

## County Official Plan Project

### Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 33



Location: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

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Attendees: Terri Cox, (ORCA), Meredith Carter (ORCA), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Per Lundberg (SEL), Ken Scullion (OSM), Adele Arbour (TL), Sarah Dilamarter (TL), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Arya Hejazi (HBM), John Smallwood (HBM), Travis Toms (NK), Ed Whitmore (AN), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Candice White (AN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Rob Lamarre (SEL), John Connolly (CM), Barb Waldron (TL)

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Meeting started at 1:35pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

#### Business Arising from Minutes

- No change to minutes as distributed

#### Source Water Presentation

- Risk Management Official for Otonabee Region Conservation Authority provided a presentation and explanation regarding new vulnerable areas to be identified in Official Plan
- Currently the OP mapping is based on where SPP policies apply (wellhead protection area (WHPA) – 5 years travel time & intake protection zone (IPZ) – 2 hour travel time)
- Additional vulnerable areas identified in Trent Assessment Report (including highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas)
- Through MCR's with another municipality, the province advised that these other vulnerable areas identified in assessment report need to be identified in OP's
- Provincial guidance has indicated that regardless of whether there is an obligation to conform with or have regard to source protection plan policies, planning authorities should consider the type and location of their drinking water supplies and vulnerable areas as they plan their communities and allocate growth, including decisions for water and wastewater services.

- Section 2.2 of Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) identifies that restrictions on development and site alteration to protect designated vulnerable areas
- Designated vulnerable areas means areas defined as vulnerable, in accordance with provincial standards, by virtue of their importance as a drinking water source and includes all vulnerable areas identified in the Assessment Report
- Province recommends that all designated vulnerable areas be in the Official Plan through text and on maps or schedules. If they cover vast areas, a map may not be useful so a text reference can be made.
- Mapping is publicly accessible at <https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/SourceWaterProtection/index.html?viewer=SourceWaterProtection.SWPViewer&locale=en-CA>

#### Public Consultation Process and Release of Draft OP

- Recognizing the importance of meeting the July 1, 2022 Growth Plan conformity date and other deadlines imposed by the Planning Act, a draft Official Plan must be received by County Council early in the new year and the draft be circulated for comment.
- TAC reviewed and modified a draft public consultation process, to be released for County Councils adoption in the new year.
- Comments on the draft OP will be requested from local Municipalities and First Nations within 6 weeks of the release.
- TAC provided input on the additional pieces of information to be made available together with the draft document, including an interactive mapping tool to explore new land use schedules
- Open houses planned to be topic-based rather than by Township – this allows for members of the public to pick and choose topics they are interested in, hear varying ideas and concerns from across the County, and benefits those with shared features such as lakes.
  - Open houses will be held virtually – many people have experience with this format now, it is safest during pandemic, and it eliminates need for seasonal residents to be physically in the area in order to attend.
  - Open houses will be recorded and registration will be required to join.
- Some TAC members felt local Councils may still want an open house or presentation
  - County staff remain available to attend local Council on invitation
  - Local Municipal staff may organize Township-specific opportunities to allow review of mapping or make presentations to their local Councils
- Need to ensure the draft documents are available in hard copy for those that don't have access to internet or are not comfortable using it, and have a way to submit written comments.
- County staff to have an Official Plan project email setup, and a short URL made for the website

Next Steps & Action Items

- TAC Members to review any existing site-specific OP policies and advise within the week which policies will be carried forward into new OP.
- TAC Members to advise if any last minute changes to mapping are required.
- County Staff to arrange for new email address and short URL to be setup
- County Staff to confirm with GIS Department that a separate mapping site can be setup for use during the OP release

Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm