



Committee Report

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Members of the Planning and Development Committee

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Re: Phasing of Official Plan Review

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Development Committee accept the Phasing of Official Plan Review report as information.

Background:

The Bruce GPS Engagement initiative is now complete and has identified eight Guiding Principles that should be considered for development in Bruce County. It is anticipated that a series of discussion papers will be produced for each guiding principle that will consider best practices and provide options for policy development in a new Official Plan for the County.

The Process:

Highlighting the 2019 work from the Bruce GPS - 8 Guiding Principles form the Discussion Papers to the new OP. This next phase of the Official Plan work will be promoted under the name "Plan the Bruce ^(GPS)" using the GPS logo (trademark) to indicate that Bruce County is in the next phase of the Bruce GPS. The Guiding Principles will be developed and communicated using short, clear titles:

Good Growth
Communities

Homes
Heritage

Connecting
Natural Legacy

Agriculture
Business

The work of these eight Discussion Papers will culminate in the preparation of a new County Official Plan ensuring it is informed by the Bruce GPS initiative.

The work will include conversations in the community about the next steps needed to bring the guiding principles to life in land use planning.

Other subprojects that will begin this Fall include the Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) and Natural Environment Study. Collaboration with: Transportation and Environmental Services on the Integrated Mobility Master Plan to ensure that the

communities of Bruce County are well connected and a range of mobility options are considered; the Museum and Archives on the Cultural and Archaeological Master Plans; and, Human Services (Housing) to promote affordable housing in existing housing stock and new development is expected to begin this Fall and may continue into late 2020.

Beginning early in 2020 a consultant-led growth management strategy is recommended to be developed and formal policy development for a new Official Plan will begin by mid-2020. The goal is to produce a high-level, plain language guiding document that informs how the community grows and develops over the next 25 years (2045).

An outline of this work is provided in table format on the following pages.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

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

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Participation and consultation with:

- Transportation and Environmental Services related to a Transportation/Mobility Master Plan
- Museum and Archives related to Cultural and Archaeological Master Plans
- Human Services (Housing) related to affordable housing,

is planned.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal # 1: Develop and implement tactics for improved communications

Element B - One county - with a unified voice

Element E - Clear and consistent messages across the organization

Goal # 3: Find creative new ways to engage our public

Element B - Engage in cross-departmental streamlining - specialize in the solution not the department

Goal # 4: Find creative new ways to involve all staff in our future

Element D - Pursue a we/team approach

Goal # 7: Stimulate and reward innovation and economic development

Element A - Streamline and simplify our Planning Processes (Official Plan)

2020 Major Initiative	Project Description	Outcome
<p>1. PLAN the BRUCE County Official Plan</p> <p>A. Foundational Work to advance Guiding Principles (2020)</p> <p>Owner: Land Use Planning with support from other Departments</p>	<p>Highlighting the 2019 work from the Bruce GPS - 8 Guiding Principles form the Discussion Papers to the new OP.</p> <p>1: Guiding Principle #3: To support our key economies, including supporting a thriving agricultural community.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Agriculture</p> <p>To develop a new policy framework for the Agriculture/Rural lands including mapping LEAR Study. Additional industry specific policies developed with Official Plan work.</p> <p>2: Guiding Principle #2: To increase the supply and mix of homes.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Homes</p> <p>Work with Human Services to advance a policy framework that supports both the Long-Term Housing Strategy (2013-2023) and the Housing and Homelessness Plan Update (2019-2023) integration in the Official Plan.</p> <p>3: Guiding Principle #1: To put growth in the right locations with the right services.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Good Growth</p> <p>Consultant lead Population, Employment and Growth Management Plan to develop a growth forecast and management strategy for Bruce County, including 25-year forecasts.</p>	<p>Q1 2020 Discussion Paper with policy framework and mapping of Agriculture and Rural lands presented.</p> <p>Q1 2020 Discussion Paper with policy framework presented.</p> <p>Q2 2020 Consultant Report Presented that will provide a strategy to inform policy direction and mapping in multiple areas in the New Official Plan.</p>

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	<p>4: Guiding Principle #8: To manage natural resources wisely for future generations.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Natural Legacy</p> <p>Consultant led project to develop updated mapping for natural systems, water, forest, sand and gravel resources and a supporting policy framework.</p> <p>5: Guiding Principle #7: To identify and manage our cultural heritage resources.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Heritage</p> <p>Through the Cultural Action Plan and Archaeological Master Plan the County will update the cultural and heritage policies of the County Official Plan and update the associated archeology mapping.</p> <p>6: Guiding Principle #5: To improve our ability to move people, goods and information between communities.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Connecting</p> <p>Through the Integrated Mobility Masterplan, the County will update the transportation, mobility and connection policies of the County Official Plan as well as the associated mapping.</p>	<p>Q2 2020 Discussion Paper with policy framework and mapping.</p> <p>Q3 2020 Discussion Paper with policy framework and mapping.</p> <p>Q4 2020 Discussion Paper with policy framework.</p>

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	<p>7: Guiding Principle #6: To create wellbeing through access to complete and healthy communities.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Communities</p> <p>Through the 2020 Major Initiative: Community Development, a set of healthy and complete community policies will be developed for the County Official Plan. To include a framework to support the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan(s).</p> <p>8: Guiding Principle #4: To create opportunities for a diversity of businesses, jobs and employers.</p> <p>PLAN the BRUCE: Business</p> <p>In 2021, the Economic Development Strategic Plan will be updated, and the new County Official Plan will reflect a framework to support its implementation.</p>	<p>Q4 2020 Discussion Paper with policy framework.</p> <p>Q2 2021 Discussion Paper with policy framework.</p>
<p>B. 'NEW' County Official Plan</p> <p>Owner: Lands Use Planning</p>	<p>PLAN the BRUCE County Official Plan</p> <p>The work of the previous eight Discussion Papers will culminate in the preparation of a new County Official Plan ensuring it is informed by the Bruce GPS initiative.</p> <p>The work will include conversations in the community about the next steps needed to bring the guiding principles to life in land use planning.</p> <p>The goal is to produce a high-level, plain language guiding document that informs how the community grows and develops over the next 25 years (2045).</p>	<p>RFP Issued Q3 2020</p>