

ROPA 46 - Surplus Farm Dwelling Severance Questionnaire

1. What is an eligible farm lot?

An eligible farm lot should (select all that apply):

- Be actively farmed at the time of application
- Be enrolled in the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program
- Be associated with the same Farm Business Registration number as the farm parcel being consolidated
- Be able to meet a minimum size requirement
- Other (please state)

2. Should farm buildings (drive sheds, fuel storage, greenhouses etc.), excluding barns, be allowed to be severed with a surplus farm residence?

- No
- Yes (must meet zoning bylaw requirements)

3. Are you concerned that Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances (SFDS) will introduce non-farm residential uses into prime agricultural areas and limit farm viability?

- Yes (select all that apply):
 - May increase nuisance complaints from non-farm neighbours (e.g. noise, odour, dust, chemical application etc.)
 - May increase nuisance complaints from farmers (e.g. trespassing, pet-livestock conflicts, road-sharing conflicts etc.)
 - May limit future livestock expansion due to MDS restrictions
 - May increase fragmentation and road sharing conflicts
- No (select all that apply):
 - New dwelling owners are already renting surplus dwellings
 - New dwelling owners understand/are supportive of farming
 - MDS and Normal Farm Practices Board will reduce potential for conflicts
- Other (please state)

4. At what point of farm consolidation should a farm operation be able to sever a surplus residence?

Select one:

- Farm parcel not yet acquired - Intention to consolidate post-severance established
- Farm parcel acquired - Intention to initiate farm activity post-severance established
- Farm parcel acquired - Farm activity underway
- Farm parcel acquired - Farm activity underway for at least one year

5. As part of the SFDS application what documentation should be included to confirm farm consolidation?

6. Do you have any other comments about surplus farm dwelling severance policies?

Thank you.

Information gathered will be combined and reviewed, but not be published or released individually. Input will be summarized for Council as part of the final report.

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