

County Official Plan Modifications

Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee OP Modification Meeting No. 4



Location: Committee Room, County Court House

Attendees: Arya Hejazi (HBM), Matt Wilkinson (CM), Emily Baker (OSM), Christina Coulter (DD), Karen Ellis (CM), Ed Whitmore (AN), Barb Waldron (TL), Derek Bertram (TL), Iain Mudd (County), Bryan Weir (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Regrets: Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Forbes Symon (Jp2g for NK), Jessica Reid (EcoVue for OSM), Per Lundberg (SEL), Adele Arbour (TL)

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 2:06pm

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.
- No policies were revisited

Proposed Modifications based on draft PPS (2023)

- Reviewed Section 5.3 (Growth Targets) through to end of Section 8.3 (Mineral Mining and Aggregate Resources - Rehabilitation).
 - Did not review any part of Section 6 (Natural Heritage Features and Natural Hazards) as there are many modifications anticipated to this section. At least one meeting in the future will be dedicated to reviewing Natural Heritage policies and mapping.

- Discussed intensification and density targets at length. Agreed that the direction to see majority of growth in settlement areas represents good planning. TAC opted to maintain all targets with some modification to the wording to better reflect draft PPS and remove Growth Plan terminology (reference to built-up areas, for example, which is a defined term and delineated area under the current Growth Plan). Propose to apply the intensification targets to serviced settlement areas and residential density targets to greenfield areas in municipally serviced settlement areas.
- Intensification target that is no less than 40 residents and jobs combined per hectare is a figure mandated by the Growth Plan – County staff will research this further and TAC will revisit this policy at future date to determine if this figure is appropriate for Peterborough County as it has historically been a difficult number to reach.
- Clarification provided that employment density target is applicable to the Urban Employment designation only.
- Criteria added to match draft PPS when lands may be removed from employment areas.
- Removed references to built-boundaries in settlement areas since the built-boundary was implemented through the Growth Plan and were last updated in 2006. Also provided updates to settlement area expansions and new settlement areas to better reflect the draft PPS.
 - To promote orderly growth and development, establishment of new settlement areas is now proposed to be permitted by Amendment to the Official Plan and must be initiated by the Township in which the settlement area is situate.
 - Update/add definitions to match draft PPS for servicing types and settlement areas.
- Discussed need for cross-boundary servicing with City of Peterborough. City's OP was being amended to include a new policy and the question was raised whether the County OP should have a similar policy. To be discussed further in review of Section 10 (Transportation and Infrastructure).
- Discussed rehabilitation of aggregate extraction sites at length. Several policies in the adopted OP are very prescriptive and Growth Plan specific. TAC reviewed the policy to determine whether the premise of the policy was necessary or if the policies could be deleted in their entirety. The County and local Municipalities are not responsible for authorizing or approving pit rehabilitation, but OP policies could provide direction when providing comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on new aggregate licences being issued.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm