

County Official Plan Project

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 15



Location: Committee Room, County Court House

Attendees: Eric Rempel (NK), Tiffany Ly (TL), Ed Whitmore (AN), Crystal McMillan (DD), Tom Cowie (Hiawatha FN), Christina Coulter (CM), Karen Ellis (CM), Sonia Aaltonen (HBM), Barb Waldron (OSM), Bryan Weir (County), Iain Mudd (County), Keziah Holden (County)

Absent: Jeannette Thompson (SEL), Kaitlin Hill (Curve Lake FN), Julie Kapyrka (Curve Lake FN), Martina Chait-Hartwig (DD), Anna Currier (SEL), Rob Lamarre (SEL)

Meeting started at 1:32pm

Items and issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Business Arising from Minutes/New Business

- Changes to TAC meeting schedule – additional date to be added in February, and September meeting to be rescheduled for one week later

Update on Land Needs Assessment

- County staff attended a workshop hosted by the Province on January 23rd; the purpose of the workshop was to review and provide comments on a proposed simplified Assessment for use by slow-no growth Municipalities
- Province is currently in the final stages of developing this new methodology
- Public consultation expected to commence late February – early March
- With respect to the completion of the County's Land Needs Assessment, it is expected that an RFP will go out sometime after the simplified Assessment methodology is in effect. Exact timeframes are not known, but will involve selecting a consultant, obtaining the necessary statistics, completing the analysis etc.
- Complicating factors are that a draft Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) could come into effect, and the Province is planning to review and update the employment and population figures in Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan
- The City of Peterborough Official Plan process is ahead of the County, and as such, the City has already completed their Land Needs Assessment (under the current methodology) and is currently waiting for a response from the Province
- CM staff questioned what the next steps were once the Land Needs Assessment was completed

- County staff indicated that the results will likely be discussed with the TAC first so that everyone can understand the content and implications, and have the ability to answer questions
- The TAC may also discuss allocations, and information from the Township's may be required with respect to the current servicing capacity of Municipal systems and plans for any new systems in the future or expansions/upgrades to the existing systems

Official Plan Policy Review

- Reviewed Natural and Human Made Hazards through to end of Wildland Fire, plus Interpretation section
 - TAC generally agreed that the Natural and Human Made Hazards subsections could be re-distributed to other sections of the Plan for ease of use
 - The use of definitions will be important in for the Waste Management policies – County staff to prepare definitions
 - CM staff requested wording be added that would place a Holding (H) in the local Zoning By-Law for lands within a 500m radius of landfill sites as in their current OP – other TAC members supportive of this approach
 - Flooding and Erosion policies briefly reviewed by the TAC but consensus that these policies would more appropriately be reviewed by Conservation Authorities
 - General discussion had about the need for a specific local Municipal section in the OP and instead have various local policies throughout the Plan in logical/related sections – this would make it easier for members of the public, consultants etc. who may not use the document every day – TAC to consider this approach
 - Wildland Fire policies generated discussion about the methodology for the mapping that was provided by the Province, the completion of Wildland Fire Assessments and how to implement the Assessments – County staff to discuss with Province at a future date
 - Interpretation section was reviewed with modifications to reflect when OPA's are not necessary

Next Steps & Action Items

- County staff to make changes to draft policies based on review by TAC
- TAC Members to consider the need for a designated section in the OP for Township-specific policies or if these policies are better suited to be found throughout the Plan in appropriate locations
- TAC Members to continue review of previously distributed draft policies

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm