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To: 'Paul Johanis'

re: Goulbourn Wetland and Interim Control By-laws

Hi Paul:

I received an inquiry from Angela Plant in Councillor Chernushenko's office regarding your suggestion of using an Interim Control By-law to provide interim protection to the 2016 Goulbourn Wetland boundaries. I've responded to Angela, but thought I'd also pass along the same information to you directly.

I spoke with my colleague, Beth Desmarais, in Zoning and confirmed my suspicion that an Interim Control By-law cannot be used for this purpose. There are three reasons.

- First, we can't apply zoning that is inconsistent with the land use designation. In other words, we can't apply zoning to protect a significant wetland that hasn't yet been designated as significant wetland in the OP.
- Second, we can't use zoning to remedy a situation created by the refusal of another agency to act: in this case, the decision of the RVCA Board not to regulate the newly-identified wetland areas.
- Third, we can't use zoning to regulate filling or stripping of vegetation. Those are not considered land uses.

Give me call if you want to chat.

Regards,

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