

County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 19



Location: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Attendees: Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Tiffany Ly (TL), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Eric Rempel (NK), Jamie Hoefling (OSM), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Laura Stone (HBM), Ed Whitmore (AN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Jennifer Clinesmith (ORCA), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Brian Fawcett (DD), Bryan Weir (County), Anna Currier (SEL), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Crystal McMillan (DD), Barb Waldron (OSM)

Meeting started at 9:05am

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Business Arising from Minutes/Follow-Up

- No change to minutes as distributed
- County staff sought comments on the proposed delineation of the Natural Core Area designation within settlement areas (Norwood example distributed after last TAC meeting). Several Municipalities requested an example be provided for their settlement areas before making a decision.
- ORCA staff provided a link to the Provincial summary of the Agricultural and Natural Heritage Systems, which gives clear direction that the creation of a new lot is development under the Provincial plans and this is not permitted within key hydrologic features or within key natural heritage features that are part of the Natural Heritage System: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/agsys-sum.htm>

Official Plan Policy Review

- Reviewed Section 4.3 (Natural Heritage System Overlay) through to end of policy document as circulated, Section 4.8.2
 - County and CM staff reviewed Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) policies separately in August since they are only applicable within CM
 - ORCA suggested adding wording to reflect when or if wetland compensation could be considered within settlement areas. TAC agreed that wetlands should first be avoided, then mitigated and only after other options are exhausted could compensation be considered. FN staff

raised concern over wetland compensation and potential for infringement of rights. FN communities should be consulted if any compensation is being considered.

- TAC requested that wetlands, ANSI's, significant wildlife habitat and fish habitat be shown on a schedule.
- Woodlands should also be shown on a schedule but CM is the only local Municipality that currently delineates this feature. County staff to follow up with Province and seek direction on how to show or address significant woodlands. FN staff indicated that the identification and protection of significant woodlands could be of interest to FN communities. Some local Municipalities concerned that if significant woodlands were identified, these trees could be cut down in the absence of a Tree Cutting By-Law to remove any policy issues
- Study requirements for Natural Heritage Evaluations will include a monitoring program where deemed appropriate and will be implemented through available planning tools and/or development agreements, with the cost being borne by the applicant.
- TAC recommended minor changes to Watershed Planning policies, and identified need to reference the City of Peterborough's watershed plan, which is currently in process
- Natural Hazard policies were reviewed with minor changes recommended by TAC. TAC requested flood plains to be shown as an overlay on the schedules.
- County staff to follow up with Province regarding wildland fire assessments since these will be new within the County – unclear what qualifications the author needs, and who is responsible for reviewing the assessments once completed by the applicant

New Business

- Updated Land Needs Assessment Methodology was finalized and released at end of August by the Province. County staff indicated that an RFP will be put out before the end of this year for this study together with an update to the Development Charges Study
- CM staff concerned that this project will not be completed prior to the next Municipal election. County staff still aiming for completion of the project by end of next year
- Reminder to local Municipal staff that any outstanding changes to land use schedules or refinements to the agricultural system are due
- TAC meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future. Next meeting may review First Nation consultation policies and other topics. Agenda to be sent out prior to meeting.

Next Steps & Action Items

- County staff to make changes to draft policies based on review by TAC

- County staff to prepare an example schedules showing the proposed Natural Core Area designation within Millbrook, Lakefield and Havelock
- Local Municipal staff to forward any changes to existing land use schedules or proposed refinements to Provincial Agricultural System

Meeting adjourned at 11:53am