County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 26



Location: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Attendees: Karen Ellis (CM), Ed Whitmore (AN), Christina Coulter (CM), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Ken Scullion (OSM), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Rob Lamarre (SEL), Greg McGovern (NK), John Smallwood (HBM), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Adele Arbour (TL), Allison Martin (TL), John Connolly (CM), Travis Toms

(NK), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM)

Meeting started at 1:34pm

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

 Revisions to Economic Development report – CM Staff suggested adding language addressing agri-tourism and on-farm diversified uses

Survey Update

- Two out of the three surveys in the Live, Work and Play series are now complete, summaries of which will be provided to County Council via information report.
- TAC reviewed the third and final survey

Draft Policy Changes

- During the course of reviewing land use schedules with each Municipality, policy changes were suggested
- The list of suggested changes was provided to TAC members prior to the meeting
- Most changes were minor in nature
- Notable changes include agreeing to remove Aggregate Resource Overlay within identified settlement areas, recognizing the provincial direction that these areas are the focus of growth. TAC also reviewed home occupation and home industry

policies to ensure draft policy was not restricting, and agreed to language being added to Natural Core Area designation recognizing expansions of existing uses and allowing the abutting land use designation to apply where a study finds no features present on-site.

Provincial Response to Questions

- County Staff reviewed each answer to questions that were posed to the Province. This information will be distributed to TAC members after the meeting.
- Items discussed included Wildland Fire Assessments, lot creation within key hydrologic features, information related to key hydrologic areas, and direction for identifying significant woodlands
- No response received to-date on NHS mapping submission

Next Steps & Action Items

- County staff to release third survey, and TAC members to share the information on social media
- County staff to make changes to draft policy based on discussions
- County staff to follow-up with Province re: NHS mapping
- TAC members to review changes to draft mapping as soon as possible so they can be sent to GIS

Meeting adjourned at 3:16pm