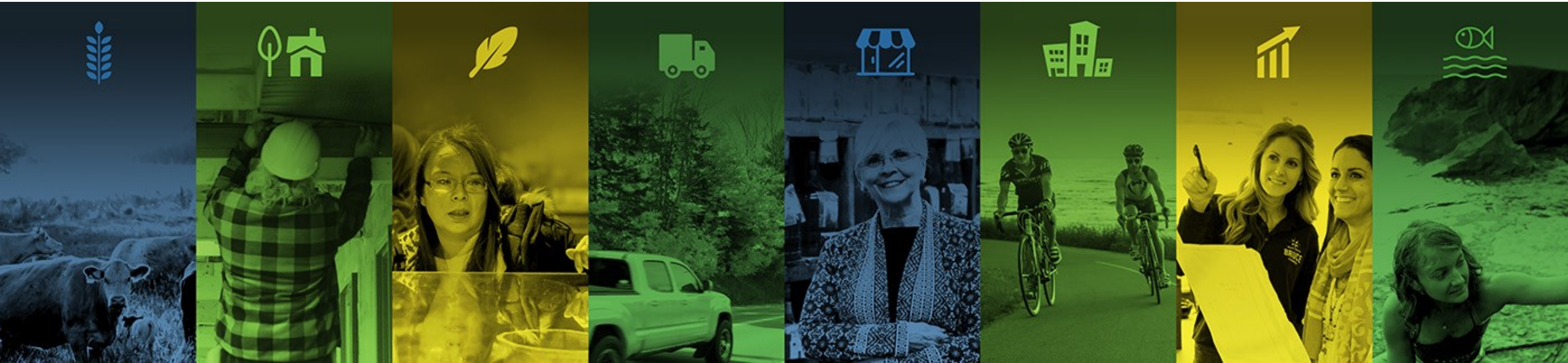


County of Bruce New Official Plan

Special Council Meeting
October 21st, 2021



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Purpose of Meeting

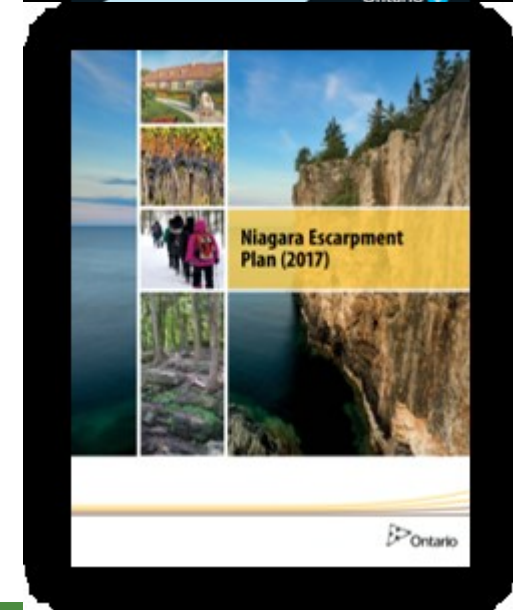
- Under Section 26(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*, before revising the Official Plan, the Municipality is required to hold a Special Meeting of Council, open to the public, to discuss potential revisions.
- The purpose of this Special Meeting of Council is to discuss the scope of the new Official Plan and to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input on issues or matters that should be considered in the Official Plan.
- At the end of this presentation, the floor will be open to receive feedback.

What is an Official Plan?

- The Official Plan is a key document that establishes policies for the responsible management of growth and change within the County.
- It contemplates matters such as land use, housing, economic development, community improvement, transportation, and the protection of agricultural and natural heritage resources.
- It considers our unique, local needs and guides how we will work towards a vision for our future.
- The new Official Plan will have a 25-year planning horizon to the year 2046.

Official Plan Review Purpose

- The current Official Plan was approved in 1997 and last updated in 2010; (*Planning Act* requires review/update of a new plan after 10 years and then every 5 years thereafter).
- Bruce County is evolving, and a new Official Plan will help manage that growth and change.
- The Official Plan considers our unique, local needs and guides how we will work towards a vision for our future.
- The Official Plan needs to be consistent with the updated Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and conform with the Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017) and the Greenbelt Plan (2017).



Work to Date: Bruce GPS

- Between August 2018 and May 2019, the County undertook public engagement to develop a new Vision for the County.
- The following vision statement was created to guide future land use planning decisions in Bruce County over the next 20 years:

**“We are the explorers:
navigating Bruce County towards a
healthy, diverse, and thriving future.”**



WSP Date: Guiding Principles

Using feedback from the community received through the Bruce GPS Report, the following set of new Guiding Principles were developed by the Planning and Development Department:

1 To put the right locations with the right services.

2 To increase the supply and mix of homes.

3 To support our key economies, including supporting a thriving agricultural community.

4 To create opportunities for diversity of businesses, jobs, and employers.

5 To improve our ability to move people, goods, and information between communities.

6 To create wellbeing through access to complete and healthy communities.

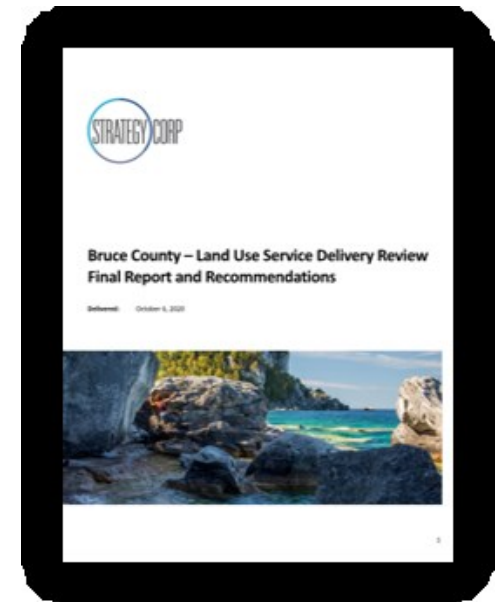
7 To identify and manage our cultural heritage resources.

