

County Official Plan Modifications

Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee OP Modification Meeting No. 3



Location: Committee Room, County Court House
Virtual, Microsoft Teams (hybrid meeting)

Attendees: Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Arya Hejazi (HBM), Matt Wilkinson (CM), Emily Baker (OSM), Jessica Reid (EcoVue for OSM), Christina Coulter (DD), Per Lundberg (SEL), Karen Ellis (CM), Ed Whitmore (AN), Adele Arbour (TL), Barb Waldron (TL), Iain Mudd (County), Bryan Weir (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Regrets: Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Forbes Symon (Jp2g for NK), Janine Cik (NK),

NOTE: Modification Meetings are being held to draft modifications to the new Official Plan to be consistent with the draft Provincial Planning Statement (2023) and as directed by County Council through report PPW 2023-17, and to incorporate Official Plan Amendments approved since the time of adoption of the new Official Plan.

Meeting started at 2:05pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Revisit Previous Policy Review

- Time is scheduled at the start of each meeting that will allow TAC members to revisit any previous modifications, recognizing that additional thoughts or insight may be gained between meetings.
- Following up on the renewable energy conversation from last meeting, the policies as they exist in the draft OP appear to be sufficient. On-farm diversified use definition will be updated to reflect draft PPS.

Proposed Modifications based on draft PPS (2023)

- Reviewed Section 3.8 (Minimum Distance Separation (MDS)) through to end of Section 5.2.3 (Millbrook Settlement Area Boundary).
 - Included removing/updating references to the Growth Plan and Provincial Policy Statement, updating terminology to reflect draft PPS, modifying archaeological resources section to reflect language in draft PPS, clarifying

when refinements to the Agriculture designation can be made, deleting reference to the Agricultural System in Cavan Monaghan (upper-tier no longer required to implement the Provincial Agricultural System; CM would be responsible for implementing the draft PPS in their own Official Plan), clarifying when refinements to the Employment and Urban Employment Area designations can be made.

- Natural Core Area designation was not reviewed since it is intricately linked with natural heritage features and key hydrologic features. At least one TAC meeting will be necessary in future to discuss the Natural Heritage System approach going forward and how best to recognize features through policy and mapping.
- Removed references to Peterborough Public Health in regard to approvals for sewage disposal systems, recognizing that this role will soon be the responsibility of local Municipalities. Instead used the term “applicable approval agency”. This change will need to be captured throughout the OP.
- Growth Projections were calculated based on a Provincial methodology and conforms to the Growth Plan. Discussion was had as to whether related policies should remain in the Official Plan, and to what extent, since the PPS does not prescribe specific targets or contain population forecasts for Peterborough County. The PPS does, however, require the upper-tier to identify and allocate population, housing and employment projections for lower-tiers. It was agreed that the Growth Analysis provided valuable information and that the figures remained relevant, and that keeping the forecasts and allocations represented good planning and would achieve consistency with the draft Provincial Planning Statement.
- Section 5.2.3 (Millbrook Settlement Area Boundary) was deleted in its entirety since the draft PPS does not require the upper-tier to delineate settlement area boundaries or built-boundaries. This exercise may be undertaken by Cavan Monaghan at the time of their next OP review should the draft PPS come into effect.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm