

County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 11



Location: Committee Room, County Court House

Attendees: Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Eric Rempel (NK), Tiffany Ly (TL), Ed Whitmore (AN), Anna Currier (SEL), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Karen Ellis (CM), Christina Coulter (CM), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Barb Waldron (OSM), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN)

Meeting started at 1:33pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Land Needs Assessment Information

- Since being released, the County has consistently told the Province that the Land Needs Assessment Methodology is too onerous for the amount of growth that is expected – from 2031 to 2041, the projections from the Growth Plan average 600 people per year in Peterborough County (equating to 75 people per Township per year)
- County staff have spoken to the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Growth Secretariat about the issues several times for slow to no-growth areas in the outer-ring
- County Planning Director attended a solution workshop on October 8, 2019 to discuss the Land Needs Methodology and provided input.
 - The workshop focused on a five key areas of discussion: market demand, transition to conformity, comprehensiveness, simplifying and format options.
 - All of the information and ideas developed at the workshop are being taken back to the Province and a new proposed Methodology is intended to be released.
- CM staff indicated that the Township is currently undertaking an employment lands study, but that the work may be expanded to a full Land Needs Assessment for the Township using the existing methodology. Discussion concluded that the Township could undertake a study at its own discretion using the existing methodology, but the results may not meet Provincial requirements if a new methodology is released at a later date. In addition, the Growth Plan still mandates

that the upper-tier (County) undertake the Land Needs Assessment in accordance with the approved Provincial methodology and make growth allocations based on a County-wide Assessment.

OP Timeline

- The original work plan intended to have the new OP completed by the end of 2019 but due to change in Provincial policy and requirements, a more realistic completion date is 2020-2021
 - The target completion date can't be definitive due to the number of unknowns in the process, including the changing study requirements by the Province, the public process and the political process
- TAC has been moving forward with policy development where possible, despite the need to complete Land Needs Assessment and other studies, and the Provincial letter suggesting that major work to OP's be put on hold
- Township staff in attendance suggested that the County consider making presentations to local Councils sometime before the project goes out to the public. County staff will consider this suggestion and the content of those presentations, as well as the inclusion of County Council
- Township staff in attendance asked about potential impacts to local budgets and whether a financial contribution is expected. At this time, the County is not seeking financial contributions from local Municipalities for these studies and major impacts to local budgets for the OP project is not expected.

Official Plan Policy Review

- Reviewed policy sections from Infrastructure through to and including Crown Lands and Provincial Parks policies
 - Stormwater policies to be revised to remove items to be included in a SWM Report as it is not a planning issue and needs to be done in accordance with Provincial guidelines
 - Waste Management policies to be updated to reflect various options for waste management and include some climate change related wording
 - Water Supply and Sanitary Sewage Disposal policies to be updated to same language as Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)
 - Discussion around Utilities policies and whether they are subject to planning approvals since they are Federally regulated – generally agreed to include some direction to encourage providers to be sensitive to existing land uses
 - Consensus that Crown Lands and Provincial Parks be placed in their own designation since Municipalities have no authority to regulate land uses on those lands
 - Definitions for several terms to be added were identified throughout

Next Steps & Action Items

- County staff to make changes to draft policies based on review by TAC
- TAC members to continue policy review and provide comments/feedback on policies that were previously distributed
- County staff to consider presentations to local and County Councils, and the timing of those presentations

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm