



OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

PLANNING ACT SECTION 26

Stakeholders Meeting
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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Introduction
- Presentation – Kent Randall, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.
- Further Discussions
- Closing Remarks

PROJECT TEAM

EcoVue Consulting Services Inc	Township of Ramara
Heather Sadler, Principal Planner	Dave Wellman, Manager of Building & Planning Services, Chief Building Official
Kent Randall, Senior Planner	Deb McCabe, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Nolan Drumm, Planner	
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BACKGROUND

- *Planning Act* section 26 requires municipalities to update their Official Plans every five years to ensure that it:
 - Conforms with provincial plans (e.g. Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe)
 - Has regard for matters of provincial interest
 - Is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2014

PURPOSE

- The Stakeholders Meeting is the opportunity for the development industry, local agencies and community organizations to discuss their:
 - Goals and aspirations for the Township
 - How these goals can be achieved
 - Current obstacles and challenges

OFFICIAL PLANS

- Contain policy framework and long-term vision to guide land-use and development in the Township
- Include policies and maps that provide direction on land use
- Township's key land use policy tool to demonstrate conformity and alignment with Provincial and County policies

PLANNING HIERARCHY



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Start Up and Consultations

- Initial Consultation Meetings
- Special Meeting of Council

Background Studies and Identification of Issues

- Consultations / Public Open House
- Prepare Background Reports and Circulate to Commenting Bodies

Proposed Policy Directions

- Consultations / Community Roundtable
- Stakeholder Workshop
- Policy Directions Report

Draft Official Plan

- Prepare Draft Official Plan
- Public Open House
- Submit to County and Province for Comment

Final Official Plan

- Statutory Public Meeting
- Presentation to Council for Adoption
- Submit Official Plan Amendment to County

DISCUSSION AREAS

- The following policy areas will be discussed during this session:
 - Growth and Settlements
 - Recreation and Healthy Communities
 - Natural Heritage Systems
 - Agricultural Systems
 - Aggregate Resources
 - Shoreline Areas

GROWTH AND SETTLEMENTS

CURRENT GOAL:

“To accommodate and manage projected 25 year long-term growth and investment opportunities and to establish and designate types of settlement areas with a diversity of uses, activities, experiences and opportunities.”

GROWTH AND SETTLEMENTS

CURRENT OBJECTIVES:

- *“Increase the number and variety of housing, employment, educational, cultural, recreational and other opportunities and experiences within the settlement areas.”*
- *“Encourage growth of residential, business and tourism related uses.”*

RECREATION & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

CURRENT GOAL:

“To ensure that sufficient land is provided for recreational purposes as development takes place, by maximizing the recreational facilities already existing and by providing the necessary facilities to meet the future needs of the permanent and seasonal residents and tourists of the Township.”

RECREATION & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

CURRENT OBJECTIVES:

- *“Provide opportunities for both active and passive recreational activities throughout the Township.”*
- *“Recreation activities should be consistent with the objective of protecting and conserving natural heritage resources.”*

NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEMS

CURRENT GOAL:

“To protect, conserve and enhance natural area features and functions, incorporate good community planning and design to prevent the contamination of air, water and land resources, and to protect and preserve the unique physical attributes of landforms.”

NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEMS

CURRENT OBJECTIVES:

- *“Protect, conserve and enhance the natural area features and ecological functions within the Township including provincially significant features, the County Greenlands System, and locally significant features.”*
- *“Direct growth to settlement areas where it will have the least impact on natural area features and functions.”*

AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

CURRENT GOAL:

“To protect and preserve productive agricultural land to the greatest extent possible and recognize the essentially rural nature of the Township.”

AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

CURRENT OBJECTIVES:

- *“Preserve prime agricultural areas for agricultural and farm-related uses.”*
- *“Provide for on-farm businesses that supplement farm income.”*
- *“Limit the creation of severed lots and lots for retiring farmers.”*

AGGREGATE RESOURCES

CURRENT GOAL:

“To identify significant mineral aggregate resources capable of extraction and support the production of aggregate materials as part of the economic development of the Township.”

AGGREGATE RESOURCES

CURRENT OBJECTIVES:

- *“Ensure adequate and safe access and haul routes associated with mineral aggregate resource operations.”*
- *“Licensed mineral aggregate operations and future expansions and mineral aggregate resource areas shall be protected by appropriate setbacks from the impact of incompatible land uses.”*

SHORELINE AREAS

CURRENT OBJECTIVE:

“Recognize the importance of shoreline residential areas along lakes and rivers not associated with settlement areas for both seasonal and year round occupancies, and endeavor to maintain the character of shoreline residential communities.”

SHORELINE AREAS

CURRENT POLICIES:

- *“Existing designated Shoreline Residential Areas may continue to exist and infilling may be permitted on partial or individual water supply and wastewater treatment services.”*
- *“New and outward expansion of existing designated Shoreline Residential Areas are not permitted.”*

FURTHER DISCUSSION



Photo Source: <http://www.wisegeek.org/what-is-an-open-forum.htm>

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