



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Planning Committee

FROM: Ken Hetherington, Manager, Planning Division

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Report PLPD11-011
Official Plan Review
Plan It Peterborough

PURPOSE

A staff presentation and report to advise Council of the 2011 Official Plan Review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report PLPD11-011 dated March 21, 2011, of the Manager of Planning, as follows:

That Report PLPD11-011 be received for information purposes.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Official Plan Review is primarily being carried out by Planning Staff. There are sufficient funds available approved through the Capital Budget to account for advertising costs, facility rentals, printing expenses and the facilitation services of Cumming & Company.

BACKGROUND

The Planning Act requires municipalities to review their Official Plans every five years and hold a public meeting to allow the public to provide comments. Over the past twenty-five years, the City of Peterborough has conducted these Official Plan reviews on a “section by section” basis due to the amount of background research required for a full Official Plan Amendment process. These previous reviews include:

- Commercial Policy Review – 1985
- Residential Policy Review – 1992
- Industrial Policy Review – 1996
- Open Space Policy Review – 2000
- Commercial Policy Review – 2000
- Transportation Policy Review – 2002
- Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe – 2009

This approach has been deemed appropriate by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the various sections to be reviewed were determined by the City in response to community priorities at the time.

In the fall of 2010, staff began to start work on the Official Plan Review and 2011 will be the year that this extensive public review will take place. In November, 2010, an interdepartmental workshop session was held with representatives from all City departments participating. Key policies and directions to be incorporated into the Official Plan Review were identified and discussed. There will be ongoing meetings with Staff to ensure that the Official Plan incorporates approved policies and the input of these departments. Relevant strategic work being completed by other departments, such as the Municipal Cultural Plan and Transportation Master Plan will also be incorporated in this review. This Official Plan Review is intended to be a corporate initiative.

Peterborough’s Official Plan Review: PLAN IT PETERBOROUGH

The City’s Official Plan Review has been branded as “PLAN IT PETERBOROUGH” and will be an extensive public consultation process. An official logo has been prepared and will be used on all of the correspondence and information related to the Review. The logo is attached as Exhibit ‘A’.

The Official Plan Review will be carried out in two distinct phases. The first phase in the PLAN IT PETERBOROUGH review is the Issues and Options phase. This will involve extensive public consultation with key stakeholders, advisory groups and the public to

determine their views and priorities for their community. Information relating to the Official Plan Review and a survey will also be placed on the City's website to allow individuals to submit comments. Youth workshops at elementary and secondary schools will be planned and information displays will be located at various community locations such as the Library, arenas and shopping malls. Staff are also looking into utilizing social media such as Facebook in the review. Several other municipalities have taken advantage of these tools in their policy reviews. Exhibit B presents the information regarding the Official Plan Review and the survey that will be placed on the City's website.

Phase 1 of PLAN IT PETERBOROUGH will culminate in a public meeting before Planning Committee to advise on the outcomes of the public consultation process and present a list of policy renewal priorities for updating the Official Plan.

The second phase of PLAN IT PETERBOROUGH is the Policy Renewal Phase, which will entail the formal update of the Official Plan through a series of official plan amendments. Each OPA will require its own focused program of consultation and be ultimately adopted by Council. A comprehensive, "cover to cover" update of the Official Plan is a daunting task and it is Planning Staff's opinion that the update process would be better served by breaking the update down into manageable pieces. Once a priority list is prepared, a strategy to implement the update will be better determined. This could involve processing a series of amendments to the Official Plan which would lead to a multi-year program of updating the Official Plan. For example if determined to be priorities, amendments to Residential and Open Space policies could be part of the 2012 work program, followed by Commercial and Industrial in 2013, etc. Phase 2 could be initiated right after completion of Phase 1.

The Work Plan for PLAN IT PETERBOROUGH is attached as Exhibit C and indicates that 3 public workshops will be planned, 2 in the first 2 weeks of April and 1 during the first 2 weeks of May. Meeting dates will be confirmed and widely advertised. A stakeholder meeting is proposed for the second week of May. Staff are also proposing to hold youth workshop sessions at elementary and/or secondary schools in May and locate information displays at various City locations such as the Library, Shopping Malls, and arenas to obtain public input. Staff will be holding follow up public workshops in September 2011, once a draft Policy Direction report is prepared. The public meeting to present the priorities of the community to Council will occur in November 2011.

Given the magnitude of the consultation to take place over the next several months, the City has retained the services of Sue Cumming of Cumming & Company, who is a

professional planner and specializes in public consultation. She has facilitated the public meetings arising out of the Flood Reduction Master Plan and has also facilitated some of the City's Flood Reduction Subwatershed Study Public Information Centres.

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Concurred with,

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Attachments:

Exhibit A – Logo for Plan It Peterborough
Exhibit B – Website Information
Exhibit C – Official Plan 5-Year Review Work Plan
Exhibit D – Draft Survey