 to increase the "Maximum Driveway Width - Residential Zones" from 50% to 60% of the area of the front yard or lot frontage, or the area or width of the exterior side yard that may be occupied by a driveway or parking area.	This will provide additional opportunity to create or widen existing driveways to provide more off-street parking for residential lots.
	 Remove crushed stone, slag, gravel, crushed brick (or tile), and cinders from Section 5.24.1.8 "Parking Area Surface". 	This will provide additional clarity on acceptable driveway materials.

- Remove garden suite from "Table 5.24.2.1 – Parking Standards"
- Correct bed and breakfast establishment spelling in "Table 5.24.2.1 – Parking Standards"
- Amend Table 5.24.2.1 –
 "Parking Standards" to reduce
 the number of vehicle parking
 spaces required for a
 residential unit in a portion of a
 non-residential building,
 multiple unit dwelling, or
 apartment dwelling from the
 current 1.5 per dwelling unit to
 1.25 per dwelling unit plus
 accessible parking
 requirements as outlined in
 Section 5.24.2.2.
- Amend Table 5.24.2.1 –
 "Parking Standards" to require 1 parking space per 25 m² (269 ft²) of gross floor area instead of the current 1 parking space per 20 m² (215.3 ft²) for commercial

Garden suite is proposed to be removed.

Typographical error

This proposed amendment would reduce the number of parking spaces required for multiple unit dwellings and apartment dwellings. Most of recent proposals for buildings apartment have required relief from the required parking, and requiring less parking spaces will reduce the cost of construction for new apartment and multiple unit residential development.

This will slightly reduce the amount of required parking for commercial uses. Feedback received indicated that required parking was too generous, the

school, financial institution, laundromat, personal service establishment, retail store, service shop, and studio uses. parking demand was less than the required number of spaces.

Amend Table 5.24.2.1 –
 "Parking Standards" to require
 1 parking space per 30 m²
 (322 ft²) of gross floor area
 instead of the current 1
 parking space per 20 m²
 (215.3 ft²) for business or
 professional office and
 government administrative
 office uses.

Many of the current industrial proposals for warehouses do not have significant number of employees attending the site at once.

Amend Table 5.24.2.1 –
 "Parking Standards" to require
 1 parking space per 200 m²
 (2,152 ft²) of gross floor area
 instead of the current 1
 parking space per 185 m²
 (1,991 ft²) for industrial
 warehouse uses.

This proposal will increase the required parking for elementary schools as the streets and parking demand adjacent to

Amend Table 5.24.2.1 –
 "Parking Standards" to require
 5 parking spaces plus 2 per classroom or 1 per 10 m²
 (107.6 ft²) of gross floor area in

the gymnasium or auditorium, whichever is greater, instead of the current 5 parking spaces plus 1 per classroom or 1 per 10 m² (107.6 ft²) of gross floor area in the gymnasium or auditorium, whichever is greater, for elementary school uses.

existing elementary schools is significant.

Amend Table 5.24.2.1 —
 "Parking Standards" to include that adequate off-street parking spaces and loading spaces for school buses shall also be provided as determined through an approved site plan for elementary school uses.

Existing school sites do not have enough bus loading areas and off-street parking areas for arrival and dismissal times. This change will assist to provide additional bus drop off and loading spaces.

Amend Table 5.24.2.1 –
 "Parking Standards" to require
 5 parking spaces per
 classroom or 1 per 10 m²
 (107.6 ft²) of gross floor area in
 the gymnasium or auditorium,
 whichever is greater instead of
 the current 4 parking spaces

This proposal will increase the required parking for elementary schools as the streets and parking demand adjacent to existing secondary schools is significant.

	per classroom for secondary school uses. • Amend Section 5.24.4 "Queue Space Requirements" to include that queue spaces shall not be considered a parking space and shall not be located in a yard abutting a Residential Zone or Entrepreneurial Zone.	Provide clarity that a drive through space is not a parking space.
Prohibited Uses (Section 5.26)	 Amend Section 5.26 "Prohibited Uses" to include a facility for the manufacturing, refining or processing of hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, picric acid, sulphuric acid, or any sulphurous acid. 	This will update the list of prohibited uses to ensure that a zoning amendment is required for a proposed noxious use.
Public Uses (Section 5.27)	 Amend Section 5.27.1 "Public Services" to include an internet service provider. 	This will provide consistency between internet service providers and other utility companies.
Setback to Centreline of Arterial Road	Clarify that the setback from the centreline of an arterial road is to be calculated from the centreline of the road allowance, not the pavement.	This will provide additional clarity for consistent interpretation, and will ensure that the setback is calculated from the middle of the road

		allowance, in the event that road is re-constructed or asphalt width or location changes.
Section 7.3- R2-S	 Clarify that an ARU is a permitted use in the R2-S Zone 	An ARU is to be broadly permitted within a single detached dwelling, semidetached dwelling, or townhouse dwelling.
Section 4- add definition for Emergency Care Establishment	 Add a new definition for emergency care establishment: 	
	"EMERGENCY CARE ESTABLISHMENT", means an institutional use that provides temporary accommodation and assistance for periods generally not exceeding six weeks for the majority of residents. An Emergency Care Establishment does not include a Group Home.	
Section 5- Provisions for Emergency Care Establishment	 Provide that an Emergency Care Establishment may not be located on lands fronting or flanking onto Broadway within the CC or EC Zone 	Emergency Care Shelters provide an important service to members of the community. It is recommended that criteria be included to ensure that they are

		not located on prominent pedestrian-oriented locations in the Central Area.
Section 14- Service Commercial Zone	Remove a place of worship as a permitted use	Intent is to ensure that the remaining service commercial lands in the town are used for commercial purposes. A place of worship remains a permitted use in the EC, CC and institutional zones.
R1, R2, R3 site specific zones	Include an ARU as a permitted use	Changes will reflect Provincial direction to broadly permit ARUs in single detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings.
R3 & RM Zones	Remove the minimum distance between multiple unit dwellings and apartments on the same lot	This is more appropriately regulated by the Ontario Building Code which regulates the spatial separation of buildings for building and life safety. Recent proposals for multiple unit dwellings and apartment dwellings have requested relief of these sections.

Section 3.2- Holding Zones	Clarify that Holding Zones may be used to ensure confirmation of sufficient water and wastewater capacity is available to service a development prior to building permit issuance	Holding Zones are currently used for this purpose, but the provisions are included in each site specific provision.
Section 15- NC Zone	Remove minimum gross floor area for dwelling unit	Minimum gross floor area is more appropriately determined by the provisions of the Ontario Building Code.