



Minutes of the Official Plan Review Steering Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office

Present: Jonathan Main, Councillor
Glen Canning, Councillor
George MacDonald, Councillor
Ron Neumann, Member
Stewart Strathearn, Councillor*

Staff: Wes Crown, Director of Planning and Building Services
Angela Zhao, Planner

Also Present: Ron Palmer - The Planning Partnership

Regrets: John Brousseau, Member
Bill Kernohan, Chair

***Arrived 3:05 pm**

1. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIR

As the Chair was not in attendance, the Committee discussed the nominations for Acting Chair for the April 11, 2018 meeting of the Official Plan Review Steering Committee. George MacDonald's name was put forth for Acting Chair for which he accepted and seeing there were no other nominations, the Motion was:

MOVED BY: Member Neumann

SECONDED BY: Member Main

That George MacDonald be appointed as Acting Chair to the Official Plan Review Steering Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

CARRIED

2. Open Meeting

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

4. Review of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on December 4, 2017 were reviewed.

On a Motion by Member Main and Seconded by Member Canning

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 4, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

5. Memorandum dated March 15, 2018 re Draft-Review of the 2017 Growth Plan and Implications for Midland's new Official Plan

The Director provided a brief overview of the Memorandum dated March 15, 2018. R. Palmer, The Planning Partnership, provided a detailed presentation in regards to the Growth Plan and its implications for the Town's new Official Plan. The two main issues that were identified involves the Town's new Official Plan having to conform to both the Growth Plan and the County's Official Plan and that the new Growth Plan has changed much of its previously established terminology. The next draft of the Official Plan will be revised to resolve the identified issues. R. Palmer discussed the review of the May 2017 draft Midland Official Plan to the July 1, 2017 Growth Plan and discussed the approaches to resolving the limited conformity matters identified. R. Palmer advised that he and staff met with the County Planning Staff last week (April 5th) to review the draft Memorandum and reported that County Staff is comfortable with the technical conformity review and the approach to ensuring the Town's new Official Plan will be in full conformity the 2017 Growth Plan.

Committee reviewed the Work Plan for Phase 2 of the OPR Pause and confirmed there is required to be a public consultation process in regards to the review of the new Growth Plan's impact on the Town's proposed new Official Plan. Member Strathearn suggested that the public consultation process should focus on positive news in new Official Plan's rather than how it satisfies provincial policy. Committee discussed the economic development and investment ready aspects of the new Official Plan and how it supports creating a positive planning framework to support and encourage growth, development and investment in strategic areas of the Town. Committee agreed that the presentation should focus on these positive messages in addition to the technical conformity matters.

❖ **ACTION:**

That the Consultant and Staff to prepare a newsletter and to schedule a Public Information Meeting to provide an update on the 2017 Growth Plan's Implications for Midland's new Official Plan and the proposed strategy to address conformity.

6. Memorandum dated March 10, 2018 re OPR and Duty to Consult

W. Crown provided a brief presentation in regards to including additional policy for the Town's Duty to Consult as per the Provincial Policy Statement. W. Crown explained that

Staff has consulted with the First Nations and recommends additional language to be included in the next Draft of the Official Plan.

On a Motion by Member Strathearn and Seconded by Member Neumann

That the Committee supports the Recommendations as set out in the Memorandum dated March 10, 2018.

CARRIED

7. Report PL-2018-5 dated January 17, 2018 “Snowmobiling in Midland”

W. Crown provided a brief presentation in regards to Snowmobiling in Midland. The new Official Plan will include policies in regards to snowmobiling's relationships with land use planning.

8. Letter dated December 18, 2017 from the SMDHU

R. Palmer provided a brief overview of the comments received from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and where the comments may be applicable to the next Draft Official Plan. R. Palmer confirmed a full review and analysis will be undertaken and, where appropriate, additional policy will added to the new public draft of the new Official Plan.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be scheduled at the call of the Chair

As there was no further business, on a Motion by Member Strathearn the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Angela Zhao, Recording Secretary