

<b>MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI</b>	
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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) Status of Consultation with Temagami First Nation
- 3) Revised Schedule and Remaining Tasks

### **STATUS OF OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**

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.

### **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). Since the Ministry comments are not forthcoming, Municipal staff will re-engage to set-up the meeting.

Municipal staff will also confirm with the Ministry if there are other Indigenous communities that need to be engaged for comments and review.

### **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) Present the Draft Official Plan to the Joint Council for Temagami First Nation and Teme-Augama Anishnabai, and to receive and consider comments – **August/September 2023**
- 2) On the basis that the Ministry will not be providing comments on the Draft Official Plan, the Official Plan will be updated to:
  - a. Address any items out of Item#1.
  - b. Update Draft Official Plan to reflect new Provincial policies and legislation.
  - c. Respond to public comments that have been submitted to date.
  - d. Respond to comments submitted by the Temagami Lakes Association.
- 3) Prepare Second Draft of Official Plan – **October 2023**
- 4) Present Second Draft to Council at Statutory Public Meeting – **November/December 2023**
- 5) Review and consider public comments from Statutory Public Meeting – **December/January 2023**
- 6) Prepare Final Official Plan for Adoption – **January/February 2023**