

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Committee Meeting**

Meeting Title: *Ad Hoc Planning Committee*

Date: *Wednesday September 7TH 2005*

Place: *Municipal Council Chambers* Start Time: *2:30 p.m.*

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Brian Whitehead – Official Plan Option Presentation and Discussion**
3. **Adjournment**

All members present except Joe Trimm

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol, Jacques Benoit

Ron Lowe opened the meeting stating that Mr. Whitehead was present to go over his findings. Mr. Lowe asked council to consider Mr. Whitehead's presentation and these issues will be brought forward to a neat future meeting.

Also he stated that any questions from the public should be put in writing and delivered to the council.

Mr. Whitehead reviewed the County History of OP's. Also he stated that one main issue in this program is the Provincial Policy Statements.

Councillor Trimm arrived at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Whitehead reviewed the approval process of a New OP or an amendment OP approach.

In the County OP there are no policies, it is designed as a local plan to allow municipalities to use as opposed to having their own plan. Clauses can be drawn up to amend plan without amending at County level.

If you want a policy in place within the OP without breaking any rules but pushing limits. Municipal Affairs would have to react if this happens. If we were to have our own plan we would gain more leverage.

Ron Lowe – If we make our own policies we still have to be approved by County level.

Council was informed that the Province would be notified of any policies and would have 20 days to respond. If it was a County Plan, we would hold the public meeting and the County would act on our behalf. All amendments to County plan must be approved by the Provincial level.

Dean – Public notice to the Ministry would be required either way? County or Municipal.

The Provincial level can over rule any approvals from the County if they feel the need. Approval from the County would be at staff level but some may have to go to council. Appeals – If Provincial doesn't like Municipal Plan they appeal to the OMB.

Dean – County modified they Municipality would have to appeal to the OMB.

“Development” doesn't provide growth & development you also need “Planning” Strategic planning with long term vision statements but this takes about 30 years of planning.

Joe Trimm – Does it include sustainable planning? - Sustainable planning is part of Strategic planning.

Stewardship Initiatives – Outside of planning, groups and organizations for example Lake Plans. 20% implemented through Official Plan & 80% residents initiative themselves.

There was discussion back and forth with Brian and Council for clarification of handouts that were distributed and reviewed.

Brian recommends:

- ? Embark on Modified Stage #1
- ? Visionary
- ? Developmental Goal & Objectives
- ? Background Collection

Decision point would be at the end of Stage 1, you would know where you stand and which option is best for you. This should be approximately a 6 month process.

Joe Trimm – How much of the cost is eaten up in Stage 1? Brian – Approx. 50% (\$20,000)

Ron Lowe – Outside groups should be invited in to discuss interests and concerns?

Don – Could we use an established Official Plan, make amendments and then use as our Official Plan?

Ron requested that Councillors read all supporting information and will be readdressed in a future meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jim Labow

“Be it resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Ad Hoc Planning Meeting dated September 7th, 2005 be adjourned at 3:55 p.m.”

Carried
Ron Lowe
Deputy Reeve