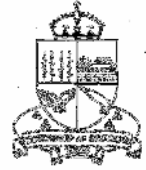


Meeting: GENERAL PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE



Date: April 16, 2007

Dept: Planning and Public Works

Report No: PLAN-2007-15

Title: TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW –
*PLANNING ISSUES REPORT AND GROWTH
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION PAPER*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT this Committee recommend to Council that the Official Plan Review background papers (*Planning Issues Report* and *Growth Management Discussion Paper*) be received for information and released for public and stakeholder comment;

AND THAT the public meeting mandated by the *Planning Act* to discuss the revisions that may be required to the Official Plan be held on May 28, 2007;

AND THAT additional public open houses be held on May 31, 2007 in Greenbank and June 4, 2007 in Blackstock to receive further input on the Official Plan Review;

AND THAT staff be authorized to give notice of the public meeting and public open houses in the Bulletin Board and on the Township website;

AND THAT copies of this report and the background papers, and notice of the upcoming public sessions, be provided to the Region of Durham and the public bodies prescribed by the *Planning Act*.

BACKGROUND:

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present and obtain approval to release two Official Plan Review background papers (*Planning Issues Report* and *Growth Management Discussion Paper*), and to establish dates for the first public sessions. The background papers have been provided under separate cover.

2. OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW PROCESS TO DATE

On January 15, 2007, the General Purpose and Administration Committee authorized staff to initiate a review of the Township Official Plan. The review, which will be carried out over 2007 and 2008, will be conducted in accordance with the strategy outlined in Report No. PLAN-2007-02. The Committee also approved the retention of Meridian Planning Consultants to assist with the work.

On March 19, 2007, Township staff brought forward concurrent reports on the Official Plan Review Work Program/Budget Estimate (PLAN-2007-11), and an outline for the proposed Downtown Port Perry Strategy (PLAN-2007-12). Both reports were endorsed by the General Purpose and Administration Committee.

The current staff report and the release of the two attached background papers is the next step in Phase I (Issues Identification) of the Official Plan Review process.

3. PLANNING ISSUES REPORT

The *Planning Issues Report* is the first in a series of papers that will form the background and basis for an updated Official Plan for the Township of Scugog. The report identifies significant planning policies and issues that need to be considered, including new legislative changes in Provincial Policy and conformity with the Durham Regional Official Plan. The report reviews key planning issues such as servicing capacity, a downtown strategy, agriculture, and energy conservation, amongst others.

4. GROWTH MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of the *Growth Management Discussion Paper* is to present population, household, and employment trends in the Township of Scugog. These trends are analysed and projected in order to estimate future land needs for residential and employment growth in the Township. This will ensure that future demands can be accommodated through appropriate planning. This report will form the basis for examining potential expansions to the Township's settlement areas, including the Port Perry urban area, rural hamlets, and shoreline residential areas.

5. PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN HOUSES

In accordance with Section 26.(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*, the Township must hold a "special" meeting of Council, open to the public, to discuss revisions to its Official Plan that may be required. It is proposed that this meeting be held during an evening session of the Council meeting scheduled for May 28, 2007. This "special" session will provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders to comment on the Official Plan Review and make submissions to Council.

Report No. PLAN-2007-02 recommended that additional Public Open Houses be held in the hamlets of Blackstock and Greenbank to provide another venue for the public to learn about the Official Plan Review, ask questions and provide feedback. It is proposed that these sessions be held on May 31, 2007 in Greenbank and June 4, 2007 in Blackstock.

Notification of all meetings will be provided in the Bulletin Board and on the Township website. Copies of the notice and this report will be sent to the Region of Durham (as the approval authority) and prescribed public bodies, including school boards and conservation authorities, to satisfy *Planning Act* requirements.

6. CONCLUSION

The *Planning Issues Report* and *Growth Management Discussion Paper* will provide a basis for the initial discussion and identification of issues for the Official Plan Review. The proposed public sessions will provide opportunities for interested parties to learn more about the process and provide feedback. It is noted that there will be further public consultation as the Official Plan Review progresses.

The Township website will be updated to include all material released to date on the Official Plan Review, including staff reports, the *Planning Issues Report*, and the *Growth Management Discussion Paper*. The time and location of each public session will also be posted. Copies of this report, the background papers and the notice will be sent to the Region and prescribed bodies.

FUNDING OPTIONS: Approved 2007 Planning and Public Works Department Budget (Official Plan Review)

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