



May 14, 2020

WCB-038-2020

Regarding: Inspection into violation of Lambton County Woodlands Conservation Consolidated By-law No. 4 of 2012

Inspection notes for a woodland located at Lakeshore Drive, Lot 17, Concession LRE, Municipality of Lambton Shores ARN: 384546009023001 owned by Brandon Desrochers. The inspection is with regards to a violation of Section 2. and 5. (d) of the above mentioned By-law.

May 11, 2020

- Received an email from the Municipal Planner Will Nywening about tree remove/land clearing at the above location
- Reviewed location on the mapping and got information that Mr. Desrochers was the owner of the land in question

May 12, 2020

- Site inspection of the location
- Took pictures of the location and walked the area
- The understory has been removed in the location, based on my observations it was shrubs, and small sapling trees and brush
- Understory removal is 0.89 acres in size
- Some type of grinding machine was used, not able to identify species, they were ground and chipped up by the machine
- The machine did not impact the ground/soils travelled over it and did not change the topography of the land
- Overstory trees left only understory removed
- Area is still considered woodland based on the diameter and density of the remaining trees
- Went the house at 9824 lakeshore Road and talked with Mr. Desrochers and he explained his reason for the understory removal
- The residential dwelling is located with a woodland and he and his family have no real area to enjoy the outdoors
- The area surrounding his dwelling has poison ivy, thorn bushes, and ticks. He cleared the area for his family to enjoy the outdoors. His dogs were getting tick and his children were getting poison ivy and ticks on them.
- His intent is to keep the area open for outdoor use. There is no intent to construct any structures or clear the overstory.
- He will be having some trees removed on May 16, 2020. These will be trees that are leaning towards the dwelling or are in poor condition.
- It is understood through the Woodlands Conservation By-Law that landowners are allow to have a residential lot for their use. It also allows for the clearing of trees within 15 meters of the outside edge of any structure.
- It is my opinion that Mr. Desrochers has not violated the Woodlands Conservation By-law as he did not injure or destroy the woodlands. He is managing the understory for personal use.

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- Forwarded information to Will Nywening, Ben Puzanov, Janet Ferguson, Stephen McAuley, Chris Martin, Kevin Williams for review

No Further Action Required

May 27, 2020

- Received further complaints about property, clearing at the north end by the Pinery

June 1, 2020

- Site visit to the North end bob cat with grinder attachment brushed the trail system to the back no violation
- Grinding occurred within the 1.25 acre area, small trees and shrubs 1 to 2 cm in diameter, Black cherry, choke cherry, few oak species
- No trees were removed at the back over the size in which the grinder could handle.
- Walked the perimeter of where grinding had occurred to delineate on map
- Area was fairly open to begin with based on air photo
- Area still meets definition of woodland
- No soil disturbance, minor when tracked unit turned
- Area now mimics what the Pinery does with a controlled burn
- Mr. Desrochers walked back and we discussed all the removal, grinding, and reasoning for each. He has been in contact with the neighbor about the trespass.
- Timing of the work was within the bird nesting season discussed with Mr. Desrochers
- Also mentioned species at risk, the dune system and the entire areas is a sensitive location.
- More trees removed at front than anticipated, leaning or had rot in them.
- Will issue contravention letter stating that the injury or destruction of trees has occurred and that any future removals will require a permit.

