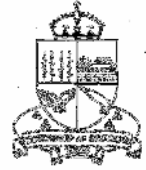


Meeting: GENERAL PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE



Date: November 5, 2007

Dept: Planning and Public Works

Report No: PLAN-2007-32

Title: TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW –
ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSION PAPER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT this Committee recommend to Council that the Official Plan Review background paper entitled *Environmental Discussion Paper*, be received for information and released for public and stakeholder comment until January 11, 2008;

AND THAT Staff be authorized to give notice of the release of the document and the deadline for comments in the Bulletin Board and on the Township website;

AND THAT copies of this report and the background paper be provided to the Region of Durham and public bodies prescribed by the *Planning Act*.

BACKGROUND:

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present and obtain approval to release the third Official Plan Review background paper, entitled *Environmental Discussion Paper*. The document has been provided under separate cover due to its size.

2. OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW PROCESS TO DATE

In January 2007, Council authorized initiation of the Township Official Plan Review (see Report No. PLAN-2007-02) and approved the budget and terms of reference for the update in March 2007 (see Report No. PLAN-2007-11). The review is being carried out over 2007 and 2008.

In April 2007, Council authorized the release of the first two discussion papers that will form the background and basis for the updated Township Official Plan (see Report No. PLAN-2007-15). The *Planning Issues Report* and *Growth Management Discussion Paper* have been widely circulated and were the subject of the first series of public consultation meetings held in late spring 2007.

This report, entitled *Environmental Discussion Paper*, is the third in the series of background papers and constitutes the next step in Phase I (Issues Identification) of the Official Plan Review process.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSION PAPER

The *Environmental Discussion Paper* identifies significant environmental policies and issues that need to be considered through the Official Plan Review. These matters include new legislative changes in Provincial Policy and conformity with the Durham Regional Official Plan. In particular, the paper addresses:

- Water and natural heritage features protection;
- Shoreline development;
- Brownfield and contaminated sites
- Environmental impact studies;
- Energy efficiency;
- Air quality;
- Built and cultural heritage resources;
- Light pollution;
- Sustainable development and application of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED);
- Implementation of the Nonquon Subwatershed Study;
- East Cross Forest.

4. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

The *Environmental Discussion Paper* provides a basis for the identification and discussion of environmental-related issues for the Official Plan Review. It is recommended that the document be released and the public and agencies be provided an opportunity to comment until January 11, 2008. Further public consultation will also be undertaken as the Official Plan Review progresses.

It is recommended that notification of the report release be provided in the Bulletin Board and on the Township website. Copies of the report will be made available in the Municipal Office, placed on the website and sent to the Region of Durham and prescribed public bodies, including school boards and conservation authorities, consistent with *Planning Act* requirements.

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

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