County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2019
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 5

Location: Council Chambers, County Court House

Attendees: Rob Lamarre (SEL), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Jamie Hoefling (OSM), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Laura Stone (NK), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Adele Arbour (TL), Brian Raymond (TL), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County),

Absent: Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Eleanor Rath (OSM), Ed Whitmore (AN)

Meeting started at 1:35pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Business Arising from Minutes
- Update on OMAFRA soil mapping
  - Most field work has been completed, including site inspections, soil descriptions and soil sampling.
  - Field samples have been submitted to the lab, with most results expected back within a few months. Any final samples collected this spring will not be analyzed until mid-year 2019.
  - Pilot predictive soil maps have been run and tested for Keene area. Once all lab data is received by mid-year, OMAFRA will start running predictive mapping process for the entire County.
  - A draft map should be available by late 2019, and a final version in 2020 provided OMAFRA resources are maintained.

Standardized Designations
- TAC revisited the land use designations that had been selected at the previous meeting an added the 'Commercial' designation to the list of rural designations
- The following designations were selected by the TAC for use in the four serviced settlement areas and Bridgenorth:

Selected Designations	
Community Commercial	Natural Core Area
Neighbourhood Commercial	Natural Linkage Area
Community Core	Millbrook Special Development Area (correctional facility)*
Urban Employment Area	Recreation - Open Space Site Specific Policy Area (Lakefield)*
Residential	Waste Management Area (Bridgenorth)
Institutional	Future Development (Havelock)
Parks and Conservation	Special Policy Area - Floodplain

* needs further consideration

- Discussion around the 'Institutional' designation in the serviced settlement areas vs the 'Community Spaces' designation in the rural area – this may warrant a closer look once the policies and schedules are drafted
- Some designations are the same in both the rural area and serviced settlement areas – opportunity to reduce duplication of policies

Official Plan Format/Structure

- Two format options were presented to the TAC – there were similarities between both, with the key difference being the location of land use designation policies
- TAC chose 'Option A', which is organized into sections by topic:
  - o Land Use designations are found throughout the plan, listed under the appropriate topic area
  - o The general idea is that all policies relating to the topic (e.g. natural heritage) are all found in one place.
  - o There were concerns that the user needs to know where to look for land use designation policies and what topic area the designation may fall under, and that other policies in the OP may be passed over. TAC made the suggestion that these issues may be dealt with by adding a quick reference page at the beginning which lists the section numbers where land use designation policies can be found, and the addition of wording in each designation that reminds users to consider all policies of the Official Plan, including the Township Component
  - o Last section of the OP would contain individual Township Components – this would be where Township and site-specific policies can be found. This component tries to accommodate the request that each Township would only have to look at their specific policies. By having them in one spot rather than scattered throughout each section, it reduces duplication and makes the printing/production of a single Township's policies easier.
  - o TAC made the suggestion that land use designation policies appear in the same location within each topic area, preferably at the start of the section.

- o Curve Lake and Hiawatha representatives indicated that the preference was for the use of the terms 'community consultation' and 'Indigenous Nations' rather than 'public consultation' and 'First Nations'.
- o Adding section numbers to the schedules for easy reference was also discussed but TAC reluctant to commit to this as it may over-simplify how to properly read the OP. This idea may be considered again later as draft documents are put forward.

Draft Policies relating to PPH Recommendations
- TAC reviewed proposed policies relating to the 11 recommendations that were put forward by Peterborough Public Health
- Revisions will be made by County staff based on discussion during the meeting and a revised version sent to TAC members sometime after the meeting
- Generally speaking, the proposed policies were well received

Next Steps & Action Items
- County staff to make updates to the proposed format of the OP and revisions to the proposed Public Health policies, and will send out revised versions to the TAC
- Meeting requests will be sent out to all TAC members for future meeting dates
- Policy preparation for review at next TAC meeting
- TAC members to work on and return Agricultural and Natural Heritage System mapping

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm