

## Stakeholder Meeting Summary

The stakeholder meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m. on November 20, 2017 at the Ramara Centre with 14 stakeholders in attendance. Attendees included:

- Holly Spacek – Simcoe County District School Board
- Kevin Kehl – Walker Aggregates
- Ryan Wall – Walker Aggregates
- Beryl Bertrand – Brechin and Beyond
- Alison Rae – Brechin and Beyond, Brechin Community Centre Board and Action CIND
- Marilyn Muehlegg – Brechin and Beyond
- Steve George – Fowler Construction
- Anita Cook – North Mara Beach Residents
- Ariana Cancelli – Canadian Urban Institute
- Roger Selman – Century 21 Lakeside Cove
- Lori Hunter – Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- Bob Schickendanz – Simcoe County Home Builders Association
- Gary Bell – Skelton Brumwell and Associates Inc.
- Janki Bhavsar – Lafarge Canada Inc.

On behalf of the project team the following were in attendance:

- Heather Sadler, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.
- Kent Randall, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.
- Nolan Drumm, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.
- Ashlyn Kennedy, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.
- Deb McCabe, Township of Ramara.

Introductions of the project team and the stakeholders in attendance. After the introductions, Mr. Randall provided a background on why the Official Plan needed to be updated and then further explained the reasoning for the Stakeholder Meeting. The presentation continued by explaining the role of the Official Plan for the Township of Ramara, the planning hierarchy and where we are at in terms of the project schedule.

After the introductions and background information the meeting moved into the discussion. The project team had predetermined six (6) key areas of the Official Plan to discuss. The key points from the discussion of each topic are listed below.

### *Growth and Settlements*

- There are limitations for growth due to servicing constraints.
- The schools in Ramara are underutilized with the exception of the school in Uptergrove. 287 students at the school and it is at 117% utilization.
- Parking requirements are an issue for the schools. Especially the kiss and ride programs.
- Encouraging new businesses for economic development
- Streetscaping policies for Highway 12 to make it look more presentable/attractive to help encourage people to stop on their way through town.
- Promote active transportation – cycling, walking, trail networks
- Municipal infrastructure to be updated
- Should the Township be seeking an alternative density target than prescribed in the Growth Plan? (The current one can virtually only be achieved through townhouses and midrise apartments).
  - How does that kind of target look for the Township?

### *Recreation and Healthy Communities*

- Promoting all means of active transportation and improving connecting links
- Improvements of trail infrastructure to be used during all 4 seasons – make connections to Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching
- Include active transportation features on a schedule in the OP – perhaps the transportation schedule.
- Improve public access to Lake Simcoe
- Promote the River system – opportunities for canoeing and kayaking
- Possibility for creating a skating rink on the canal system in Lagoon City
- Ensuring new recreation facilities are placed in appropriate, accessible locations
- Improve signage for trails and parks
- Improving access to healthy food and promoting it. Something like hosting a farm to table food tour. Where residents are able to go around to different farms to learn where their food is coming from
- Community gardens
- Improve opportunities for aging in place and age friendly communities
- Include policies for B &B's to increase accommodation within the township
- Working with the school board to use the schools at night for recreation opportunities
- Divergent housing options
- Consider reducing development charges for one year to encourage development
- Promote better communication between the Township and its residents
- Opportunities for more jobs

### *Natural Heritage Systems*

- Stormwater Low Impact Development design
- Encourage enjoyment of natural heritage features
- Issues with membership with Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority

### *Agricultural Systems*

- Policies for agricultural related industries
- Community supported agriculture
- Promoting the Farmers Market
- Promoting the agricultural community
- Promote more CSA Farms – encouraging food security
- Multi-layer farming – seasonal farming
- Utilizing existing land for sale of farm products – On Farm Diversified Uses

### *Aggregate Resources*

- Policies to support rehabilitation strategy – support for adjacent land uses
- Aggregate – Tourism Opportunities
  - Open House for Aggregate Operators
  - Tour of the quarries