



Committee Report

Report PDR-CW-34-17

To: Warden Barfoot and Members of Grey County Council
From: County Planning Staff
Meeting Date: June 29, 2017
Subject: **Recolour Grey – Cultivate Grey and Move Grey Discussion Papers**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CW123-17; Endorsed by County Council per Resolution CC38-17 July 13, 2017; See also Addendum to PDR-CW-34-17 from July 13, 2017 and Addendum 2 to PDR-CW-34-17 from August 10, 2017;

Recommendation

1. That the 'Cultivate Grey' and 'Move Grey' Discussion Papers be received, which provide policy options based on comments heard from the community and background work completed as part of Recolour Grey; and
2. That staff draft new Official Plan policies for these topics, based on the comments received, the background studies completed to date, and changes to Provincial legislation, policy, and guidelines; and
3. That staff share the 'Cultivate Grey' and 'Move Grey' Discussion Papers with the community, municipalities, and stakeholders.

Background

Recolour Grey, the update to the County Official Plan was initiated in May 2016. Throughout the summer and fall of 2016, staff hosted workshops, attended a number of events throughout the County, and attended community group meetings to talk about Recolour Grey. On-line consultation and information sharing was also key to the County's on-going engagement on this project. Over the winter of this year, staff collected all the comments received and began to analyze the results.

On May 11, 2017, the County released our Recolour Grey – What We've Heard Summary Report. This Report summarized the feedback received and divided the comments into five main themes;

1. Cultivate Grey,
2. Move Grey,

3. Live Grey
4. Develop Grey, and
5. Natural Grey.

There were also some comments received which were outside of the scope of planning, which is the 'other' category.

Following the What We've Heard Report, a survey was also posted on the County website asking the community if we have heard their comments correctly, or if we missed anything. Some additional responses were received from this survey.

Building off the feedback received, and the background studies completed to date, staff prepared discussion papers for each of the five themes. The first two papers, Cultivate Grey and Move Grey will be presented at the June 29, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Develop Grey, Live Grey, and Natural Grey discussion papers are tentatively scheduled for the July Committee of the Whole meetings. As the discussion papers are presented, they are also being posted on our Recolour Grey website for public review and comment.

The Cultivate Grey and Move Grey discussion papers further explore each of the sub-themes from the What We've Heard Report, within Grey County's planning and economic context. Policy options are presented which not only reflect feedback from the public, but also draw on the technical recommendations of the studies and background reports completed by the County over the past four years. Changes in Provincial legislation, policy, and guidelines are also key to a number of the policy options being presented. A number of these policy options will form the basis for drafting the new County Official Plan later this year.

Next Steps

Based on the comments we have heard from the community and the background studies completed to date, we are drafting a new Official Plan rather than updating the current official plan.

We are planning to go back out into the community through workshops this summer and fall to make sure that the policy options will address the community's needs. On June 20, 2017, an invitation was sent to each of the nine member municipalities asking them if we can co-host a Recolour Grey workshop in their municipalities. These workshops may be as part of an existing municipal council or committee meeting, or they may be standalone workshops.

We also will hold a public open house and public meeting as required by the Planning Act in the fall.

The intent is to have Council adopt the new official plan before the end of the year. Should Council adopt the Plan, it would then be sent to the Province for their approval.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

A significant amount of staff resources has gone into Recolour Grey and this will continue for the remainder of 2017. At this stage, there are no additional financial, staffing, legal or information technology considerations related to Recolour Grey. Should any additional needs

be required which extend beyond existing staff and budget resources, Council will be consulted further.

We look forward to further conversations with the community in 2017.

Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

Goal 1 of the Corporate Strategic Plan is to 'Grow the Grey County Economy'. One of the action items is to update the County Official Plan and supporting policies that will help grow the Grey County economy. Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan is to support healthy, connected communities. One of the key aspects of the new Official Plan will be to support this goal as well.

Attachments and Background Information

[Recolour Grey - Cultivate Grey Discussion Paper](#)

[Recolour Grey - Move Grey Discussion Paper](#)

Respectfully submitted by,

County Planning Staff