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| Subject: | Status Update on Official Plan Review and Engagement with Temagami First Nation/ Teme-Augama Anishnabai |
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This report has been prepared to provide Council with an update on the following:

- 1) Status of Official Plan Review – Draft Official Plan
- 2) Consultation with Temagami First Nation
- 3) Considerations for Updated Legislation
- 4) Revised Schedule and Remaining Tasks

STATUS OF OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Staff are have been working on an updated Draft of the Official Plan, based on the comments that have been received on the Draft Official Plan that was sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on February 16, 2022. This is the Draft Official Plan that is currently on the Municipality's website. The following is a summary of what has taken place since the last update Report that was provided to Council in August, 2023.

Ministry Comments:

Following direction of Council (2018 – 2022 term), the Draft Official Plan was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, on February 16, 2022.

Historically, the Ministry provides comments on draft Official Plans within 90 days of receipt, but it was understood that the Ministry was delayed in responding due to the volume of documents that were being reviewed. When contacted for an update on the timing, the Ministry was unable to provide an estimated timeline for comments due to the current volume of documents currently in the queue.

Without a prior update, the Municipality received a letter from the Ministry, dated July 7, 2023. This letter has been attached to this report. The Ministry has confirmed that they will not be providing comments on the Draft Official Plan, but has instead elected to only comment on the version of the Official Plan that is adopted by Council. This process is not typical.

When the Council adopted Official Plan is provided to the Ministry, they will either approve as-is or approve the Official Plan with revisions. If revisions are proposed, the Ministry will typically consult with the Municipality on the revisions.

Although the Ministry was not able to provide formal written comments on the Draft Official Plan, a call was held with Ministry staff to discuss their comments on December 7, 2023. Overall, the comments were minor and there were no significant concerns with the document. Examples of the comments that were received include the following:

- Confirm the populations projections referenced in Section C.1.1.1;
- Ensure any Settlement Area boundary policies are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;
- Suggestion to add specific criteria and requirements for when a Lakeshore Capacity Assessment is required;
- Request to change minimum lot area to 1 hectare unless appropriate studies are completed – Section E.4.3.2;
- Ensure water quality policies are consistent with the Lakeshore Capacity Assessment Handbook in Section H.4.1.4; and,
- Update policy in Section J.1.4.2 to be consistent with the wording in the Provincial Policy regarding partial servicing.

When the next version of the Draft Official Plan is released, a table will be prepared that provides a summary of all the comments that were provided and how they have been reviewed/addressed.

Temagami Lakes Association Comments:

The Temagami Lakes Association have provided detailed comments on the Draft Official Plan. Similar to the Ministry comments, when the next Draft Official Plan is released, a table will be prepared that provides a summary of all the comments that were provided and how they have been reviewed/addressed.

Public Comments:

Through the public consultation sessions and advertising on the Municipality's website, members of the public have provided comments on the Draft Official Plan. Similar to the Ministry and Temagami Lakes Association comments, a table will be prepared that provides a summary of all the comments that were provided and how they have been reviewed/addressed.

TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION

Municipal staff has had previous discussions with Temagami First Nation staff in order to receive staff comments on Draft Official Plan. Temagami First Nation staff have not submitted formal comments on the document to date.

Municipal staff previously reached out to the Temagami First Nation Chief and Council, and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Chief and Council (Joint Council) in order to confirm a Council meeting date where the Municipality can present the draft to the Joint Council.

It was the intent to discuss the Draft Official Plan together with the Ministry's comments/recommended revisions with Temagami First Nation Chief and Council, and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Chief and Council (Joint Council). Following many follow-ups and attempts to receive comments from Temagami First Nation staff, a presentation was scheduled and held with the Joint Council on January 9, 2024. MHBC staff, municipal staff and Mayor O'Mara attended the meeting on behalf of the Municipality.

MHBC staff prepared a summary of the Draft Official Plan and focused on the natural heritage and cultural heritage policies of the document. Overall the Joint Council had concerns with the use of the term "Crown Land" in the document and made it clear that they would like additional mapping/areas shown in the next draft of the Official Plan. The Joint Council committed to providing written comments to the Municipality which have not been received to date.

In the Provincial Policy Statement, Section 1.2.2 states that planning authorities shall engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters. Ministry staff also suggested that the Draft Official Plan be sent to the Metis Nation of Ontario to determine if they have any comments.

UPDATED LEGISLATION CONSIDERATIONS

The Province is currently going through the exercise of finalizing a new land use planning document, referred to as the "Provincial Planning Statement". It is the intent of this document to replace the existing "Provincial Policy Statement" which was approved in 2020 and the "Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe" document which does not apply to the Municipality.

It is staff's opinion that the Official Plan Review process can continue while many municipalities in Ontario anxiously await the release of this new document. Many of the updated policies have a greater impact on southern municipalities, particularly those within the Growth Plan area.

NEXT STEPS

The following is a summary of the remaining tasks and prior to the adoption of the Temagami Official Plan, and anticipated timeline:

- 1) Await formal written comments from Temagami First Nation Chief and Council, and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Chief and Council (Joint Council) - **The timing is unknown however staff will review/incorporate comments when they are received.**
- 2) Prepare and the Second Draft and Schedules of the Official Plan – **April/May 2024.**
 - The Second Draft will include updates based on the Ministry, Temagami Lakes Association and public comments that have been received.

- 3) Present Second Draft and Schedules to Council at Statutory Public Meeting – **June/July 2024.**
 - At this point in the process, it would be beneficial to have the Statutory Public Meeting during the summer months to benefit both the permanent and seasonal population.
- 4) Review and consider comments received prior to, during, and following the Statutory Public Meeting – **August 2024.**
- 5) Prepare Final Draft of Official Plan and Schedules for Council Adoption – **September 2024.**
 - The Ministry is the approval authority for the Official Plan. Final review and approval timelines are unknown based on previous timelines provided by the Ministry, however it is expected that the new Official Plan would be approved by the summer of 2025 based on this anticipated schedule. The Ministry has six months to review and approved the Official Plan.