



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021
Subject: County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #3



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1.0 Purpose

This is our third progress report for the County Official Plan Review covering the period from June to December of 2020.

2.0 Progress to Date

We have made progress in the following areas of the municipal comprehensive review (MCR) component of the project:

New Provincial Growth Forecasts

- Watson & Associates reviewed and analyzed August 28, 2020 approved Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 (“Growth Plan”), the new land needs assessment methodology and technical documents for Wellington County

Growth Management

- hosted October 30, 2020 Technical Resource Team (TRT) meeting comprised of CAOs (or designates) from each Member Municipality, County Planning Director and Planning Managers, and Watson & Associates
- consultants presented first draft of population, housing and employment growth forecast allocations by Member Municipality to the TRT
- requested municipal staff comments on draft allocations by November 20, 2020 and conducted follow up municipal conference calls, as needed

Municipal Water and Wastewater Servicing

- hired WSP consultants to assist us with a County-wide Municipal water and wastewater servicing review
- hosted December 15, 2020 project kick-off meeting with Municipal public works and infrastructure staff and WSP
- requested Municipal and County data and information to be provided by January 15, 2021

3.0 Work Plan

Planning staff will prepare an adjusted work plan early in 2021. The Provincial Government’s release of amendments to the Growth Plan, Provincial Policy Statement and land needs assessment methodology have caused project delays. Our priority for the Official Plan Review continues to be the municipal comprehensive review component, which will now need to be phased.

Recommendation

That the report “County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #3” be received for information and forwarded to Member Municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Wilhelm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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