8 To manage our natural resources wisely for future generations.

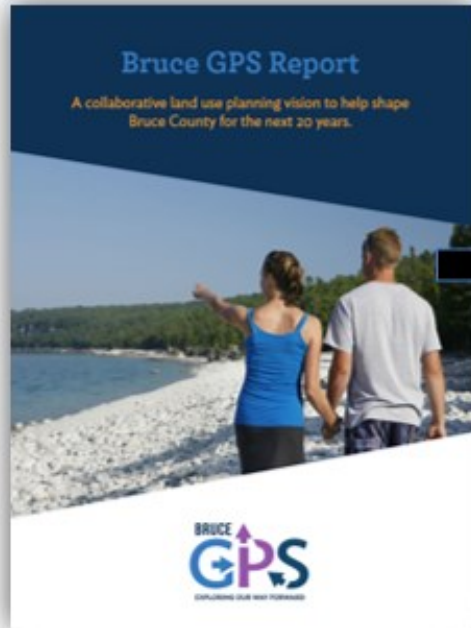
WSP Date: Official Plan Best Practices

In October 2020, the County released the Land Use Service Delivery Final Report and Recommendations. It provided direction for developing the new Bruce County Official Plan:

- Link the diverse areas of Bruce County in a **coordinated planning framework**.
- Use an **agricultural system approach**.
- Focus on **flexible planning policies and tools**.
- Anticipate impacts of **climate change** on the County's local environment.
- Apply a **mobility-based transportation planning approach** which includes transit and active transportation.
- Apply **intensification and density targets** for local municipalities according to population allocation, land supply and future transit provision.
- **Enthusiastically include Indigenous People** in the Official Plan update process.
- Write a plan that **speaks to the context of the residents and businesses within the County**.



Inputs



Agriculture

Ensuring the future of food thrives here.

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Business ongoing

Growing economic health through business diversity.

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Connecting

Bringing our communities closer together.

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Communities ✓

Making healthy communities a priority.

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Good Growth ✓

Combining development with conservation of character.

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Heritage

Identifying and promoting our culture.

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Homes ✓

Increasing availability and mix.

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Natural Legacy

Managing what we inherited for future generations.

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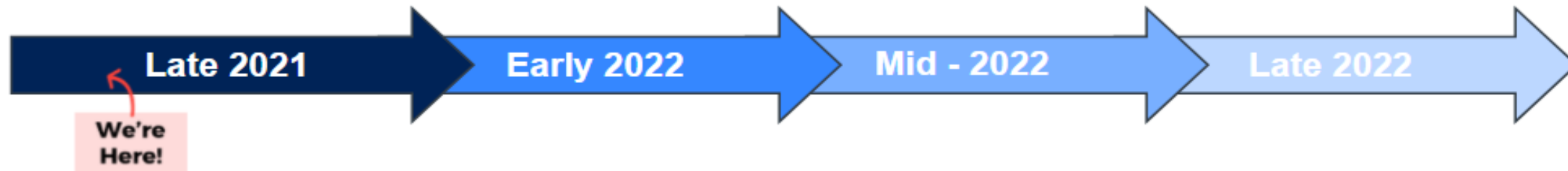
Work to Date: Growth Management

- The growth management (“Good Growth”) discussion paper identifies a range of recommended policy directions to inform the new Official Plan
- The growth management exercise was informed through technical analysis and broad consultation with area municipalities and members of the public
- This work will continue through the Official Plan Review process, with ongoing opportunity for consultation with local municipalities
- The work plan also contemplates consideration for employment area conversions and settlement area expansion

Project Timeline



<p>Project Initiation & Policy Directions Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Public Engagement Plan. • Draft Policy Directions Report. • Phase 1 consultation cluster. 	<p>Prepare Draft Official Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft Official Plan policies, schedules, etc. • Policy conformity checklist. • Phase 2 consultation cluster. 	<p>Revised Draft Official Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised draft Official Plan based on stakeholder feedback. • Phase 3 consultation cluster. 	<p>Final Official Plan & Statutory Approval Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare final Official Plan. • Undertake statutory meeting. • Council adoption of new Official Plan.
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Provincial Approval

- Province is the Approval authority for the County's new Official Plan
- Following Council Adoption (Phase 4), the new Official Plan will be reviewed by the Province
- The County will work with the Province to address any comments or issues that may be identified
- The new Official Plan will not come into effect until it receives final Approval from the Province
- In its Approval, the Province may make changes (referred to as Modifications)
- The Province's Approval of the new Official Plan can be appealed.

Public & Stakeholder Consultation Clusters

Phase 1 Consultation Cluster

- Public Notice of Project Commencement.
- County Council Workshop.
- Meeting with Joint Council of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.
- Consultation with Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

Phase 2 Consultation Cluster

- Public Circulation of Draft Official Plan.
- Presentations and Workshops with Local Municipalities.
- Sub-region Open Houses.
- Statutory Public Meeting.

Phase 3 Consultation Cluster

- Public Circulation of Draft Final Official Plan.
- Follow-up Consultation Meetings.



Next Steps

- Draft Policy Directions Report (late-2021)
- Prepare Draft Official Plan (early to mid-2022)
- Statutory Public Open House (mid-2022)
- Public Release of Comment-Response Matrix (late-2022)
- Statutory Public Meeting (late-2022)
- Final Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendments (late-2022)
- Council Adoption (late-2022)

Thank you!

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