



Recolour Grey County Official Plan Update

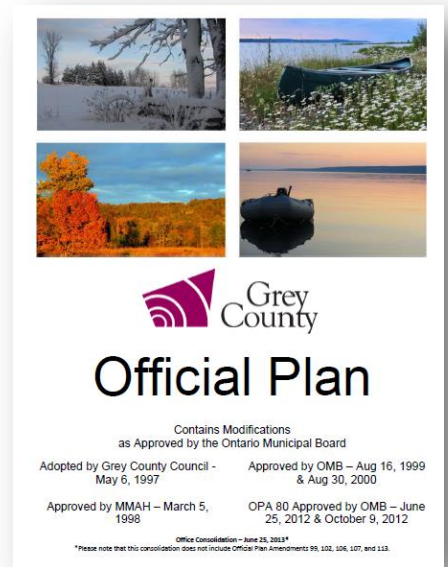
Special Meeting of Council
May 19, 2016

County Official Plan

- Municipal land-use planning decisions in Ontario are governed by the *Planning Act*.
- Planning Act sets out the roles and responsibilities in the planning process for municipalities in Ontario.
- Planning is also regulated through other legislation and guided through provincial policy, such as the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and Minimum Distance Separation (MDS).
- The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to review the Official Plan at a minimum of every 5 years

County Official Plan

- An Official Plan is a strategic policy document which sets out the broad land uses and goals for a municipality, usually over a 20 year period
- Official Plans designate the broad land uses and define what is permitted within those designations
- Official Plans are 'living documents' and can be amended over time
- An Official Plan is not enforceable law, rather it gains its power through zoning
- Official Plans must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement



County Official Plan

- County Official Plan was updated which was adopted by Council in 2009, approved by the Province in 2011 and approved by the Board in June and October 2012
- The County Plan outlines broad policy for the entire County and leaves opportunity for municipalities to develop their own local Official Plans, should they choose
- Local Official Plans need to conform to the policies contained in the County Plan
- Municipalities have the opportunity to be more restrictive in the local official plan
- The County Plan currently has a planning horizon to 2026.
- 5 Year Review could result in a new Official Plan

Studies/Policy Changes



Corporate Strategic Plan

Corporate
Strategic Plan

‘Opportunity Lives Here!’

Goal 1 - Grow the Grey County Economy

**Goal 2 - Support Healthy, Connected
Communities**

**Goal 3 - Deliver Excellence in
Governance and Service**

‘strong and steady, future ready’

Economic Strategic Plan

Economic
Development
Strategic Plan

Vision

***Grey County
is “Open for Business”***

As a direct result of open and transparent communication, real collaboration and true partnerships, Grey County, together with municipal and community partners, will be fully engaged and working together to continually create a positive environment where businesses and investors have the information, the resources and the support needed to succeed.

Economic Strategic Plan


Economic
Development
Strategic Plan

Strategic Themes

- Becoming Investment Ready
- Creating a Business Friendly Environment
- Ensuring Key Infrastructure is in Place
- Developing Grey's Workforce
- Better Communicating and Marketing Grey's Greatness
- Tourism
- Agriculture, Farms and Local Foods.

2014 Provincial Policy Statement

- ▶ Importance of rural areas recognized
- ▶ Private servicing policy changes and removal of 5 lot limit on private services
- ▶ Promotion of local food
- ▶ Natural heritage systems are required to be identified
- ▶ Secondary uses replaced with on-farm diversified uses
- ▶ Agri-tourism policies
- ▶ Encouraging comprehensive rehabilitation planning where there is a concentration of aggregate operations
- ▶ Promotion of Archaeological Management Plans
- ▶ Recognizing aboriginal interests in land use planning
- ▶ Impacts of Climate Change regarding natural hazards to be considered

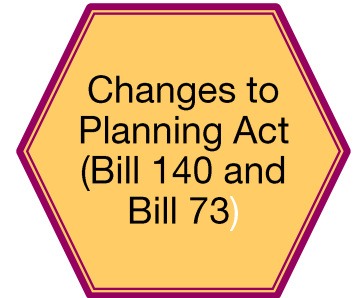


2014
Provincial
Policy
Statement

Planning Act Changes (Bill 73 and 140)

