**COUNTY OF SIMCOE**

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| **ITEM FOR:** | **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** |
| **SECTION:** | Planning |
| **ITEM NO.** | CS 13-004 |
| **MEETING DATE:** | January 9, 2013 |
| **SUBJECT:** | Updated Modified County Official Plan – OMB Pre-hearing version |
| **RECOMMENDATION:** | |
| THAT the Proposed Modified County of Simcoe Official Plan, substantively in the form attached as Schedules 1 through 17 of Item CS 13-004, be endorsed. | |
| **BACKGROUND:** | |

On October 23, 2012 County Council passed the following resolution:

“THAT the following recommendation (CS 143-12) (Item CS 12-144) of the Corporate Services Committee be approved:

THAT the draft Proposed Modified County Official Plan as released on June 26, 2012, with the additional changes as outlined in Schedules 1, 1A, and 2 to Item CS 12-144, be endorsed;

AND THAT the County solicitor and staff be instructed to request a pre-hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board to seek approval of the County Official Plan as further modified;

AND THAT the final edited version of the draft County of Simcoe Official Plan (amended by the additional changes as outlined in Schedules 1, 1A, and 2 to Item CS 12-144) be brought back in its consolidated form to County Council.”

County Planning staff has now made the necessary changes to the Official Plan text and map schedules as endorsed by County Council on October 23, 2012. The text and map schedules are attached to this Item. This version of the County Official Plan will be brought forward by the County solicitor to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) at the pre-hearing, which is scheduled for Tuesday March 5, 2013 at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston.

Notices of the pre-hearing will be mailed out to all parties that have expressed an interest in the updated County Official Plan since 2008, when the document was first adopted by County Council. The notice of the pre-hearing will include information to direct parties to the County’s website in order to review the consolidated version of the proposed modified County Official Plan.

The first pre-hearing will be more of an administration process confirming the appeals and contacts and establishing a process to move forward. The OMB chair will lay out expectations on; the hearing process, the mediation process, and the scoping of appeals.

It is anticipated that the OMB will first direct that facilitation/mediation take place to try to resolve common issues amongst parties in an effort to shorten the duration of an actual hearing before the Board. It is through this facilitation/mediation process, that it is anticipate that a number of appeals will be withdrawn and or scoped down.

County Planning staff will continue to provide periodic updates to Committee and Council on the status of the OMB proceedings.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:**

The Ontario Municipal Board process including pre-hearings, mediation and actual hearing will involve the County solicitor and County staff. Funds have been allocated in the 2013 County budget for this Item.

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| **SCHEDULES:** | The following schedules are attached and form part of this Item: | |
| Schedule 1 – Draft Modified OP text Dec 2012  Schedule 2 – Draft Modified OP Text Dec 2012 Track Changes version  Schedule 3 – Map Schedule 5.1 Land Use Designations  Schedule 4 – Map Schedule 5.1a Big Bay Point Structure Plan  Schedule 5 – Map Schedule 5.1.2 Simcoe Sub-Area  Schedule 6 – Map Schedule 5.2.1 High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resources  Schedule 7 – Map Schedule 5.2.2 Streams and Evaluated Wetlands  Schedule 8 – Map Schedule 5.2.3 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI’s)  Schedule 9 – Map Schedule 5.3.1 Niagara Escarpment Plan Land Use Designations  Schedule 10 – Map Schedule 5.3.2 Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Land Use Designations  Schedule 11 – Map Schedule 5.3.2.1 Oak Ridges Moraine, Hydrologically Sensitive Features and Aquifer Vulnerability  Schedule 12 – Map Schedule 5.3.2.2 Oak Ridges Moraine, Key Natural Heritage Features and Landform Conservation Areas  Schedule 13 – Map Schedule 5.3.3 Greenbelt Plan Land Use Designation  Schedule 14 – Map Schedule 5.5.1 County Transportation System  Schedule 15 – Map Schedule 5.5.2 Future County Transportation System  Schedule 16 – Map Schedule 5.6.1 County Waste Disposal Sites  Schedule 17 – Map Schedule 5.6.2 Local Municipal and Private Waste Disposal Sites | | |
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| David Parks, Director of Planning, Development and Tourism  Rick Newlove, General Manager of Engineering, Planning and Environment | | December 19, 2012  December 19, 2012 |
| Trevor Wilcox, General Manager – Corporate Performance | | December 20, 2012 |
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