

County Official Plan Modifications

Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee OP Modification Meeting No. 8



Location: Committee Room, County Court House

Attendees: Arya Hejazi (HBM), Matt Wilkinson (CM), Emily Baker (OSM), Christina Coulter (DD), Madhupreeta Muralidhar (DD Student), Karen Ellis (CM), Ed Whitmore (AN), Derek Bertram (TL), Darryl Tighe (NK), Emily Fitzgerald (NK), Per Lundberg (SEL), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Regrets: Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Adele Arbour (TL), Barb Waldron (TL), Bryan Weir (County)

NOTE: Modification Meetings are being held to draft modifications to the new Official Plan to be consistent with the draft Provincial Planning Statement 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 10:02am

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.
- TAC reviewed Section 10.3.3 (Water Supply and Sanitary Sewage Disposal) and the information pertaining to centralized and de-centralized servicing systems that was provided by CM Staff from their consultants.
 - TAC requested that definitions be added for both types of systems for clarity to members of the public and users of the new OP document
 - County Staff provided update with respect to a pilot project being run by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) with funding from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The project involves the study and creation of municipal services corporations which support communal servicing in rural communities (which includes de-centralized servicing systems). Frontenac County has already undertaken this work and is being followed closely as an example. A few sites in Peterborough County are being considered for this project.

Proposed Modifications based on draft PPS (2024)

- Reviewed Section 4.3.1 (Natural Core Area) and Section 4.3.2 (Parks and Conservation)
 - TAC agreed that responsible planning is needed, and that there is an ability to protect additional features that are not listed in the PPS. Need to be clear through policy and through mapping.
 - After much discussion, TAC agreed to rename the Natural Core Area designation to Provincially Significant Wetland and created policies consistent with the draft 2024 PPS. Intent is not to place the designation on any buffer area, and instead relate the designation/feature to the buffer area via policy text.
 - Keep language that allows for abutting land use designation to apply where it has been determined that wetland boundaries have changed and are no longer in the mapped locations.
 - Discussion about whether to include other natural heritage features in a new designation. This poses some issues since several features have not been mapped in the County (significant woodlands or valleylands for example), and other data cannot be released due to its sensitivity (species at risk observations). Recognizing other features through a land use designation provides a more accurate picture to casual users of the Official Plan.
 - TAC members are encouraged to consider this new designation approach, what features it may include, how it might be mapped and what policies it would include for discussion at next meeting.
- TAC briefly touched on Section 6.2 (Natural Heritage System Approach and Overlay) and Section 6.3 (Natural Heritage Features) to review policies as adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm