

Staff Report

Report From: Jay Pausner, Supervisor, Development Services
 Meeting Date: January 24, 2022
 Subject: County of Bruce Official Plan Amendment – Agricultural Policies
 Attachments: Proposed Amendments

Recommendation

That Council support the proposed amendments to the County of Bruce Official Plan.

Report Summary

The County of Bruce Planning Department has circulated for comment draft amendments to the County of Bruce Official Plan related to agriculture. This report outlines the proposed changes and recommends that the Town support the amendments to the County of Bruce Official Plan.

Background/Analysis

County of Bruce Planning Department has circulated for comment draft amendments to the County of Bruce Official Plan related to agriculture (see attached). These amendments are proposed in the interim while the County continues its Official Plan update and would come into force once approved.

In the review of these proposed amendments, it is proposed that the Town offer its support for the changes. The changes would build local context and flexibility for the County and its area municipalities to facilitate timely and straightforward development and/or lot creation in the rural areas of the County.

The table below outlines the recommended comments:

BCOP Section	Town Comment
6.5.3.3.1	In support, provides an exemption for a common issue and will limit the amount of administration of Official Plan Amendments (OPAs).
6.5.3.3.3	In support, will limit the amount of administration.
5.5.6.2	In support, allows an opportunity to create smaller farm lots previously not permitted.
5.5.2	In support, will allow more flexibility to locate businesses.

BCOP Section	Town Comment
5.5.4	In support.
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5.6.4	In support.
6.5.3.3	In support, will limit the amount of administration of OPAs and Zoning By-law Amendments.

If supported, the Town will provide a copy of this report and any resolution of Council to the County.

Linkages

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Facilitate Appropriate Growth in our Communities
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Improve Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

None.

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