

# Memo

To: Mayor and Members of Council  
From: Jim Barry, Director, Municipal Enforcement  
CC:  
Date: September 28, 2022  
Subject: Keeping of an Apiary at 3136 Dundas Street West

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## Background

On April 30, 2018, Council considered the keeping of an apiary at 3136 Dundas Street West in Oakville. At the time the owners of that property were considering keeping bees for the benefit and enjoyment of residents of the property. As such Council made the following motion which constitutes item number one on Council's Outstanding Issues list specific to Municipal Enforcement Services:

THAT staff be directed to report on possible amendments to the property standards by-law and lot maintenance by-law, that would allow for the keeping of an apiary at 3136 Dundas Street West; and

THAT the owners of 3136 Dundas Street West be required to apply for relief from zoning requirements related to the keeping of an apiary at 3136 Dundas Street West, within 1 month of this Council date (April 30, 2018); and

THAT the applicant confirm that the location of the apiary complies with requirements of the Ontario Bee Act, by obtaining approval from OMAFRA Apiary Inspectors, by the time any application for zoning by-law relief is made; and further that as is normal practice, property standards, lot maintenance and zoning enforcement will not take place at this location, with respect to the keeping of an apiary, while these applications are in progress.

In order to allow for the keeping of an apiary, the motion included two prerequisite requirements, first the submission of an application for relief from the zoning by-law within one month of the date of the April 30, 2018, and second confirmation that the location of the proposed apiary complied with requirements of the Ontario *Honey Bee Act* through confirmation from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

**Comments**

As of the date of this memo, no application for zoning relief has been made and no approval from OMAFRA has been received.

As a result of the inaction of the applicant, this item will be removed from the Outstanding Issues Listing.