

# Myler Ecological Consulting

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Justina Nwaesei  
City of Windsor Planning & Building Services Department  
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**RE: 1878 Huron Church Road – Species at Risk Screening Report – File No. PS-086/22**

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## Introduction

Myler Ecological Consulting (Myler) was retained by Avant Group Inc. (the proponent) to address the City of Windsor requirement for an Endangered Species Report. City of Windsor pre-submission consultation notes dated 20 October 2022 listed an Environmental Evaluation Report (EER) among the required support studies. Subsequent consultation culminating in the 17 October 2023 email from City of Windsor Planner Justina Nwaesei confirmed that in fact an EER is not required and that instead all that is required is an “Endangered Species Report”. This letter cites, complements, and augments the species at risk (SAR) screening information that was provided in MTE Consultants’ (MTE’s) letter of 09 June 2023 to fulfil the City’s SAR screening Endangered Species Report requirement demonstrating compliance with the provincial Endangered Species Act (ESA).

## MTE SAR Screening and Recommendation

MTE conducted field investigations at the property on 19 January 2023 and 05 June 2023. MTE stated in their 09 June 2023 letter that “the isolation of the site, poor quality and lack of critical habitat to support protected snake species” negates the presence of snake SAR (Eastern Foxsnake and Butler’s Gartersnake) on the site and that “the maintained property would not support any meadow plant species” referring to the SAR plants (White Colicroot, Slender Bush-clover, and Willowleaf Aster). MTE concluded that based on their observations the snake SAR and White Colicroot are absent from the site. MTE recommended that to complete the SAR screening a late summer / early fall survey would confirm the presence/absence of Slender Bush-clover and Willowleaf Aster.

## Myler SAR Screening Follow-up

Myler undertook the follow-up SAR screening survey on 19 August 2024 and 23 September 2024. Like MTE, Myler found no snake habitat and no White Colicroot on the manicured grounds of the property (see **Photo 1**, below). As MTE had suspected, Myler’s observations also confirmed the absence of Slender Bush-clover and Willowleaf Aster on the manicured property. Instead, Myler observed only turfgrass, amenity trees and shrubs, and common weed species.



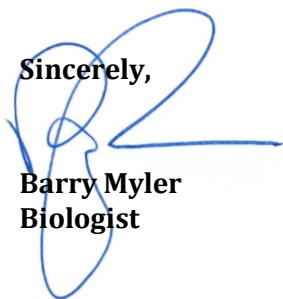
**Photo 1:** 1878 Huron Church Road, facing north with Huron Church Road to the left and Daytona Avenue to the right, and showing the manicured turfgrass and scattered amenity trees that characterize the property.

## Conclusion

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Client’s Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk describes that “clients must first determine whether any species at risk or their habitat exist at or near their proposed activity, and whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA”. As this preliminary screening identified no SAR or SAR habitat on the property, the redevelopment of the property poses no threat of contravention of the ESA. And as the absence of SAR and SAR habitat at the property negates potential SAR concerns, the Phase 1: Information Gathering step is not triggered and an Information Gathering Form (IGF) is not required to be completed.

I trust that this SAR Screening Report has satisfactorily addressed the City’s interest in confirming that redevelopment of the property will not impact SAR or SAR habitat and will therefore comply with the provincial Endangered Species Act.

Sincerely,



**Barry Myler**  
**Biologist**