



## Committee Report

**To:** Warden Janice Jackson  
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

**From:** Mark Paoli  
Director of Planning and Development

**Date:** September 16, 2021

**Re:** Bruce County Official Plan Project Update

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### Staff Recommendation:

The Bruce County Official Plan Project Update is for information.

### Background:

The 2021 Bruce County Business Plan identifies two major initiatives related to the Bruce County Official Plan: foundational work to advance Guiding Principles; and, the first phases to develop a New County Official Plan.

### Plan the Bruce:

Over the last few months, through work on the Plan the Bruce project, Council has received Interim Reports and endorsed Discussion Papers around several of the Guiding Principles. The progress on each of the Guiding Principles in Plan the Bruce is summarized below:

Homes: Discussion Paper, and additional units amendment to County Official Plan, complete.

Communities: Discussion Paper complete.

Good Growth: Discussion Paper complete.

Agriculture: Interim Report and engagement complete, Discussion Paper being drafted

Natural Legacy: Interim Report complete, engagement underway.

Business: Interim Report being drafted.

Heritage: Awaiting endorsement of Cultural Action Plan and Archaeological Master Plan.

Connecting: Builds on Transportation Master Plan; Discussion Paper in research phase.

**Official Plan:**

The work noted above to advance the Guiding Principles has been building a solid foundation for the new Official Plan. With the recent awarding of the Official Plan consulting assignment to the consulting firm WSP Canada Ltd. (WSP), the initial project management and detailed workplan design for the Official Plan has begun. The workplan targets a new Official Plan to be submitted for County Council to consider adoption in mid-2022.

As required by the Planning Act, there will be a special meeting of Council held to consider the scope of topics and issues to be included in the Official Plan's development. This meeting is being planned for October 21<sup>st</sup> and will include a presentation by WSP that will cover among other matters, the detailed work plan, including public engagement.

**Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

None.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

None.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

Goal 7: Stimulate and reward innovation and economic development.

Element A: Streamline and simplify our Planning Processes (Official Plan, Zoning Bylaw).

**Approved for Submission:**

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Chief Administrative Officer