

Appendix J

Rural and Natural Heritage Work Plan Official Plan Review 2012 August 10, 2012

1. Purpose

To consider how the existing policies and vision relating to Rural and Natural Heritage could or should be revised to articulate the City's current objectives and to develop a preferred approach.

2. Background

Improvement of policies related to the Rural Area and natural areas will help meet the following legislative and policy directions:

- Part V, Section 1.0 of the Provincial Policy Statement (2005) promotes strong, liveable and healthy communities and protection of the environment.
- The Province requires that municipal Official Plans conform to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2005. Section 4.2 of the Growth Plan sets out policies for Natural Systems to which municipal policies must adhere.
- The City's Strategic Plan refers to the protection of the natural heritage and urban-rural boundaries. Council has identified as a strategic direction the creation of vibrant neighbourhoods. Section 1 (d) of the Action List as part of this direction includes "Implement a Tree Management Plan to protect and enhance the urban forest."

A large proportion of the City's policies for natural areas and sustainability must necessarily follow from regional and provincial legislation. These policies are also influenced by Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings. The Provincial Policy Statement (2005) is currently undergoing a five-year review, and ROPA 38 is currently under appeal. As well, a Joint Board Hearing has been conducted for the Nelson Aggregate Quarry Expansion and a decision by the Joint Board is pending. Due to the status of these two policy documents and OMB hearings, an investigation of this topic is limited. It should be noted that policies in ROPA 38 deal with the Greenbelt Plan update, NHS and mineral aggregates. As a result, new policies related to the Greenbelt Plan update, NHS and mineral aggregates will not be incorporated into this OP Review until further notice.

3. Issues Identification

There are existing policies within the Sustainability and Rural Area sections in the current Official Plan that relate to this work plan area. This work plan will address the following issues within the existing policies:

- Address and examine best practices including other Official Plans as well as municipal, regional and provincial initiatives and guidelines.

- Align with policies in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe related to natural heritage.
- Ensure the existence of a vision and policy framework for Rural Area, Sustainability and Natural Heritage that reflects best practices, public and agency engagement, alignment with other related City plans and the Council-approved Strategic Plan.
- Ensure that policies for Sustainability reflect the movement of the City toward a sustainable and compact urban form.
- Improve stormwater management policies to address provincial best management practices, infill and intensification situations, green building standards and general environmental sustainability.
- Revisit the vision, principles and objectives for the Rural Area.
- Align with the Urban Forest Management Plan and incorporate tree protection policies.

The tasks listed above are of the city-wide nature. Technical issues will be dealt with at the policy writing stage, or incorporated into a ward specific or city wide work plan.

4. Approach

- Review existing policies and research best practices for Rural and Natural Heritage policies.
- Prepare and publish Background Report on Rural and Natural Heritage policies.
- Hold Rural Area summit to discuss and scope issues related to the Rural Area.
- Carry out agency, committee and stakeholder consultation as warranted.
- Incorporate results of background research and consultation into a Directions Report.

5. Timeline

For details on the timeline please refer to Appendix C.

6. Public Engagement

Event	Who	When	Level of participation	Objectives
Background Report: Rural and Natural Heritage	City-wide	Q1 2013	Inform	Present policy background
Rural Summit	-Rural Area Wards -Rural Area Councillors	Q1 2013	Inform, consult, involve	-To reflect the concerns and aspirations of the Rural Community in the development of Rural Area policies. -Feedback will be

				provided on how public input influenced the decision.
Engagement with selected stakeholders	Selected stakeholders	Q2 2013	Inform, consult, involve	Discuss draft policy directions
Directions Report	-City-wide -Council	Q2 2013	Inform	Present policy directions

7. Resources

- Staff time
- Advertising
- No facilitation and consultant resources required

8. Deliverables

- Background Report
- Directions Report

Appendix K

Ward Issues Work Plan Official Plan Review 2012 August 10, 2012

1. Purpose

To review ward matters related to the Official Plan and update policies as warranted.

2. Background

The Official Plan Review is a process that provides the opportunity to identify city wide issues as well as ward specific issues. The subject workplan is related to the *Ward Issues Review*.

3. Issues Identification

As part of the internal and external scans a number of ward specific issues were identified and are provided in the tables below.

a. North Aldershot – Hwy 403 at Hwy 6, and Hwy 403 at Waterdown Rd.

Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to Staff Direction: Review the Official Plan policies and zoning of the “H-RNA1” lands located on the west side of Waterdown Road at the Highway 403 interchange and the “CNA” lands on the east side of Highway 6 as a component of the 2012 Official Plan Review.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff led preliminary assessment of strategic, functional and land use issues related to lands located at and in the vicinity of Hwy 403 and Hwy 6, and Hwy 403 and Waterdown. • Determine limitations and opportunities to address functional and land use policy issues located on the subject lands. • Report findings.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4-2012 - Q2-2013: Public Engagement • Q4-2013: Policy Development, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward and key stakeholder meetings to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult on issues - Explore policy options - Follow-up meeting on potential policy directions.

b. Plains Road Corridor – Height Issues

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm underlying concerns and identify options to address concerns related to height of development within the corridor.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an issues assessment of recent developments by consulting with development staff and public. • Identify options and strategies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop revised policy, as warranted.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 2013: Public Engagement • Q4 2013: Policy development, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Meetings and Facilitated Meeting with Speaker. • Meetings to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -inform public of rationale for current policy approach; -consult on potential policy solutions; -follow-up meeting on potential policy directions.

c. Indian Point and Roseland

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Point: Respond to staff direction: • Roseland: Conduct area analysis
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify existing character of the area. • Identify opportunities and threats to the character. • Review existing policies and regulations. • Consult with public. • Prepare recommendations regarding area character policies and regulations.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 2012 – Q2 2013: Public Engagement • Q4 2013: Policy development, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three sets of meetings (one for Roseland; one for Indian Point) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Meeting to initiate process and discuss issues - Workshop to explore potential solutions. - Meeting to provide feedback.

d. Old Lakeshore Road

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to staff direction.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities for placemaking and access to waterfront issues. • Consult regarding commonalities of design elements that could be used in the private and public realms. • Prepare design guidelines.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 2012: Public Engagement • Q4 2013: Policy update and design guidelines, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information meeting and explore issues • Workshop to explore solutions • Feedback

e. Nemo 7G (7 Generations)

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine potential linkages between Nemo 7G mission and OP policy.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further explore concept with proponents. Consideration of policy options. Link to Rural and Natural Heritage Work Plan.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2013: Engagement Q2-Q3 2013: Policy update, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information meeting Discussion of options

f. Mall Redevelopment

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create policy framework which will enable long term redevelopment of Burlington Mall and Maplevue Mall as intensified mixed use development, integrated with surrounding community.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct best practices review. Consult with property owners. Prepare discussion paper. Develop policy, as warranted.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2013 – Q2 2013: Engagement Q4 2013: Policy update, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement to include both stakeholder and public consultation. Focus Group, workshop and community meeting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss Initial information and consultation meeting. Workshop to explore options. Follow-up meeting with potential policy directions.

g. Burlington Airpark

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the existence of the airpark as part of the overall transportation system and to provide policies to guide the city in addressing issues in airport development.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct best practices review. Consult. Identify optional municipal policy approaches to airports in municipal jurisdictions.
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2-Q3 2013: Engagement Q4 2013: Policy update, as warranted.
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial information and consultation meeting. Workshop to explore options. Follow-up meeting with potential policy directions.

Appendix L

Technical Issues Work Plan Official Plan Review 2012 August 10, 2012

1. Purpose

To review technical matters related to the Official Plan and to clarify and enhance current policy with the goal of improving policy implementation.

2. Background

The OP review is a process that provides the opportunity to identify major areas of potential policy change – transformational policy areas, as well as the opportunity to make minor changes by clarifying and enhancing current policy. The Technical Issues Work Plan is dedicated to refining existing policy to improve its implementation.

3. Issues Identification

As part of the internal and external scans of public, agency and city department input, a number of minor issues (non-transformational policy areas) were identified and are provided in the table below. It is expected that as the Official Plan Review process unfolds, additional technical issues of similar scope will be identified and addressed.

<i>Technical Issues List</i>	
Alignment with other City Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Align policy direction within the Official Plan to support ongoing work throughout the City. Each will require a different response and timing.- Strategic Plan; Transportation Master Plan; Transit Master Plan; Parks and Recreation Master Plan; Core Commitment; Community Energy Plan; Cultural Action Plan; Site Plan Control for Single Detached Dwellings; Cootes to Escarpment; Waterdown Road E.A.; Beachway Park Master Plan; Education Hub; Tremaine and Dundas Secondary Plan.
Urban Agriculture and Farmers Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incorporate policies in appropriate areas to support local food and agricultural sustainability.
General Land Acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update policy as necessary to reflect City adopted policy on land acquisition.
Rural Settlement Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minor policy and terminology changes.
Rural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Large scale infill in rural areas.

