

County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 24



Location: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Attendees: Greg McGovern (NK), Christina Coulter (CM), Adele Arbour (TL), Ed Whitmore (AN), Karen Ellis (CM), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Ken Scullion (OSM), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Allison Martin (TL), Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Laura Stone (HBM), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: John Connolly (CM), Travis Toms (NK)

Meeting started at 1:33pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Business Arising from Minutes/New Business

- No change to minutes as distributed

Reports to Council

- Natural Heritage and OP Update reports and their attachments were circulated to TAC prior to the meeting
- Revisions to Natural Heritage report – DD Staff suggested highlighting the restriction on lot creation in key features since it is a Growth Plan policy already impacting development
- Revisions to OP Update report – none. CM Staff did note that the timeline is tight at the end of the process. County Staff acknowledge that may be the case, but it is an anticipated timeline based on the steps remaining; other factors do have potential to impact what has been proposed.

Council/Public Engagement

- Survey working group met after last TAC meeting in March to develop the survey
- Working group decided to break it into a series of three related surveys: Live, Work and Play
- Had good discussion and developed most questions for all three surveys, although some additional information or questions may be necessary

- Developed questions based on information that is important for the public to know and understand, and what information we aim to gather from them
- Links to various pieces of information such as PPS, Growth Plan, reports to council etc. and have been included throughout the survey. Survey has been designed to provide education and information on important provincial directions
- Some questions provide information as part of the question, while others give information based on the answers that are submitted
- TAC was shown the survey in full and had opportunities to make revisions as necessary.
- TAC provided input on when surveys would be released and how long they would remain open for submission

Update on Growth Analysis/Land Needs Assessment

- Hemson was awarded the RFP for the Growth Analysis and will be attending next TAC meeting to present their timeline and review information that is needed from each Township – TAC members are expected to assist in providing the information needed by Hemson in order to complete the Assessment
- Should the study find that settlement area expansions are necessary, Hemson will provide acreages to be added but will not be making a recommendation as to where the acreage should go (not looking into where infrastructure is available or planned etc.)

Next Steps & Action Items

- County staff to make changes to survey based on TAC comments and send to TAC prior to releasing it to the public
- TAC members to continue review of agricultural systems mapping and land use schedules (if review meeting still upcoming)
- TAC Working Group to continue to develop remaining survey/quiz for public release
- TAC members to promote the release of the public survey using social media, notices on websites etc. when it becomes available
- All TAC members to review consolidated draft document for comment at future meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm