



October 13th 2021

Attention:

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Attn: Mark Paoli, Director, Planning and Development

Re: Official Plan Review Special Council Meeting October 21st 2021

The Municipality of Brockton has a strong vested interest in the Plan the Bruce - Official Plan Review as one of eight local area Municipalities. The Municipality has been an active participant in review and consultation and has provided comments on the eight background discussion papers as part of the Plan the Bruce – Official Plan review.

The consultation on the eight background discussion papers exposed areas that the Municipality of Brockton feel warrant additional attention with a primary focus on the Good Growth discussion paper prior to those technical studies being adopted in the new Plan the Bruce – Bruce County Official Plan and forming future policy.

To address the concerns of the Municipality, Council of the Municipality of Brockton has directed that a third-party Planning Consultant be retained to represent the Municipality through the Plan the Bruce – Official Plan Review. Through our Planning Consultant we will continue to remain an engaged and active participant in the Plan the Bruce – Official Plan Review. Through our engagement the Municipality needs to ensure that the policies being created for adoption respect the values and needs of the Municipality while remaining consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2020. The Implementation and Interpretation of the PPS needs to be facilitated in a manner that affords flexibility and discretion within the Plan the Bruce – Bruce County Official Plan to ensure our communities are afforded long-term prosperity, social well-being, sustainable and resilient communities for people of all ages, a clean and healthy environment and a strong and competitive economy.

The PPS is a policy document that outlines the foundation for regulating the development and use of land. While the PPS is to be read in its whole entirety, it states *“Municipal official plans are the most important vehicle for implementation of this Provincial Policy Statement and for achieving comprehensive, integrated and long-term planning. Official plans shall identify provincial interests and set out appropriate land use designations and policies.*

Official plans should also coordinate cross-boundary matters to complement the actions of other planning authorities and promote mutually beneficial solutions. Official plans shall provide clear, reasonable and attainable policies to protect provincial interests and direct development to suitable areas. In order to protect provincial interests, planning authorities shall keep their official plans up-to-date with this Provincial Policy Statement.” and



“The long-term prosperity and social well-being of Ontario depends upon planning for strong, sustainable and resilient communities for people of all ages, a clean and healthy environment, and a strong and competitive economy.”

As the Plan the Bruce – Official Plan Review will establish a comprehensive policy framework to manage growth and change to the year 2046, the opportunity is now for the Municipality to be an active participant in engagement to ensure a strong future for the Municipality of Brockton. Without elaborating in full detail on our concerns at this time the Municipality is seeking to comprehensively analyze and review the available documents and information to best form our opinion, we will be seeking to alleviate constraints that the existing Local Urban Official Plan Boundary has in supporting the forecasted growth projections provided in the Good Growth Discussion paper and ensuring that the creation of the Regional Market Area as outlined in the PPS will provide continued support for the growth of our community and the County of Bruce as a whole.

We strongly support further engagement with all Local Area Municipalities, Indigenous communities, County Council, Conservation Authorities, the public and other stakeholders as part of the Plan the Bruce – Official Plan.

Municipal Staff and our Planning Consultant will be active in review of documents that have produced thus far and will provide formal comments when available that may form part of the public record. We look forward to further engagement opportunities with Bruce County Planning staff and consultant assigned to the Plan the Bruce – Official Plan Review to ensure the values and needs of the Municipality of Brockton are fully understood and reflected in the final document.

Sincerely,

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