



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Kara Van Myall
Director of Planning and Development

Date: September 17, 2020

Re: Plan the Bruce Restart

Staff Recommendation:

The Plan the Bruce Restart report is for information.

Background:

At its April 2020 meeting, Planning and Development Committee passed the following:

“That the 2020 Major Initiatives: Plan the Bruce Foundational Work; Plan the Bruce New County Official Plan; and Community Development Strategy be delayed until staffing considerations are addressed.”

To update the Committee, the vacant Planner positions have been filled and the Land Use Division will be reaching full capacity soon. This will free up Managers and Senior Policy Planners to advance the Plan the Bruce Discussion Papers and the Community Development Strategy.

Discussion Papers:

The timing for each of the Discussion Papers is described in the table below:

PLAN THE BRUCE RESTART



September 17, 2020

We are restarting Plan the Bruce with revised timelines noted below. There are eight core areas of consideration that will inform the new Official Plan. These eight Guiding Principles were developed by your neighbors in communities throughout Bruce County. Each one impacts what is important for our future while keeping in mind the needs of individuals today.




NATURAL LEGACY

- Interim Report Fall 2020
- Discussion Paper Spring 2021



AGRICULTURE

- Interim Report Fall 2020
- Discussion Paper End of 2020



HERITAGE

- Final Cultural Action Plan and Archaeological Master Plan reports by end of 2020
- Discussion Paper Winter 2021



HOMES

- Interim Report Fall 2020
- Discussion Paper Spring 2021



COMMUNITIES

- Consultant hired Fall 2020
- Discussion Paper Winter 2021



CONNECTING

- Advisory Committee formed and has started to meet
- Mobility Master Plan Fall 2021
- Discussion Paper Fall 2021



BUSINESS

- Interim Report Winter 2021
- Discussion Paper Spring 2021



GOOD GROWTH

- Final Report End of 2020
- Discussion Paper Winter 2021



Communication and Engagement:

In terms of Communication and Engagement, the approach will be to recognize public health considerations to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, while seeking to maximize awareness and involvement across the Bruce County community. More specifically, the communication tactics planned for restarting Plan the Bruce in the remainder of 2020 include:

- Remote meetings of Advisory Committees
- Delegations to Local Councils, in accordance with protocols
- Restarting activity on the project website at www.planthebruce.ca
- Social media posts to generate traffic to the project website
- Radio interviews
- Postcard mailouts
- Pop up booths at community events where possible.

Official Plan:

The new Official Plan will build on the results of the foundational work from the Bruce GPS, which set out the Vision and Guiding Principles for growth and development for the next 25 years. The Plan the Bruce Discussion Papers are the next steps to set out a policy framework for our collective Guiding Principles and form the backbone of the Official Plan.

Additionally, the Official Plan Best Practices Review project currently being completed through the Modernization funding will be another foundational piece to support the Official Plan. The Request for Proposals to retain a consultant to develop the new Official Plan will be released in Q3 2021. The new Official Plan is scheduled to be brought forward for adoption by County Council in the Q3 of 2022.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Plan the Bruce Discussion Paperwork was in the 2020 budget.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

The Heritage work through the Cultural Action Plan and the Archaeological Master Plan is being led by the Museum. The Connecting work through the Mobility Master Plan is being led by Transportation and Environmental Services.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

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