



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, June 09, 2022
Subject: County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #6



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1.0 Purpose

This progress report for the County Official Plan Review covers the period from January to May 2022.

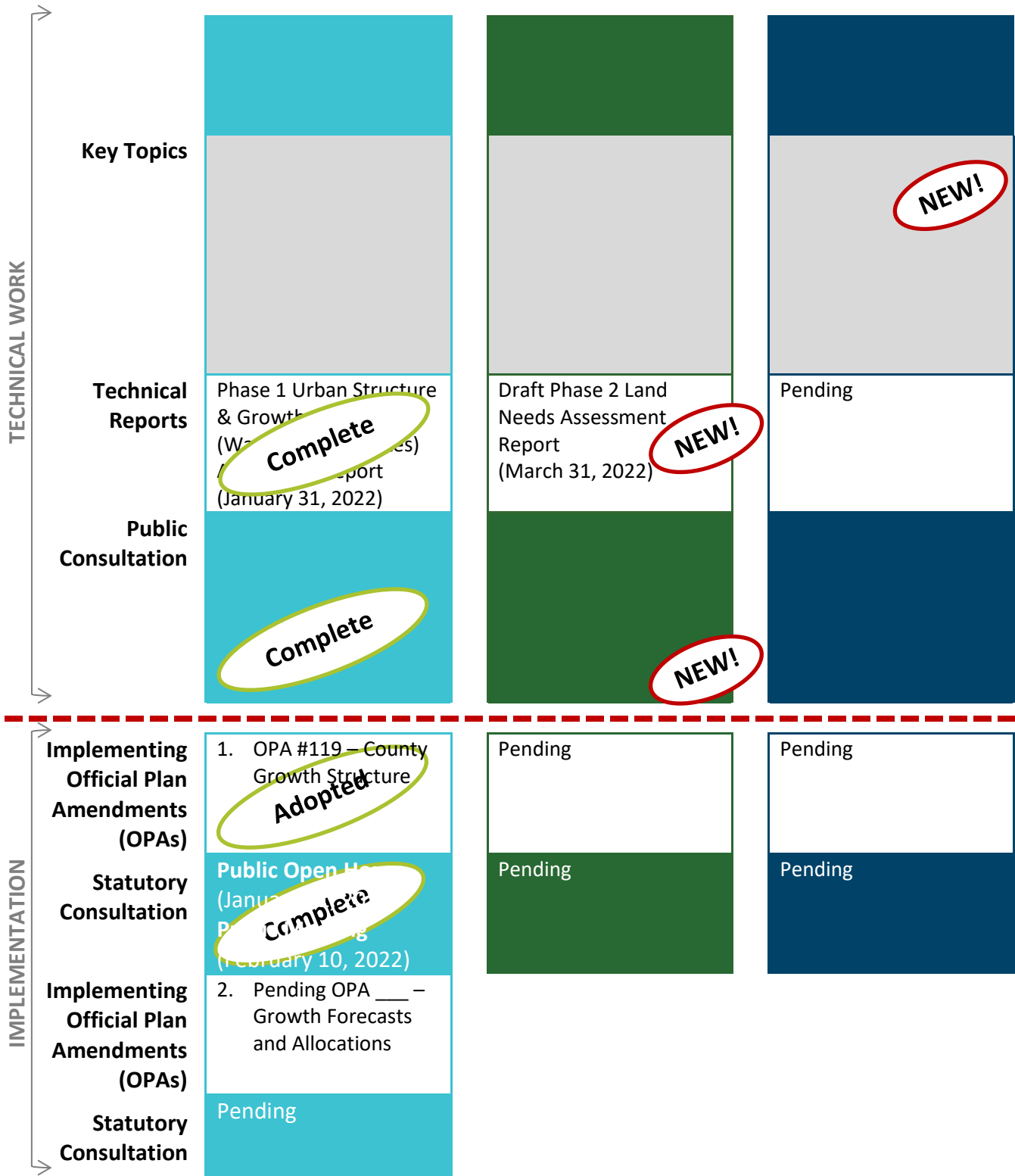
2.0 Key Updates

- As part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review, the County’s Draft Phase 2 Land Needs Assessment (LNA) was released to the public and circulated for comment on April 5, 2022. Comments are being reviewed by the County and consultants, Watson & Associates.
- The Province has completed its review of the LNA and has reached out to staff to schedule a meeting. The County also requires a decision from the Province on our May 2021 request for an alternative intensification target of 15% before we can finalize the LNA.
- Once the LNA is finalized, the next phase of the Municipal Comprehensive Review will consider appropriate locations for future residential, commercial and industrial lands within settlement areas and where needed, through settlement area boundary expansions. This work will be carried out collaboratively with each applicable Member Municipality.
- The County will initiate a Phase 3 Settlement Area and Boundary Expansion Review based on a detailed analysis and evaluation framework which will meet the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement, Provincial Growth Plan, Provincial Greenbelt Plan and County Official Plan.
- Public engagement activities to date in 2022 have been focused on statutory meetings for Official Plan Amendment 119 (County Growth Structure).
- Recent municipal consultation has included attendance at Member Municipality Council meetings on request (May 4, 2022 Township of Puslinch Council meeting and May 9, 2022 Township of Wellington North Council Meeting) and additional meetings with municipal staff as needed.
- The following County Planning Committee Reports have been brought forward to Council since the last progress report:

PD2022-01	County Official Plan Review – OPA 119 Statutory Public Consultation	January 2022
PD2022-02	County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #5	January 2022
PD2022-07	County Official Plan Review – Growth Forecasts and Allocations	March 2022
PD2022-11	County Official Plan Review – Draft Land Needs Assessment	April 2022
PD2022-14	County Official Plan Review – OPA 119 Recommendation Report	May 2022

3.0 Work Plan

The current work plan for the growth management component of the municipal comprehensive review (MCR) is as follows.



4.0 Agricultural Policy and Mapping Review

The County has retained Planscape consultants to assist with the agricultural policy and mapping review. To date, the County and Planscape have had a pre-consultation with Provincial staff and a meeting with the agricultural stakeholder group. The project is in the background review and data collection stage.

5.0 Recommendations

That the report “County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #6” be received for information; and

That the County Clerk forward the report 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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