



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**To:** Chair and Members of the Planning Committee  
**From:** Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020  
**Subject:** County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #2



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### 1.0 Purpose

This is our second progress report for the County Official Plan Review covering the period from January to May of 2020.

### 2.0 Progress to Date

We have made progress in the following areas:

#### New Provincial Growth Forecasts

- planning staff attended two “Forecasting Considerations Technical Workshops” hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in February 2020 regarding Provincial review of population and employment forecasts in Schedule 3 of the “A Place to Growth: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe” (APTG)

#### Growth Management

- hosted March 10, 2020 kick-off meeting with Technical Resource Team comprised of CAOs (or designates) from each member municipality, County Planning Director and Planning Managers, and consultants Watson & Associates
- residential and employment land inventories sent to member municipalities for final check
- questionnaires distributed to member municipalities to identify local opportunities and challenges early in the review process
- follow up conference calls scheduled with member municipalities and Watson & Associates in first two weeks of June

#### Presentation of Process and Key Phases Report (PD2019-17)

- planning staff presented this report to Wellington County Municipal Economic Development Group March 3, 2020
- awaiting confirmation from Town of Erin staff to schedule a date for us to present report to Erin Council

#### Communications and Engagement

- finalized and released Communications and Engagement Guide in April 2020
- member municipalities may identify local stakeholders through growth management questionnaires

We continue to monitor the following Provincial matters related to the timing and scope of the Official Plan review:

- Anticipated re-release of the 2018 “Land Needs Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe”
- Availability of new forecasts for APTG

For reference, we have appended the project phasing (Appendix A) and a running list of major initiatives related to the project (Appendix B).

### **Recommendations**

That the report “County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #2” be received for information and forwarded to member municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendix A     County Official Plan Review Phasing  
Appendix B     List of Major Initiatives

# APPENDIX A

## County Official Plan Review Phasing

Joint MCR and 5-year Review

Consultation Throughout  	<b>PHASE 1</b>	<b>Setting the Stage</b> Fall 2019 – Spring 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Background review</li> <li>▪ Initiate key MCR background studies</li> <li>▪ Prepare communications and engagement plan</li> <li>▪ Official project launch</li> <li>▪ Develop key themes</li> </ul>
	<b>PHASE 2</b>	<b>Technical Analysis, Issues and Opportunities</b> 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue work on MCR background studies</li> <li>▪ Provincial Policy Statement review</li> <li>▪ Greenbelt Plan Review</li> <li>▪ Identify other county and/or local policy priorities</li> </ul>
	<b>PHASE 3</b>	<b>Options</b> 2020 - 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare policy option discussion papers on key theme areas based on MCR background studies, community engagement and Council input</li> <li>▪ Report on Provincial Policy Statement consistency, Greenbelt Plan conformity and other policy priorities</li> <li>▪ Prepare Draft Official Plan Amendment</li> </ul>
	<b>PHASE 4</b>	<b>Final Draft Official Plan Review</b> 2021 – early 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare final Draft Official Plan Amendment</li> <li>▪ Follow Planning Act requirements for Official Plan Amendment</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX B

### List of Major Initiatives


Informing the Official Plan Review

#### PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES

- Growth Plan, 2019
- Greenbelt Plan, 2017
- Provincial Policy Statement, 2020
- Significant amendments to the Planning Act through:
  - Bill 73, the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015
  - Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017
  - Bill 34, Green Energy Repeal Act, 2018
  - Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019
- Updates to Source Water Protection Plans
- Bill 132, Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019

#### COUNTY INITIATIVES

- Active Transportation Plan (2012)
- A Place to Call Home: 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan for Guelph Wellington (2018) (5-year update awaiting provincial approval)
- Climate Mitigation Strategy (in process)
- Economic Development Strategic Plan (2012)
- Energy Management Plan (2014)
- Strategic Action Plan (2019)
- Transportation Master Plan (pending)
- Attainable Housing Strategy (2019)
- Wellington County & Member Municipalities Service Review (2019)

 New since September 2019 County Planning Committee report PD2019-17