



Committee Report

To: Councillor Steve Hammell, Chair and
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Mark Paoli
Director of Planning and Development

Date: April 7, 2022

Re: New Bruce County Official Project Workplan and Schedule Review

Staff Recommendation:

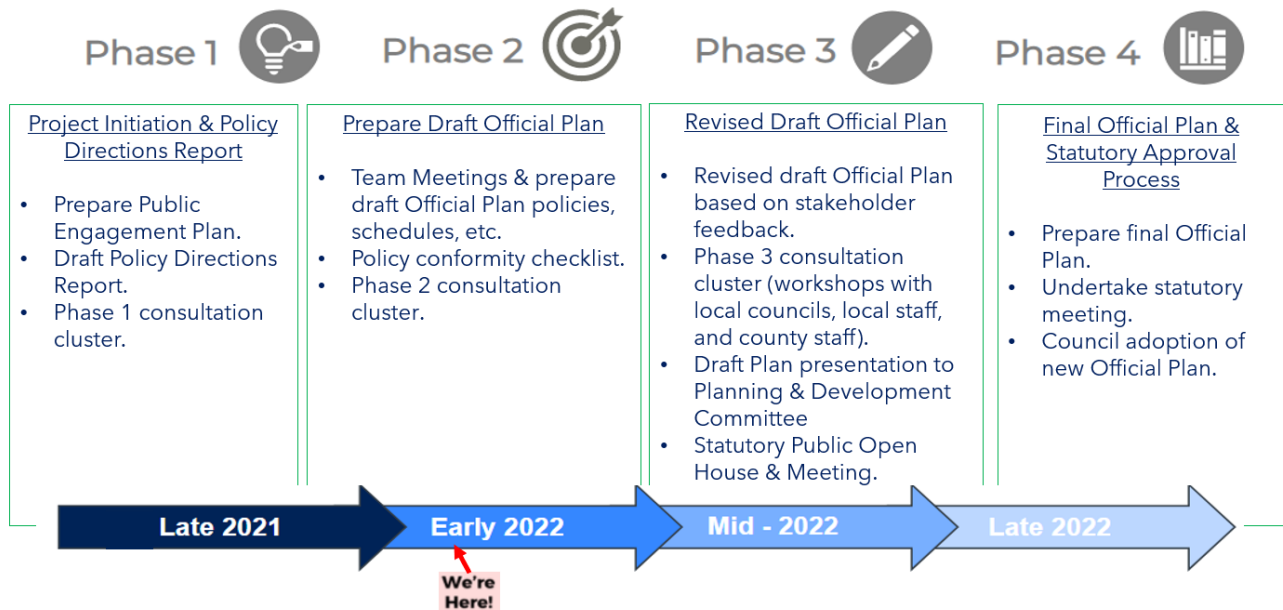
The New Bruce County Official Project Workplan and Schedule Review report is for information.

Background:

The Project to prepare a new Bruce County Official Plan formally began with a Special Council Meeting in October 2021. The work program has been updated and is set out in 4 phases, with two priorities in mind:

1. Build on the momentum and body of work completed to date to deliver a new Official Plan for consideration to this Council; and,
2. Include robust engagement throughout the process to yield an Official Plan that identifies and addresses present and anticipated community needs in Bruce County.

The project phases are illustrated below:



This report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the project and note that the project is scheduled to meet the timing and engagement priorities noted above.

Highlights of the project schedule include:

- Workshops with Local Councils, Local staff, and County Staff in June
- Draft Plan presentation to Planning and Development Committee in early July, together with a statutory public Open House
- Public and further stakeholder Input through July and August, including a statutory Public Meeting in early August
- Adoption of the Plan by County Council in Late September.

Project needs:

It is noted that the project timeline above will depend on:

- Council(s) capacity for holding special meetings for workshops, open house and public meeting
- Stakeholder capacity to engage and provide comments within identified timelines so that their input and issues can be identified and considered early in the process.

The schedule can be recalibrated to provide for more extensive engagement and a 2023 Adoption date if stakeholder capacity is limited or if issues emerge which require additional time and analysis to address.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Adoption of an Official Plan is not one of the four restricted acts of Council after nomination day.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Development of the new County Official Plan is a major initiative in the Planning and Development Department 2022 business plan.

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