

County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 4



Location: Council Chambers, County Court House

Attendees: Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Ed Whitmore (AN), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Jamie Hoefling (OSM), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Laura Stone (NK), Amanda Timmermans (TL), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County),

Absent: Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Eleanor Rath (OSM)

Meeting started at 9:10am

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Minutes from TAC Meeting No.3

- No items or issues with minutes as distributed

Housekeeping Items

- Reminder that TAC members are responsible for providing information on the OP process to their respective Councils, and with new Council members across the County it may be beneficial to review this process with them early;
- The Ontario Growth Secretariat hosted the workshops as a way to find viable, practical and workable solutions/options that respond to the “on the ground” challenges of the new Growth Plan
 - County staff have attended 3 of the 5 Growth Plan implementation workshops;
 - Workshops provided opportunity to speak candidly about the issues encountered with the new Growth Plan and generate solutions to those problems;
 - All information from the workshops will be used to prepare a report for consideration by the Minister;
- Peterborough County Council, along with Northumberland and City of Kawartha Lakes, has passed a resolution to be removed from the Provincial Growth Plan and that resolution was sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- County Council has requested a delegation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing at ROMA conference to discuss the Growth Plan and its impact on rural municipalities;

- If the County was taken out of the Growth Plan, the County would still move forward with development of new Official Plan and would still complete a growth study. The MCR process would rely on direction of Provincial Policy Statement. The Agricultural and Natural Heritage Systems would be up for discussion to determine the best direction.
- County OP process has been delayed by Growth Plan study requirements, but policy is still being developed in the background where Growth Plan is not expected to impact it. The County does not want to spend money on expensive and extensive studies if the requirements for those studies may change as a result of consultations.
- Local municipalities may be hearing from Heather Sadler, local planning consultant, seeking to represent eastern outer-ring Planners in lobbying or meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing about the negative impact the Growth Plan is having on municipalities in the outer-ring;
- Reminder that NHS and Agricultural Systems mapping was due at this meeting

Policy Recommendations from Peterborough Public Health

- Public Health has provided an extremely comprehensive submission and the recommendations are in line with Provincial policy and the recommendations of other local plans such as Age Friendly Peterborough, Housing and Homelessness Plan etc.
- Submission has 11 recommendations in total, broken into 5 categories/focus areas. Group of volunteers from last TAC meeting (Jeannette, Amanda and Martina, Iain, Keziah) met to review each of the 11 recommendations, make a determination as to whether the recommendation could be implemented and, if so, how it could be implemented.
- Group agreed that all 11 recommendations were viable, and we would be able to include them in the OP. Some recommendations may be more encouraging in nature, while others could be more definite and warrant a “shall”-type policy.
- Identified need to separate rural and urban policies.
- Healthy Community policies will be sent out to the volunteer group before being brought to TAC for consideration.

Standardized Designations

- TAC completed the list of designations for rural areas – this does not include any urban designations
- The following designations have been chosen but may change over time or the list may be added to as needed:

Selected Designations

Waterfront Residential	Rural Employment
Rural	Airport Employment
Agriculture	Employment

Recreation Commercial	Natural Core Area
Parks and Conservation	Natural Linkage Area
Waste Management Area	Existing Residential*
Extractive Industrial	Rural Settlement
Fringe Overlay	Trailer Park
Community Spaces	

* needs further consideration

- Question raised as to whether the Natural Core Area designation should include any associated buffer area – County to follow-up with Otonabee Region Conservation Authority
- Need identified by TAC for the following:
 - Separate schedule showing specific environmental features (wetlands, ANSI's, floodplains etc.)
 - If Existing Residential designation is kept, policies outlining study requirements (hydrogeology for example when lots created in old plans of subdivision) and specific language dealing with infill development or rounding out of these areas;
 - In Rural Settlement designation, identify these as historic settlements in text of OP;
 - In Trailer Park designation, maintain language that prohibits expansions and address trailer parks that have cabins or other accommodations in addition to allowing trailers

Local Planning Issues

- Cannabis production facilities was brought forward for discussion and will be a focus for a future meeting.
- CEDI project (County, OSM, SEL and First Nations are part of this) has created a Planning and Consultation group to identify when First Nations are to be consulted with respect to land use planning, and work through and identify implementable conditions when development applications arise. It is recognized that it is a learning process for all parties. First Nations consultation and policies relating thereto will be the focus of a future meeting.
- Short Term Accommodations (STA's) were discussed and there were mixed opinions as to whether these should be regulated by the municipality. The primary issues identified were those of compatibility and enforcement (should it be decided that STA's should be regulated). At this point in time a 'best practice' policy will be developed and the issue can be discussed further at a future meeting.
 - OSM and SEL staff offered to circulate additional information they had collected regarding STA's
- Request by CM staff to have Oak Ridges Moraine policies simplified

- Request by NK staff to 30m water setback address garages (attached vs detached); currently an attached garage would be permitted at current setback but a detached would not.
- Request by several TAC members to have OP address tiny homes in some manner. Currently the building code does not allow them; the smallest size possible under the code is approximately 500 sq. feet.

Next Steps & Action Items

- Doodle poll to be sent out by County staff to all TAC members to set date for next meeting
- County staff to look into status of agricultural mapping exercise being undertaken by OMAFRA
- Policy preparation for review at next TAC meeting
- Update to County OP process workplan/timeline
- TAC members to work on and return Agricultural and Natural Heritage System mapping

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am