



County of Bruce Planning and Development
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To:
Northern Bruce Peninsula Council, South Bruce Peninsula Council, Huron-Kinloss Council, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Saugeen Ojibway Nation, Bruce County Federation of Agriculture, Grey-Bruce Christian Farmers Association, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy

Re: Bruce County Natural Legacy Advisory Committee

Bruce County is changing with increased growth pressures and increased appreciation of the importance of our unique and vulnerable natural environment. Our natural legacy - that we have inherited and will pass on to future generations - is one of the guiding principles of the "Plan the Bruce" project.

While environmental planning has been a significant consideration over the history of land use planning in Bruce County, the policy framework needs to be updated and based on new information so that it can continue to be effective.

Terms of reference for the advisory committee and an initial meeting agenda are attached. For the first meeting it is requested that each of you confirm your representative for the committee. Date and meeting place will be confirmed once the representatives have been identified.

Please contact Jakob Van Dorp, Senior Planner via jvandorp@brucecounty.on.ca or 226 909 2829 if you have questions and to confirm your representative.

Yours truly,

Kelley Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer

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[Draft] Terms of Reference - Natural Legacy Advisory Committee

What is our Natural Legacy?

- Lands owned by government and NGO trusts for conservation purposes
- Large areas of undisturbed and recovering forests
- Significant Wetlands, lakes, rivers and streams that provide habitat for a wide range of species and medicinal uses
- Areas that provide habitat for threatened and endangered species
- Areas that connect significant features that allow nature to work as a system
- Groundwater and surface water resources
- Stone, Sand, and Gravel Resources
- Forests that can be sustainably managed for wood, food, and medicinal uses

Need for Natural Legacy Planning

- Identify and protect resources from incompatible uses while encouraging sustainable harvesting and appropriate development
- Required by the Provincial Policy Statement to be identified in the Official Plan
- Prepare for and adapt to changing climate
- Support integrated planning with adjacent Municipalities
- Support ongoing Reconciliation with Indigenous people

Why a Natural Legacy Planning Advisory Committee

- Coordinated approach across the County to address different interests
- Support public engagement in the project
- Review and identify gaps in information
- Support a culture that values nature as a system and our role as stewards

Committee Composition

Organization	Name	Title
Bruce County Council	Luke Charbonneau	Councillor, Mayor (Saugeen Shores)
Bruce County Council	Robert Buckle	Councillor, Mayor (South Bruce)
Northern Bruce Peninsula Council	(TBD)	(TBD)
South Bruce Peninsula Council	Terry Bell	Councillor
Huron-Kinloss Council	Don Murray	Councillor
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority	Andrew Sorensen	Environmental Planning Coordinator
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority	Erik Downing	Manager of Environmental Planning and Regulations
Saugeen Ojibway Nation	Doran Ritchie	Manager of Resources and Infrastructure
Bruce County Federation of Agriculture	John Rodgers or Robert Emerson	
Grey-Bruce Christian Farmers Association	Simon DeBoer or Ian McCombie	
Nature Conservancy of Canada	Vince Deschamps	Program Director-Midwestern ON
Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy	Robert Barnett	Executive Director
Bruce County Planning	Jakob Van Dorp	Senior Planner (Project Manager)
Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services	Kerri Meier	Environmental Coordinator



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Meeting frequency: once each in October, January, May; half day for first meeting.

Chair: Project Manager will call the first meeting to order and lead until a chair has been identified.

Agenda for Kick-off Meeting: Natural Legacy Advisory Committee

Date/Time/Location: TBC

ITEM #	ITEM	Time
1	Introductions - County Project Manager -consultant may join via teleconference	10 minutes
2	Identify Chair of Advisory Committee	10 minutes
3	Review Natural Legacy Features	30 minutes
4	Review Project Work Plan	30 minutes
	Break	15 minutes
5	Review Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Stakeholder List	30 minutes
6	Review Data Set and identify additional Information opportunities / needs	30 minutes
7	Round table	10 minutes
8	Summary of deliverables	10 minutes
9	Next meeting - TBC	
	Adjournment	