Bill 140

- ▶ the adequate provision of a full range of housing, including affordable housing
- ▶ Authorizing use of Secondary dwelling units

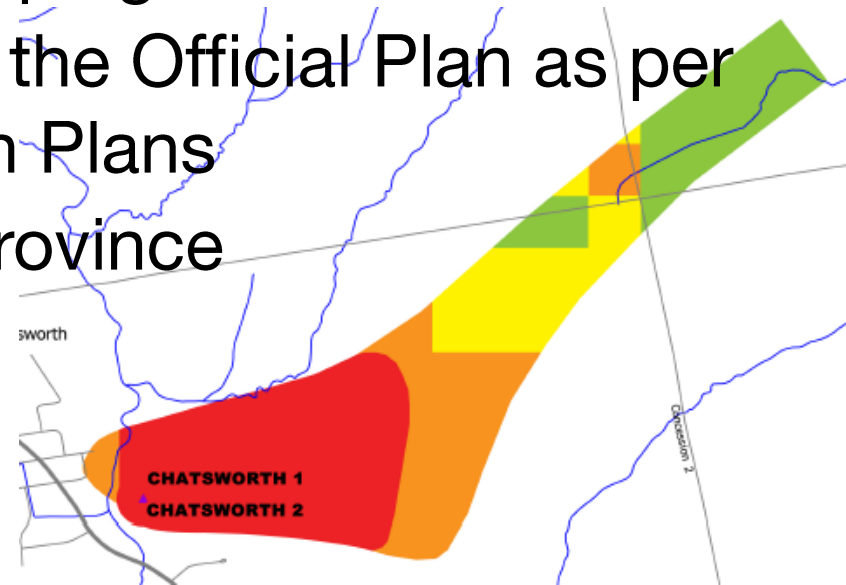


Bill 73

- ▶ Complete Application Requirements - Public Consultation Strategy
- ▶ Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ▶ Extending Notice of Period for appeals to the OMB if Alternative Dispute Resolution utilized
- ▶ Requiring local municipalities to prepare park plans in consultation with school boards and the public
- ▶ Appeals to clearly identify reasons for appeal
- ▶ Limiting appeals for certain conformity exercise updates (e.g. implementing Sourcewater Protection Plans)

Sourcewater Protection Plans (SPP's)

- ▶ Three Sourcewater Protection Plans to be implemented
- ▶ Need to update wellhead protection area and intake protection zone mapping
- ▶ Need to include policies in the Official Plan as per the Sourcewater Protection Plans
- ▶ Funding provided by the Province to implement SPP's



Historic Landfill Assessment Study

- ▶ Study reviewed abandoned landfill sites in OP
- ▶ Study identified that some abandoned landfill sites can be removed from the OP
- ▶ Some sites will no longer require the 500 metre buffer
- ▶ Location of some sites need to be revised



Historic
Landfill
Assessment

1. Cleared - Determined to have insufficient risk (26)
2. Cleared - Site proven not to exist (5)
3. D-4 Recommended to clear site (15)
4. Previously evaluated (12)
5. Remove - Insufficient info to locate landfill (4)

Transportation Master Plan (TMP)



Transportation
Master Plan

- ▶ Update Transportation policies in the OP as per TMP recommendations
- ▶ Explore opportunities for creating urban policies for County roads going through settlement areas
- ▶ Incorporate the Policy Recommendations with respect to Active Transportation, Harbours, Airports and Rail Corridors in the County Official Plan

Green in Grey



- ▶ Nearing completion
- ▶ Incorporate Natural Heritage System policies as required by Provincial Policy Statement
- ▶ Include policies and mapping in OP for Cores and Linkages (following acceptance from Council)

