

## **Agenda**

### **Township of Whitewater Region Official Plan Policy Review Steering Committee Meeting #12**

**January 21, 2009**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Chairman calls the meeting to order.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Review of Minutes of Meeting #11.</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Review of Comments Draft Official Plan policies from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Review of Official Plan Mapping (Schedule "A") related to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) Waterfront designation in vicinity of LaPasse.</b></li><li><b>b) Waterfront designation on lakes near Beachburg.</b></li><li><b>c) Width of the Rural designation in certain areas of the Township along existing Township and County Roads.</b></li></ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Discussion and next steps.</b>

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TIME/DATE: January 21, 2009 at 8:00 pm

PLACE: Township of Whitewater Region Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Chairperson - Ron Lowe, Deputy Mayor, Whitewater Region

Committee Members – Don Rathwell, Mayor, Whitewater Region  
Art Cobb, Councilor, Whitewater Region  
Joe Trimm, Councilor, Whitewater Region  
Jacob Rook, Councilor, Whitewater Region  
Izett McBride, Councilor, Whitewater Region  
Jack Ferguson, Councilor, Whitewater Region  
Daryl McLaughlin, Councilor, Whitewater Region  
Jim Labow, Councilor, Whitewater Region

Staff Dean Sauriol, Township of Whitewater Region

Consultants Brian Whitehead, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

County of Renfrew Charles Cheesman, County of Renfrew

Absent Joe Kowalski, Citizens Association for the Future of Whitewater Region  
Jim Munroe, Citizens Association for the Future of Whitewater Region

DISCUSSION:

**1. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

The meeting minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting #11 dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were reviewed for errors and omissions. No errors or omissions were noted.

**2. Review of Draft Official Plan Policies by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)**

Brian Whitehead and Charles Cheesman reviewed a Draft Agenda/Issues List for Amendment No. 11 to the County of Renfrew Official Plan (Whitewater Region) that summarizes issues raised in a letter from the MMAH dated December 16, 2008. Many of the items (issues) listed in the letter are technical and can be addressed through clarification with MMAH. A copy of the MMAH letter as well as the Draft Agenda/Issues List for Amendment No. 11 is attached. The main concerns raised by MMAH include:

- a) Muskrat Lake
- b) Environmental Impact Studies (EIS)
- c) 30 Metre Water Setback
- d) Waterfront Policies including: Shoreline Activity Areas, Shoreline Buffer Areas, Islands and Cluster Development.

The Township could set-up a peer review system that would have the professional expertise to advise Council on Environmental Impact Studies. The Township could address the MMAH concerns about implementing the Muskrat Lake policies by retaining qualified professionals to peer the EIS requirements for new development.

Mr. Whitehead advised the Committee that the Ministry of the Environment and the MMAH would likely oppose any reduction of the 30 metre water setback requirement. A question was raised about

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whether a reduction of the water setback could be considered on a site specific basis if the 30 meter policy requirement were retained. Mr. Whitehead stated that reductions in the water setback could be considered on a case by case basis where a lot cannot comply with this requirement and the proposed reduction is supported by an EIS.

Mr. Cheesman indicated that the County will explain the reasons for mapping changes for removing mineral aggregate designations from certain parts of Schedule "A".

The Committee authorized certain mapping changes to the Official Plan mapping (Schedule "A") including:

- a) An expansion of the waterfront designation in the vicinity of LaPasse to include those lands on the opposite side of the road from the Ottawa River.
- b) Include a waterfront designation along the shoreline of lakes near Beachburg.
- c) Expand the width of the Rural designation in certain areas of the Township along existing Township and County Roads.

The Committee authorized Brian Whitehead, Charles Cheesman and Dean Sauriol to meet with representatives of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources to review the issues raised in a letter from the MMAH dated December 16, 2008.

**3. Adjournment of Meeting**

A motion approved to adjourn the meeting was moved by Daryl McLaughlin and seconded by Jim Labow at approximately 9:00 pm.

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