



Committee Report

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

From: Claire Dodds
Director of Planning and Development

Date: December 15, 2022

Re: Bruce County Growth Management Official Plan Amendment C-2022-012 Resolution

Staff Recommendation:

That Committee pass the following resolution:

The County of Bruce declares that Official Plan Amendment C-2022-012-1 conforms or does not conflict with Provincial Plans; has regard to matters of provincial interest; and is consistent with Policy Statements.”

Background:

The province is the approval authority for the Growth Management Official Plan Amendment adopted by County Council in October 2022. As part of its review, the province requires the County provide a resolution as described above.

Section 5 of the Planning Act requires that “A decision of the council of a municipality, [...], in respect of the exercise of any authority that affects a planning matter, (a) shall be consistent with the policy statements issued under subsection (1) that are in effect on the date of the decision; and (b) shall conform with the provincial plans that are in effect on that date, or shall not conflict with them, as the case may be.”

The [staff report for the Growth Management Amendment](#) outlined conformity with matters of provincial interest, and the Provincial Policy Statement (2020). The amendment does not conflict with the Niagara Escarpment Plan, being the only Provincial Plan that applies to Bruce County. The requested resolution would declare that Council adopted a Growth Management Official Plan Amendment that is consistent with the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement and does not conflict with any Provincial Plans.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal, or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

The Growth Management Official Plan Amendment furthers the work of developing a new Official Plan for the County. The development of the new County Official Plan is a major initiative in the Planning and Development Department business plan.

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