Housing and Homelessness Plan and Housing Study Data Update

- ▶ 10 year strategy to improve the housing and homelessness system in Grey County
- ▶ Recommendations:
 - Need to support secondary suites legislation
 - Investigate waiving or reducing fees for affordable housing.
 - Encourage a diverse range of housing by type, size, tenure, and affordability to meet projected demographic and market requirements of current and future residents of the County
 - Work with developers to promote affordable housing units
- ▶ Update Housing Policies using latest results of Housing Study Data Update



Growth Management Study Update

- ▶ Update permanent residential and employment growth projections in County OP to 2036 (20 year planning horizon)
- ▶ Include seasonal growth projection information in the OP



Growth
Management
Study Update

On-Farm Diversified Use Study

- ▶ Study completed by University of Waterloo Students
- ▶ Recommendations:
 - Encouraging economic development with on-farm businesses, provided existing agricultural uses are protected from any related adverse impacts.
 - Size and impact of on-farm diversified uses should remain secondary to the agricultural uses
 - Policies should be permissive and encouraging
 - Policies should provide consistency and certainty
 - Policies regarding on-farm diversified uses should be consistent County-wide



On-Farm
Diversified
Uses Study

Strategic Plan Workshop Comments

Small Farms Harbour
Rural Schools Airports Tourism Seniors
Shared Economy Youth Strategy Rural Growth Aging at Home
Rural Transportation System Investment Ready Youth Council
Youth Engagement Local Food SWIFT Business Retention Airport
Aging Communities Long-Term Care Launchpad
Healthy Communities Youth Retention
Georgian College Affordable Housing Uber
Accommodate Needs of Today Youth Migration
New OP Goals and Objectives Working Together
Senior Strategy Agriculture
Rural Transportation Newcomer Strategy Railway
NEC Review Small Scale Industries
Business Incubators Lifestyle Promotion 410 Extension Farmstart
Broadband Green in Grey Innovation
Food Processing Business Friendly Environment
Modernize Ag-Tech Transportation Cycling Aggregates
Youth Harbours

Recolour Grey – Engagement Strategy

- Special Meeting Notice – posted on website, local newspapers and emailed
- Webpage created – provides updates, notices, documents associated with Recolour Grey
- Email Sign-up for sending future updates, notices, etc.
- Social Media – Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
- Attending Community Events to have many conversations and capture thoughts using tablets
- Attend local municipal councils and community group meetings
- Online surveys

Recolour Grey - Workplan

- ▶ **May 19th, 2016** - Special Meeting of Council
- ▶ **Spring, Summer and early Fall 2016** - Creative Community Engagement which will include consultation with the residents, businesses, tourists, Province, local municipalities, Economic Development Steering Committee, conservation authorities, First Nations, Metis, etc.
- ▶ **Fall 2016** - Summarize comments and input received in a report to Committee and discussion around potential policy updates
- ▶ **October/November of 2016** - Draft Official Plan Update presented to Committee/Council

Recolour Grey – Workplan Cont'd

- ▶ **December 2016/January 2017** - Circulation of draft Official Plan Update, Open House and Public Meeting
- ▶ **December 2016 to March 2017** - Further Creative Engagement on the proposed policy revisions
- ▶ **July/August 2017** - Summarize comments received and finalize draft Official Plan Amendment for Committee/Council
- ▶ **September 2017** - Adopt Official Plan Update and submit to the Province for approval

Break-Out Sessions

► Break-out Themes

1. Agriculture/Rural/Resources
2. Environment
3. Settlement Areas
4. Transportation
5. Recreation/Tourism

Break-Out Sessions

Questions:

- What do you like most about your community? What is missing from your community?
- What should be included in the Official Plan today to address the needs of the community now and into the future?
- What policies are working? What policies are not working?
- What policies should be considered to build on and support the assets in Grey County?

Additional Comments/Questions

Next Steps

- ▶ Summarize comments we heard today
- ▶ May 19th – Special Meeting of Council to hear from members of the public about what should be considered as part of the OP Update
- ▶ Staff to attend a number of community events, meetings throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall
- ▶ Gather all comments received and summarize in a report to Council
- ▶ Prepare a revised Official Plan – circulate for review and comments
- ▶ Present final revised Official Plan to Council