County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 3



Location: Council Chambers, County Court House

Attendees: Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Ed Whitmore (AN), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Eleanor Rath (OSM), Jamie Hoefling (OSM), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Matt Murray (NK), Amanda Timmermans (TL), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden

(County),

Guest Speakers: Janet Dawson, with Christine Post, Erica Diamond and Monique

Beneteau from Peterborough Public Health Heather Sadler from EcoVue Consulting

Meeting started at 1:00pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Minutes from TAC Meeting No.2

No items or issues with minutes as distributed.

Peterborough Public Health Presentation

- Received presentation from Janet Dawson, Peterborough Public Health (slides attached) on the specific recommendations made in their submission made to the County
- Request for volunteers to review the submission/recommendations in further detail and report back to TAC as to which recommendations should be incorporated into new OP
- Most up-to-date version of the submission can be found online at: http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/PPH-County-OP-submission-DESIGNED-180425-FINAL.pdf

On-Farm Diversified Uses Study Presentation

- Received presentation from Heather Sadler, EcoVue Consulting, and Jamie Hoefling on the progress and findings to-date of the Agricultural Diversification Study in Otonabee-South Monaghan (slides attached)
- OFDU needed in order to keep the agricultural operation viable

- Some gaps/barriers exist in current policies, and goal is to eliminate those where possible to allow variety of uses in agricultural areas
- 5 case studies from across Otonabee-South Monaghan Township are being followed

Update on Growth Plan Items

- County staff attended AMO Conference as part of delegation before Minister for Municipal Affairs
- Group of outer-ring municipalities lobbied Minister to either be removed from the Growth Plan, or have lesser requirements for implementation
- Booklet "Growth Plan Impacts on Slow Growth Municipalities" was provided to the Minster and copies distributed to the TAC, which illustrates that municipalities with low growth rates are being held to the same level of study and reporting as major growth centres despite the anticipation of only a fraction of the growth
- Northumberland County coming forward with resolution from Council requesting to be removed from Growth Plan – County of Peterborough to be copied and requested to support the resolution
- ADM of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided information on 5 Implementation Working Groups to discuss specific topic areas of the Growth Plan. County staff will be attending 3 of the sessions and invitation is extended to any other municipality wanting to attend. Alternatively, County staff can relay any issues/concerns on Township's behalf if Township staff are unable to attend.
- There has already been a Working Group for Employment Area Conversions; no word yet from the Ministry on date/location of other meetings
- Following up from TAC Meeting No. 2, two municipalities have completed the NHS and Agricultural system mapping review

Standardized Designation Terminology

- Work on other areas of OP (not related to Growth Plan) can still be completed
- Chart showing the variation in OP designation terms across the County, despite designations having similar effects was reviewed
- In order to move forward with draft policies for land use designations, TAC selected the preferred names and approaches for several designations including Waterfront Residential, a hierarchy of Commercial, Waste Management Area, Agricultural, Parks & Conservation, and Extractive Industrial
- TAC discussed the Urban Fringe designation and whether this designation could be deleted. There could be issues with the removal of the designation due to annexation agreements – this item will be looked into by County and Township staff. Urban Fringe could possibly be dealt with through an overlay.

Local Planning Issues

- Curve Lake First Nation staff provided handout (attached) regarding duty to consult
 and Provincial policy directing that consultation is encouraged throughout the
 municipal comprehensive review process. First Nation members requested to sit
 on the TAC in order to provide for a fulsome consultation. This topic will be a focus
 of a future TAC meeting.
- Cavan Monaghan concerned with the pressure to allow for commercial uses on Rural Employment lands, particularly adjacent to the City of Peterborough. This will be addressed during policy formulation.
- Cavan Monaghan recently had proposal for large international corporation to purchase farmlands and rent the lands back to local farmers and severing the surplus dwelling; identified potential need to address surplus dwellings in the OP, possibly requiring remnant lands to be merged on title with farm in same Township. This item will be looked at in the development of agricultural land use policies.
- Trent Lakes identified the retail sales and growing of cannabis as an item to be addressed in OP; should the growing of it be permitted, and should it be an agricultural or industrial use. It was agreed this item would be looked at as new information emerges with the legalization of cannabis.

Next Steps & Action Items

- Review of recommendations from PPH through working group (Amanda Timmermans, Martina Chait-Hartwig, Jeannette Thompson and County staff) – meeting date to be determined (prior to next TAC meeting)
- Continue review of Provincial mapping
- Continue work on standardized designations
- Doodle poll to be sent out by County staff to all TAC members to set date for next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm