



Planning and Development Committee Meeting Report

Monday, April 25, 2022

2:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting / Council Chamber

Mayor A. Thompson

Councillor I. Sinclair

Councillor L. Kiernan

Councillor J. Downey

Councillor C. Early

Councillor J. Innis

Councillor N. deBoer

Councillor A. Groves joined at 3:28 p.m.

Councillor T. Rosa

Chief Administrative Officer: C. Herd

Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk: L. Hall

Deputy Clerk, Council and Committee Services: J. Lavecchia

Coordinator, Council Committee: H. Lockyer

Manager, Strategic Policy Planning, Planning Services: S. Burke

Senior Planner, Policy, Heritage and Design Services, Planning Services: S. Drummond

Team Lead / Senior Planner, Strategic Planning, Planning Services: B. Loverock

Manager, Development and Design, Planning Services: S. McVittie

Director, Planning Services / Chief Planner: A. Minichillo

Community Planner, Policy, Heritage and Design Services, Planning Services: K. Munro

Director, Engineering Services: A. Pearce

Manager, Energy and Environment, Corporate Strategy and Innovation: K. Tozer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair N. deBoer called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. and advised that the meeting was being held as a hybrid meeting and open to the public through in-person attendance, an audio broadcast and streamed live on the Town's website. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to gather input from Members of Committee on the Future Caledon Draft Official Plan.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

INTRODUCTION

Antonietta Minichillo, Director, Planning Services / Chief Planner, provided an introduction to the workshop. S. Drummond provided the Indigenous land acknowledgement.

OFFICIAL PLAN WORKSHOP

Ms. Minichillo reviewed the purpose and structure of the meeting noting an additional meeting may be required to cover all of the themed areas within the proposed official plan. She discussed aggregate resources and policy, noting that the Town in partnership with the Region of Peel, are currently undertaking an Aggregate Policy Review that is scheduled to be completed in 2023 and is outside of the Official Plan review process.

Ms. Minichillo conducted a poll to prioritize the topics and key themed areas of interest to address during the workshop.

Ms. Minichillo discussed the proposed Official Plan vision statement prepared by staff and reviewed the proposed vision statement that was referred to the workshop from the April 19, 2022 Planning and Development Committee Meeting. She reviewed input received from the public, staff and Members of Committee and summarized how the proposed vision statement was prepared.

Members of Committee provided comments and asked questions regarding the proposed vision statement. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Ms. Minichillo reviewed the results of the poll completed by Members of Committee highlighting the top three themes for discussion being the Environment, Agricultural and Rural Areas and Implementation.

S. Burke discussed the proposed policies as they relate to the Environment. He highlighted that the proposed policies intend to protect the natural heritage system including woodlands, valley lands, open spaces and wetlands and are in conformity with Provincial Plans. He noted that the policies aim to protect, maintain, enhance and/or restore the natural environment functions and processes and include source water protection and sub watershed planning. He concluded by indicating that the Town will initiate the preparation of a Greenland's Strategy.

Council provided feedback on the draft policies related to the Environment. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Mr. Burke summarized key policy themes for Agricultural and Rural areas. He presented a feasibility study on opportunities to develop and encourage on-farm renewable and alternative energy projects and introducing on-farm diversification.

Members of Committee provided feedback and asked questions regarding the Agricultural and Rural policy areas. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Councillor A. Groves joined the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Mr. Burke summarized the Implementation tools established for the interpretation and monitoring of policies of the Official Plan. He discussed the phasing of development and a phasing plan to be introduced after implementation of the Official Plan.

Councillor L. Kiernan left the meeting at 3:47 p.m. and returned at 3:50 p.m.

Members of Committee provided comments and asked questions regarding the implementation tools and the phasing of development. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Mr. Burke discussed policies within the Draft Official Plan that relate to economic development and employment. He highlighted that the Plan works to support a low carbon energy transition, business retention, the current Post-Secondary feasibility study, and aviation related operation development. He reviewed the opportunity to identify and support eco-business zones that targets the technology and innovation sector.

Members of Committee provided comments and asked questions regarding economic development and employment related policies. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Mr. Burke provided an overview of key housing related policies proposed within the Draft Official Plan including encouraging diverse housing options, and implementation of the Region of Peel's annual minimum new housing targets to respond to affordability, market and social housing needs. He highlighted that the Town will permit the development of shared housing opportunities and the requirement to include universal design features in a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of all new residential development, redevelopment and intensification.

Members of Committee provided feedback and asked questions regarding housing within the Town and housing affordability. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Mr. Burke discussed the proposed policies related to climate change. He indicated that climate change was one of the five lenses used in the creation of the Draft Official Plan. Mr. Burke highlighted key policy areas including, enhanced emergency management, design of new neighbourhoods and streets to support low carbon, application of green development standards, retainment of mature trees, establishing a green roof by-law, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Members of Committee provided comments and asked questions regarding the policies relating to climate change and opportunities to strengthen those policies. Staff provided responses and took the comments back for consideration.

Councillor L. Kiernan left the meeting at 5:28 p.m. and returned at 5:29 p.m.

CLOSING

Chair N. deBoer provided closing remarks and encouraged Committee Members to connect with staff regarding any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m.