



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021
Subject: County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #4



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1.0 Purpose

This is our fourth progress report for the County Official Plan Review covering the period from January to April of 2021.

2.0 Progress to Date

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

Growth Management

- hosted April 22, 2021 Technical Resource Team (TRT) meeting comprised of CAOs (or designates) from each Member Municipality, County Planning Director and Planning Managers, and Watson & Associates Economists (Watson)
- draft community area and employment area land needs released and presented by Watson at TRT
- municipal staff comments on draft land needs requested by May 14, 2021
- Watson has also revised draft population, housing and employment growth forecast allocations by Member Municipality based on municipal staff and consultant comments

3.0 Work Plan

We will be dividing the growth management component of the municipal comprehensive review (MCR) into two phases:

Phase 1 Urban Structure and Growth Allocations

Phase 2 Land Needs, Housing Analysis, Intensification, Employment Analysis and Conversions

The need for settlement area boundary expansion(s) will also be considered as part of Watson's Phase 2 work, but specific locations will be considered at a later time in the MCR process.

Our work plan for Phase 1 is as follows:

- June – Draft Phase 1 Report by Watson
- June – Public Information Centre for Phase 1 work
- Q3/Q4 – draft Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment (OPA) to be prepared and released for municipality, agency, community and stakeholder review and comments
- Q3/Q4 – Phase 1 OPA statutory open house and public meeting required by the Planning Act

3.0 Upcoming Community Engagement

At its April 2021 meeting, Council approved the recommendation of Planning Committee that County Council hold a special meeting required by the Planning Act. Notice of the meeting will be published in the Wellington Advertiser on May 6 and 13. We will also use the project webpage and our project mailing list to provide additional notice and information.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held via the Zoom platform at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 29, 2021. Staff will be preparing presentation materials to be made available prior to the meeting.

County staff and project consultants are also planning a public information centre (PIC) in June. The PIC will be held a week or so before the special meeting of Council to provide information about the growth allocations and themes of the first phase of Watson’s work. This will provide information and context before the special meeting of Council. The PIC meeting exceeds the minimum requirements of the Planning Act. Staff will use the Wellington Advertiser, our project webpage and project mailing list to provide notice.

Recommendation

That the report “County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #4” be received for information and forwarded to Member Municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,



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