

## County Official Plan Project

### Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 35



Location: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

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Attendees: Arya Hejazi (HBM), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Adele Arbour (TL), Sarah Dilamarter (TL), Ken Scullion (OSM), Emma Drake (DW Wills for NK), Barb Waldron (TL), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Brian Fawcett (DD), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), John Smallwood (HBM), Per Lundberg (SEL), Robert Kelly (SEL), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Candice White (AN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Travis Toms (NK), John Connolly (CM)

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Meeting started at 1:33pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

#### Business Arising from Minutes

- No change to minutes as distributed

#### NHS Mapping Update

- County staff met with MMAH and MNRF staff January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss NHS mapping
- Internally, province has worked out a path to address the 'green blob'
- Province is open to having open pockets in the NHS system in the north end of the County around strategic areas of local importance
- Province has requested County to identify strategic areas that the NHS wouldn't cover that would allow for growth in the rural areas
  - Gave examples of around settlement areas, crossroads or locally important corridors – where does the Township want the development? Should be away from natural heritage features
- A summary is required to be submitted together with these strategic areas to provide the justification
  - Justification must meet the intent of the Summary of Criteria and Methods for NHS and maintain integrity of the system

### Timing and Content of Open Houses

- Virtual open houses were supported by TAC at previous meeting and through Public Consultation Process supported by County Council
  - This format has been used for past two years and allows people who do not live in the area or have access to transportation to attend without need for travel
- TAC Members are expected to attend the open houses as there may be specific Township-specific questions or direction needed from Township staff
- Open houses will each have different topic and will generally follow the Table of Contents in the draft OP. Suggested topics for four open houses are as follows:
  - Planning Admin Tools, Development Applications and Land Use Designations (includes severances, Agriculture designation discussions which are known areas of interest to the public)
  - Growing Our Communities (relies on completion of Growth Analysis and Land Needs Assessment)
  - Natural Heritage System, Natural Heritage Features, Oak Ridges Moraine
  - Aggregates, Water Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure
- Open houses to be scheduled to start in March, making an effort to include farmers who would be unavailable once spring starts
- TAC agreed on the following format for the open houses:
  - Opening presentation followed by answering questions that were submitted in advance of the meeting, and then the floor would be open to any additional questions from attendees.
  - Registration required to attend and meeting to be recorded and posted online for later viewing
  - Meetings will be held weekly in the evenings
  - Summary of each meeting to be released in advance so that members of the public have an understanding of what will be presented and can better gauge which open houses to attend based on their interests
  - Mapping a key component of open houses and a link to it will be provided in the notices and through chat function, hard copies available upon request
  - Attendees will be provided with a means to leave their contact information should they wish to receive future notices or have discussion about specific property
- TAC Members and Townships can assist with advertising and reaching key interest groups by:
  - Providing information to local Council members and asking them to share the information
  - Using Township websites, social media accounts and electronic billboards or signage
  - Include information in any regularly scheduled news release or information bulletins

- Provide notice in local papers such as Millbrook Times, Lakefield Herald, Apsley Voice, Havelock Rail etc.

Next Steps & Action Items

- TAC Members, particularly those in north end of County, to identify strategic areas to be removed from NHS together with brief reasoning
- County Staff to confirm dates of Open Houses and draft notices, begin preparation of content
- Additional TAC meeting will be required between currently scheduled TAC meetings to discuss Growth Analysis

Meeting adjourned at 2:34pm