Summary of Written Comments Received for Secondary Dwelling Units in the Rural Area

Submitted by	Written Comments	Response from Proposed Regulations October 2020
James Goodram	Will SDUs be permitted on farm properties that have single detached dwelling? Should be permitted to allow aging/retiring farmers stay "at home" while allowing the next generation to raise their family and provide for both at the same time	 Proposed regulation added to allow accessory SDUs Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) would be permitted on lots, including farm properties that containing a single detached and semi-detached dwelling. Based on Council direction, only SDUs internal to the principal dwelling are being considered at this time,
Thomas Klak	Have a Building Permit to put in an SDU, permit rejected and need to go through ZBLA. Homeowner interested because of their intention to build a unit.	Explanation Prior to the approval of Zoning By-laws by Council, the owner will still need to go through ZBLA as the SDU regulations have not been brought forward to Council at this time. Detached Units will require an Official Plan Amendment along with a Zoning Bylaw Amendment.
Pat Donald	There are no immediate plans for change of bylaws for SDU's in rural areas, the first phase applies only to urban designations Only existing rural option is to apply for a zoning change for individual properties to build a free standing garden suite to be dismantled within 20 years. The above choice seems counterproductive if free standing SDU's are to be permitted under proposed changes - that is these structures would not have to be dismantled.	Proposed regulation added to allow accessory SDUs As a clarification, the scope of the SDU project is to also permit SDUs in the rural area. However, the focus is SDUs internal to single-detached and semi-detached buildings. Garden suites remain an option for a detached dwelling, but are only permitted with a maximum 20 year limit, as legislated in the <i>Planning Act</i> .