

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE 2021

Held: 4:00 PM, Monday, August 16, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

FIFTH PUBLIC MEETING IN 2021:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Director of Development Services

Ms. Giddings welcomed the public to the meeting.

The Director of Development Services welcomed the public to this meeting and acknowledged the postponement of the June meeting on Indigenous First Nations Consultation and Collaborations. There was a review of the plan for the remainder of the year.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Engineering Services – Roddy Bolivar

Topics for discussion:

- Transportation
- Sewage and Water
- Stormwater Management and Drainage
- Other topics? Road usage other than vehicles

Mr. Bolivar indicated that there is consistency with Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and that the current Official Plan identifies the priorities of the Town.

There have been changes to the PPS to integrate planning for water, wastewater and stormwater. Municipalities are to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. Need to promote the use of “green infrastructure”. Coordinate the location of linear infrastructure. Expanded policy set for stormwater being a significant change from 2014 and continued in 2020.

Due to the number of attendees the following questions were done as a whole group.

1. Rate your opinion of the CURRENT SITUATION from 1 – 5 (1 poor, 5 excellent)
 - Water
 - Sewer
 - Stormwater
 - Transportation

The group did not rate the current situation of these Environmental Services.

2. What issues are there currently in regard to these areas?

Comments provided by the group:

- Public transportation system

- Stormwater and paved surfaces. Water simply drains off. Could the Town look at ways for parking areas or parts of roads to drain into the ground instead of into the stormwater system.
 - Conservation of water
 - Parking, concerns for a lack of parking in specific areas of Town.
 - Sidewalks on both sides of the street
 - Roads – had a question on how wide roads have to be. Roads are currently laid out well in the OP. Make roadways safer to cross.
 - Bicycle friendly Town to incorporate alternative forms of transportation.
 - Equitable treatment of all modes of transportation e.g. mobility scooters, bicycles, etc.
 - Consider using Curb Bump Outs.
 - Reduced speed limits. This must go to the Police Services Board or do studies by Environmental Services to measure speeds travelled. Have a traffic calming policy with approved tools and not approved tools to manage traffic.
 - Consider parking on one side of the road only. Requires a parking impact study to determine accessibility by emergency services vehicles. The Town needs to work with the community to maximize parking.
3. In your opinion rate the potential risk that these services would get worse 1 – 5
- Water
 - Sewer
 - Stormwater
 - Transportation

The group did not do this ranking.

4. What issues of risk do you see in the future?

OP 5.5 Transportation

Existing Policies were reviewed by Mr. Bolivar.

Draft New Policy samples provided by Mr. Bolivar.

Comments on transportation

- Can easements be turned into Walking Paths? This can lead to an increased service level expected by the public. If the easements are open the additional challenge is to keep it accessible. A concern is neighbouring residents encroachment onto the easements.

OP 5.2 Sewage and Water

Existing Policies were reviewed by Mr. Bolivar.

Draft New Policy samples were provided by Mr. Bolivar.

Comments on Sewage and Water

- Affordability of safe water and conveyance of sewage. Finding cost effective innovative solutions.
- Conservation elements. Biggest impact – water meters in industry

- -affordability – making sure it's accessible

OP 5.3 Stormwater

Existing Policies were reviewed by Mr. Bolivar.

Draft New Policy samples were provided by Mr. Bolivar

What issues were identified and how might those be incorporate into the OP?

- Private property owners running downpipes across sidewalks.
- Freeze – Thaw cycles in the winter. Addressed in preparing from the impacts of a changing climate.
- Rainwater finding its way into the sanitary sewer. Stormwater management ponds to manage first flush from roads during a rain.
- Move away from using Salt on the Roads? The Town uses a pre-wetted salt permitting the Town to use less salt in the winter. Some municipalities use a grit/salt mix depending on temperature.

Infrastructure Management Tools

- Asset Management Plan
- Development Charges By-law
- Capacity Allocation

3. **NEXT MEETING:**
September 27, 2021

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**