

## County Official Plan Project

### Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 28



Location: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

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Attendees: Allison Martin (TL), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Travis Toms (NK), Ken Scullion (OSM), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Ed Whitmore (AN), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Per Lundberg (SEL), Rob Lamarre (SEL), Adele Arbour (TL), John Connolly (CM), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), John Smallwood (HBM)

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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

#### Draft Policy Changes

- TAC reviewed draft growth management policies; this section is intended to be the framework for the results of the Growth Study, which will be completed by Hemson Consulting on behalf of the County later this year.
- CM Staff questioned whether the policy could be made shorter since the majority is repeat information from the Growth Plan
  - TAC agreed to review policies and remove redundant policies where it was not seen as helpful to the broader public
- Questions arose during policy review that County staff were unable to answer and will be directed to Hemson.
- Policies in this section will need to be re-visited once Growth Study is complete and adopted by County Council, and the Province has given approval to the figures.

#### Peterborough Agricultural Committee Meeting Information

- TAC members were circulated materials, including a video link and article from Ontario Farmer, prior to meeting.

- Invitation being sent to key members of the agricultural community to make a presentation at a future TAC meeting to provide their insight on planning as it relates to agriculture.
  - TAC specifically identified severances, agri-tourism, agricultural lot sizes and on-farm diversified uses as areas for discussion.

### Public Consultation

- Working Group of the TAC met recently with County Communications department to discuss the methods of engagement that are legislated, other available methods, budget implications, Covid considerations and preferred options going forward
- TAC discussed some of these methods and the expectations of local Councils
- Most of the discussion was around public open houses and public meeting(s) with the general consensus that a presentation and open house be provided for each of the local Councils, including Hiawatha and Curve Lake Band Councils. Local Municipalities will need to provide a supporting resolution for the OP, prior to it going forward to County Council for adoption.
- CM staff raised concern with the timing, given that Growth Study is still to be finalized, draft OP must be provided to Province 90 days in advance of notice of public meeting, the need to undertake the open houses and public meeting, staff reports by TAC members to their local Councils, and the amount of time the Province has needed to review NHS mapping.
  - County staff share that concern and recognize that some timelines are not in the control of staff or TAC members
- County will likely be requesting 'in kind' services from local Municipalities such as placing ads in local papers and the provision of suitable meeting spaces if pandemic restrictions permit in-person open houses.
- County staff will be requesting photos from local Municipalities for use during the public consultation process (for use on website, social media, promotional materials or in the OP itself)

### Next Steps & Action Items

- County staff to arrange for members of agricultural community to attend future TAC meeting.
- County staff to make changes to draft policy based on discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28pm