

August 13, 2023

To: Municipality of West Grey

Fm: Steve/Deb Smith

161 Stone Hill Road (formerly part lot 17 concession 4 Glenelg Twp)  
Durham

The purpose of this correspondence is to obtain a letter of non-objection for the discharge of restricted firearms as required by the Chief Firearms Office of Ontario in order to train our personal horses for the competitive sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting. This letter is the first step to obtain provincial approval.

We are members of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA), and the affiliated club Ontario Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (OCMSA). Links may be found at [cowboymountedshooting.com](http://cowboymountedshooting.com) and Ontario Cowboy Mounted Shooting on Facebook.

I am a retired police officer with 30 years service.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting is a competitive, timed equestrian event where 10 balloon targets on a random course are shot with black powder blanks using replica firearms from the 1870's. These firearms fire only black powder BLANKS, with the burning gunpowder embers breaking the balloon targets. There are NO PROJECTILES (bullets) being fired. The range of the blanks is approximately 20 feet.

The discharge of firearms in West Grey is already permitted, but since the firearms used are primarily handguns (restricted firearms), the letter of non-objection is required for approval from the Chief Firearms Office (CFO) for the Province of Ontario. OCMSA members have CFO approvals in place already in Southgate, Blue Mountains, Mono, King, Clinton, Niagara, and Rideau Lakes.

Approvals have also been granted previously for special events such as the RAM Rodeo Tour.

Liability Insurance is provided by OCMSA while practicing.

I have attached a letter of approval as an example from an OCMSA member in Township of Mono.

I have also included a short video from a competition held June 2023 in Niagara Falls.

My neighbours located at 151 Stone Hill Road, [REDACTED], have no objection to this application.

Firearms Officer-Inspector Tim Cooper from Chief Firearms Office is aware of this correspondence seeking letter of non-objection to move forward with the Provincial approval application. Officer Cooper has given me his contact information to pass on to you if you have any questions. He may be reached at [REDACTED].

Thank you,  
Steve/Deb Smith

May 26, 2017

Chief Firearms Office  
777 Memorial Avenue  
Orillia, ON L3V 7V3

Dear Mr. Peter Niedermaier;

**RE: [REDACTED]  
674489 Hurontario Street, Town of Mono**

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This letter is in support of a Cowboy Mounted Shooting Range Approval Application submitted by [REDACTED] for 674489 Hurontario Street in the Town of Mono.

It is understood that you require a letter from the Municipality stating that we have no objection to this range within our jurisdiction and that the range use will not contravene any municipal by-laws and the regulations relating to the use of the range and the discharge of firearms.

The Town of Mono has no objection to the issuance of a permit for this property and the proposed Cowboy Mounted shooting range also does not contravene any other municipal by-laws or regulations.

Kind Regards,