



Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS - KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Where We're At – Farm Severances

- Provincial policies restrict farm severances in prime agricultural areas to prevent fragmentation and these restrictions hinder:
 - Farm succession and Farm Family Support
 - Rural housing availability
- Norfolk's multigenerational farms are vital to the economy.
- Aging farmers face difficulty transferring farms due to inability to sever surplus dwellings or small parcels for family housing or retiring owners.

What Norfolk is Asking – Farm Severance Policies

Allow greater flexibility for farm-related severances supporting:

- Succession planning and Multi-generational housing
- On-farm labour accommodations

Where We're At – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

- Norfolk faces housing and growth pressures constrained by:
 - Outdated zoning bylaws not reflecting current housing needs
 - Aging or undersized water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure limiting development capacity

What Norfolk is Asking – ADU and Growth Support

1. Expand permissions for ADUs in rural areas to:
 - Address workforce housing shortages
 - Support multi-generational housing and aging in place
2. Collaborate with municipalities to overcome servicing and zoning barriers by:
 - Providing targeted infrastructure funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater upgrades in growth areas
 - Offering technical and financial support for zoning bylaw modernization