Road Width	- Staff Direction.
Policy Text Housekeeping	- Specific policy which has been identified as requiring minor edits.
Schedule Housekeeping	- Minor schedule changes to improve readability. - Minor schedule changes to include relevant information
Implementation	- Review the implementation section with reference to new tools, policies and means of implementing new policy directions.
Garden Suites	- Reflect recent changes to the Planning Act related to length of time that Garden Suites are permitted as a temporary use.
Definitions	- Review Provincial and Regional terminology as necessary.
Plan Structure & Style	- Review best practices for Plan structure and style and propose changes which would facilitate implementation of the policy directions.

4. Approach

Technical issues are capable of being resolved without the assistance of extensive staff or consultant study, but rather through the collaborative effort of staff working groups. Corresponding to the list of issues, a staff working team will be identified and responsible for developing and recommending revised policy options along with related implications for the consideration of Council. The working team will include staff from various city departments, as appropriate.

Technical issues to be addressed as part of this workplan will meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A policy that is not delivering the stated objectives.
- A missing policy set or element that contributes to the functional policy intent or land use vision.
- An area of the plan which should be revised to respond to evolving city practices or to general best practices.

5. Timeline

As previously noted, some issues have been identified through the internal and external scan of issues via public consultation. It is likely that additional issues will be identified throughout the process which may impact estimated timing of proposed policy revisions.

6. Public Engagement

Different from many of the other OPR work plans, the Technical Issues work plan does not include its own public consultation/engagement component other than the Statutory Public Meeting to be held at the end of the process as part of the staff recommendation to adopt the Official Plan Amendments.

However, the staff working team on the various technical issues may inform and consult as needed with specific stakeholders.

7. Resources

Staff resources are required to manage the working groups, assess issues, develop policy options, identify related implications and formulate policy recommendations.

The Policy Team would benefit from the assistance of a contract policy planner in completing the work related to the subject work plan, in addition to completing work related to the *Ward Issues Review* work plan. The position is estimated as a Planner I (salary range \$56-\$70).

8. Deliverables

- Policy changes as required

Appendix M

Waterfront Work Plan Official Plan Review 2012 August 10, 2012

1. Purpose

To review the policies of the current Official Plan as they relate to the City-wide waterfront.

2. Background and Issues Identification

The current Official Plan contains policies related to the waterfront. These policies are not grounded on the map schedules except with respect to the Downtown Waterfront. Waterfront planning, in this context, is implied in terms of designations for specific land uses abutting or adjacent to shoreline areas.

While a great deal of effort has been made to plan for the Downtown Waterfront, less focus has been given to the broader waterfront as it extends between the City's boundaries with Oakville and Hamilton along the shores of Lake Ontario and Burlington Bay.

The Official Plan Review is a good opportunity to assess this approach in relation to best practices in the municipal official plans for other Lake Ontario shoreline municipalities.

3. Approach

This work plan will include a 'desktop' review by Planning staff of waterfront access and protection policies adopted by selected Ontario shoreline municipalities with particular reference to such topics as:

- An overarching waterfront strategy;
- Public acquisition of waterfront lands including related financing strategy;
- The use of Planning Act tools to support public acquisition;
- Integration of adjacent recreational and tourism assets such as trails, public open space and boat launching facilities;
- The role of public infrastructure such as transit and parking to support public access;
- Connectivity between downtown waterfronts and adjacent downtown commercial areas.

The findings from this review will be reported to Council in a directions report which will identify recommended follow-up actions. Any warranted policy development and related public engagement will be reported for Council decision.

4. Timeline

For details on the timeline please refer to Appendix C.

5. Public Engagement

Event	Who	When	Level of participation	Objectives	Estimated Costs
Directions Report	City-wide	Q1 2013	Inform	Present policy directions	Staff time

Any additional warranted public engagement efforts will be proposed in the Directions Report.

6. Resources

Staff resources will be required for the best practices review. Any additional resource requirements will be proposed in the Directions Report.

7. Deliverables

- Directions Report