June 3, 2020

- Forwarded information to Will Nywening, Ben Puzanov, Janet Ferguson, Stephen McAuley, Chris Martin, Kevin Williams for review



Timothy Payne Associate R.P.F.
Woodlands Conservation Officer

Property Location



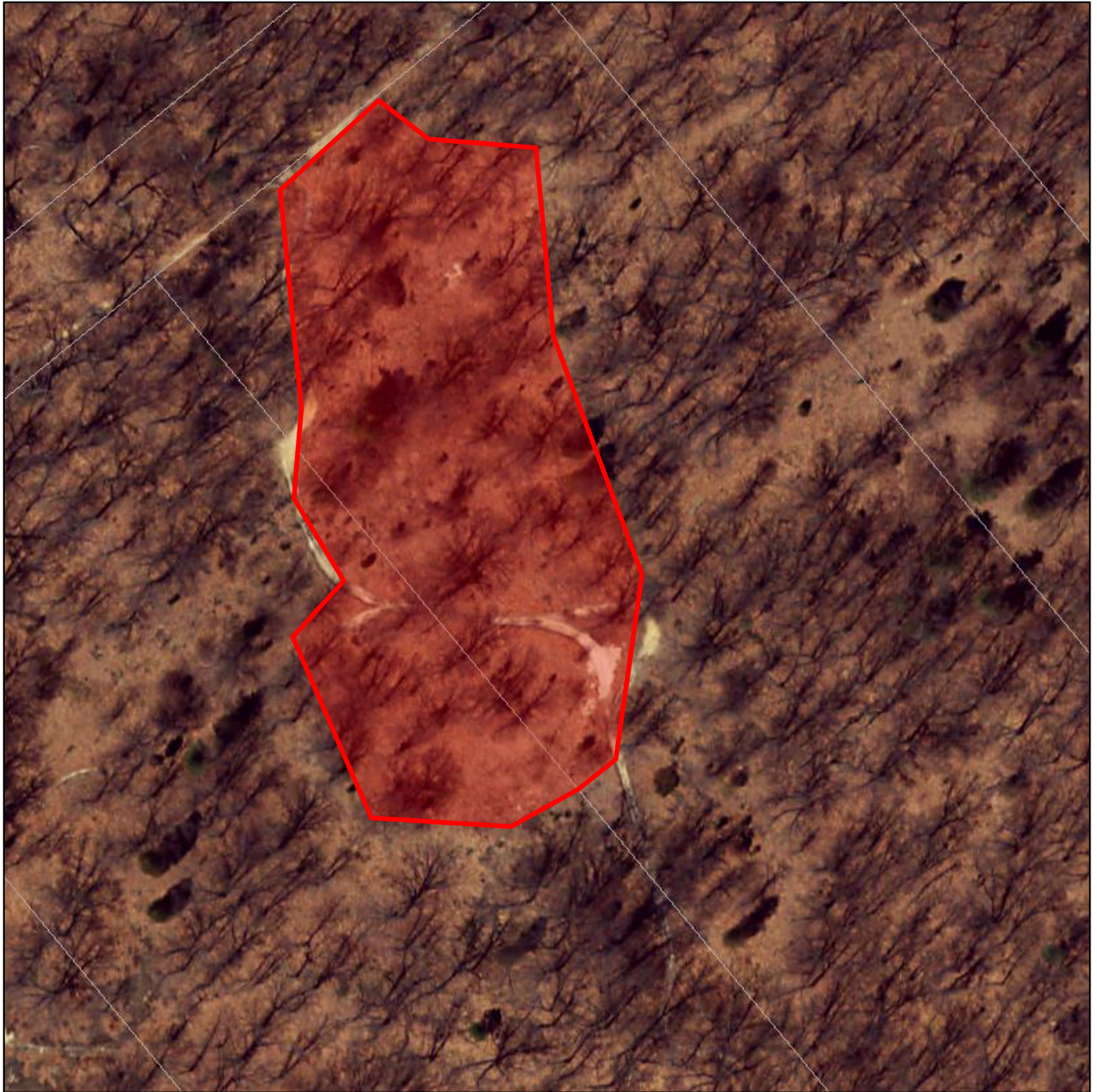
Site visit 1 - Location of Removal – 0.89 acres removed







Site visit 2 – Location of Removal – 1.25 acres with removal sections within the area



Site Visit 2 – June 1, 2020











At the front of the property off of Lakeshore
Refer to Site visit 1 photos and all the leaning trees

