



## Planning and Development Committee Minutes

May 11, 2023

Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Chris Peabody, Warden (Chair) Kenneth Craig, Councillor Mark Goetz, Councillor	Milt McIver, Councillor Garry Michi, Councillor Jennifer Shaw, Alternate Councillor
Remote	Luke Charbonneau, Councillor	
Regrets	Steve Hammell, Councillor	Don Murray, Councillor
Staff	Derrick Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer Claire Dodds, Director of Planning and Development Christine MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum and Cultural Services Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services Steve Schaus, Director of Paramedic Services Linda White, Clerk Darlene Batte, Deputy Clerk	Jack Van Dorp, Manager of Land Use Planning Adam Ferguson, Corporate Communications Specialist Matthew Meade, Corporate Strategic Initiatives Specialist Monica Walker Bolton, Senior Planner Carley Donaldson, Marketing and Communication Specialist Ryan Whitmore, System Support Analyst
Guests	Consultants: Rob Rappolt and Nadia Dowhaniuk, WSP Consulting	

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes were recorded by the Deputy Clerk.

## 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## 3. Information Items

The following reports were received for information:

### a. Council Workshop to Continue the Discussions on the new Bruce County Official Plan - Plan the Bruce

Robert Rappolt and Nadia Dowhaniuk, WSP Consulting were in attendance for this presentation and discussions.

Ms. Claire Dodds, Director of Planning and Development indicated the intent of the workshop is to review the provincial changes that were released April 6, 2023 and to reflect on what those changes mean to our Official Plan Schedule as it relates to the County's new Official Plan.

Mr. Rappolt led the discussions and explained that the purpose of today's workshop is to provide an overview of changes to the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement and potential impacts to the Plan the Bruce. He noted that on April 6, 2023, the Province announced several proposed changes to the planning system including the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement. ERO is open until June 5, 2023 with the effective date to be determined (targeting Fall, 2023).

Mr. Rappolt explained that the proposed policies can be grouped under four pillars, with the intent of:

- Generating housing supply
- making land available for development
- providing infrastructure to support development, and
- balancing housing with other resource and land use needs.

He then presented an overview of the proposed changes to the PPS related to the following areas:

- Structure of the proposed 2023 PPS
- Growth Management
- Settlement Boundary Adjustments
- Employment

- Agriculture
- Agriculture Consents
  - significant change in provincial position - concern was raised with the number of previously approved applications by the County that were appealed by the Province
  - Warden Peabody noted a request from the OFA to support the creation of the 3 lots to accommodate adult children and/or farm workers
- Natural Heritage
  - Natural heritage policies and related definitions remain under consideration but were not made available for review on April 6, 2023
  - Placeholder in the proposed provincial Planning Statement that proposed policies and definitions will be made available through a separate posting on the ERO
  - Direction for Water Resources includes protection of all water supplies (not just municipal drinking water supplies)
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Infrastructure
  - recognizes schools as an element of a complete community

Ms. Claire Dodds reported that a report with prepared comments will be brought forward the Planning and Development Committee meeting on May 18th for Committee's review and then will be submitted to the Province as the County's comments prior to the June 5th deadline.

Mr. Rappolt then provided an overview of the Plan the Bruce Implications which include;

- Biggest Policy Changes in Proposed PPS
- Proposed PPS Direction for Process
- More or Less Unchanged in Proposed PPS

#### Next Steps:

- Proposed changes to the Provincial planning framework are not confirmed and are open to comment
- Staff are currently review the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement
- Stare are preparing a response to the Province (due June 5th)
- Subject matter for June workshop will be confirmed pending this workshop and new information from the Province
- OP work focuses on areas of minor change between policy statements

It was suggested that the Province's predominant focus is on the Building Homes Faster Act.

Staff committed to bring forward a draft resolution along with their written response / comments to the May 18th meeting. Once approved, this resolution and comments would be circulated through AMO to all Counties and Municipalities.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2023 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee adjourn at 11:26 a.m.

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Warden Chris Peabody, Acting Chair

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