



The TOWNSHIP of  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Councillor Gillespie, Chair for Governance & Protective Services  
Committee and Members of Council

**Copy to:** Andrew McNeely, Chief Administrative Officer,  
Shelley Stedall, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services

**From:** Ashley Sage, Clerk

**Re:** **ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – Item 4.4.5 – Committee of the  
Whole Agenda for September 9, 2019**

**Date:** September 9, 2019

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Correspondence has been received pertaining to item 4.4.5: Report No. CLK-17-2019:  
Discharge of Firearms By-law Review.

The correspondence (attached) has been circulated to the Committee for their  
consideration.

## Ashley Sage

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 9, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Ashley Sage  
**Subject:** Not required. "Review of the current Discharge of Firearms By-law"

Hi Ashley,

Please see my perspective on this topic, thank you.

"Please be advised that on Monday September 9, 2019 (TONIGHT) the Township of North Dumfries will be discussing and voting on a staff report that recommends a full comprehensive review of the current Discharge of Firearms By-law."

I have been a North Dumfries/Ayr resident and taxpayer for the last 6 years, I feel strongly that the current North Dumfries firearms discharge by-laws are sufficient and do not require our resources/funds to review this by-law. North Dumfries is a predominately rural and agricultural area where the discharge of firearms should not be unreasonably restricted. I feel and fear that the township is being pressured by a very small minority on this topic and it does not warrant any further review.

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**Ashley Sage**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 9, 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** Ashley Sage  
**Subject:** North Dumfries Firearms Discharge Bylaw

Hello Ashley,

I would like to make some comments regarding the firearms discharge bylaw in North Dumfries, but ask you Please redact my name and email from any form of circulation paper or email. Thank you in Advance.

I took the time to read some of the complaints regarding target shooting in North Dumfries - I am puzzled the complaint would come in regarding this noise and feel this is nothing more than someone with an unreasonable fear of firearms or someone with an unreasonable expectation of living "out in the countryside"

There are many loud noises when living out in the country such as trains, transport trucks, chainsawing, agricultural vehicles, 4 wheeling, dirt biking, etc. If someone cannot tolerate noises (including the discharge of firearms) perhaps they can move back to a big city and put up with noises involved in living in big cities.

Also, statistically speaking hunting is one of the safest outdoor activities one can pursue, so I also do not comprehend restricting firearms discharge in a rural and agricultural township such as North Dumfries.

I fear this firearms discharge bylaw review is a waste of North Dumfries taxpayers dollars and money could be better spend elsewhere.

## Ashley Sage

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**From:** Alex Bestfather [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 9, 2019 1:45 PM  
**To:** Ashley Sage  
**Subject:** Discharge of Firearms Bylaw

I unable to attend tonight's meeting to present my view therefore I sending this email. I have been a resident of North Dumfries for 20 years and a hunter for 52 years. This has provided me much recreation and appreciation of nature. In this time I have always been safety conscious and have made friends with many farmers who have permitted me to hunt on their property. Most times I hunted for my own enjoyment but other times I helped the farmer by ridding them of animals which posed a threat to their livestock or farming operation (ie coyotes,raccoons,groundhogs,possums,crows etc). Sometimes these animals were diseased with distemper or rabies.

I also pay taxes on 20 acres and hunt coyotes on it to reduce their population to protect my pet dog and horses. It is also a good area to sight in my rifle or crossbow for deer season whether I hunt in North Dumfries or some other area. I am also a member of the Federation of Anglers and Hunters and such am covered by their 3 million dollar liability insurance while hunting or target shooting.

As long as there are viable areas to hunt in North Dumfries I feel it is in interest of the township to allow the discharge of firearms in a lawful way.

Sincerely Alex Bestfather

Sent from my iPhone

## Ashley Sage

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 9, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** Ashley Sage  
**Subject:** Re firearm discharge review for North Dumfries

To who it may concern regarding the firearm discharge review. Everyday some form of restriction is put in place affecting everyone in some form or other usually brought on by a very small group of people that have selfish motives . Hunting is a heritage passed down from fathers grandfathers to many young men and women , please think carefully in your firearm discharge review as to consider not only hunting but various shooting clubs in the area. As a former Hunter safety instructor and examiner for more than twenty years I stressed how important it was to respect landowners and the law as to be a example for others and only to leave nothing but a footprint when they left . Best regards Terry Ball  
... Cambridge

**Ashley Sage**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 9, 2019 4:04 PM  
**To:** Ashley Sage  
**Subject:** Discharge of Firearms By-Law

Dear Ms. Sage,

David Haskell here. I'm running for MP in the riding of Cambridge-North Dumfries.

More importantly to my email, I live in Cambridge and, as legal firearms owner, I occasionally do some hunting in North Dumfries.

I just saw that tonight the Township Council will be discussing and voting on a staff report that recommends a full comprehensive review of the current Discharge of Firearms By-law.

I took a quick look at the report and would make a few observations.

It seems that this new review was triggered by a single noise complaint. It doesn't appear any laws were breached.

It seems it was just four years ago the council conducted a similar review of this policy, and at that time it was decided that given this is the jurisdiction of the province, at least for the most part, the status quo should remain.

From my perspective, as a citizen who hunts and is well aware of the strict rules gun owners must and do obey, I'd say that opening up this by-law for review is unnecessary. The same strict rules governing firearms and hunting are still in place in the province and country.

If there were serious and repeated infractions beyond occasional loud noises, then I could see needing to tend to this issue. But again, that doesn't seem to be the case here.

Thanks for listening to my thoughts on the matter and thanks for the opportunity.

Best,  
David Haskell

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David M. Haskell, PhD



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Chair Rolleman & Members of the Development Services Committee

**Copy to:** Ashley Sage, Clerk  
Brandon Flewelling

**From:** Andrew McNeely, Chief Administrative Officer

**Re:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Agenda Item 4.2.5 Report No. PD-49-2019 Broos Phase 2  
Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendments / Draft Plan of Subdivision

**Date:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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The Owner has requested one (1) minor edit to the proposed Conditions to Draft Approval for Subdivision File No. 30T-18301 (Broos Phase 2). The proposed amendment is associated with Condition 4.2 and the Owner seeks the additional text at the close of the Condition which reads in part, *if required by the Township Engineer.*

The full text of amended Condition 4.2 is set out below with the addition outlined in red font.

- 4.2 The Owner agrees and covenants in the Subdivision Agreement and/or other Township Agreements that within the future residential Lots within the Plan, that where the soil structure is conducive, that a minimum of the first 12.5 mm of precipitation will be retained within the boundaries of the individual Lots, and, that the equivalent of the 10 year design rainfall event within the Road Allowance will be stored and retained within the Road Allowance, **if required by the Township Engineer.**

Staff do not have any objections with the proposed amended text for Condition 4.2. The intent is maintained which is that effort and assessment will be undertaken by the Owner during the detailed design phase to demonstrate the ability to capture the 10 year design rainfall event within the future roads and promote infiltration.

Staff recommend that Condition 4.2 to the issuance of Draft Plan Approval for Subdivision File No. 30T-18301 incorporate the proposed addition as noted above