



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Kara Van Myall
Director of Planning and Development

Date: September 19, 2019

Re: Natural Legacy Project Update

Recommendation:

That the Terms of Reference for the Natural Legacy Advisory Committee, be approved.

Background:

Natural Legacy is one of the eight topics to be addressed through the Bruce County Official Plan flowing from Guiding Principle #8: To manage natural resources wisely for future generations.

North-South Environmental Consultants have been engaged through a Request for Proposal process to provide options and mapping for natural systems and water resource systems as part of this project. Forest, stone, sand and gravel resources also form part of our Natural Legacy and will be reviewed under this topic.

In preparing the work plan for the project, staff identified the need for a committee Terms of Reference to:

1. Focus the steering committee on providing advice to the project and input to ensure a balance of interests are represented; and
2. Balance interests in the committee by including representation from the Grey-Bruce Christian Farmers Association (CFFO), Nature Conservancy of Canada, and Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy. The CFFO has a strong membership amongst the anabaptist/horse drawn carriage community which is growing in Bruce County and the Nature Conservancy and Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy are the largest land trusts operating in Bruce, their area of interest covers the entire County, and they are actively acquiring and managing lands for conservation purposes.

These Terms of Reference are attached.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

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

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Proposed Terms of Reference are based on the document prepared for the Integrated Mobility Planning Committee.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

The proposed Terms of Reference and Natural Legacy Advisory Committee support:

Goal 1: Develop and Implement Tactics for Improved Communications

Element E: Clear and consistent messages across the organization

Goal 3: Find Creative New Ways to Engage our public

Element C: Access to information

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