

Process Notes, January 23, 2014 OPAC meeting

Attending: Councillor Pam Copley (Chair), Councillor Cairine Green, Councillor John Herbert, Mike Lloyd, Jan Mears, Patrick Frey, John Graham, CAO Helen Koning, Director of Building and Planning Roy Thomassen and Consulting Planner Michael Dillistone.

Regrets: Mayor Jensen and Gloria Back

The Official Plan consultant, Catherine Berris attended the meeting for the discussion.

OPAC discussed the planning and format for the upcoming Open House on February 15th. The purpose of the Open House is to seek input on the draft vision statement, goals and objectives. The Open House will have display stations for each topic heading which will include the goals and objective statements. The project consultant, OPAC members and staff will be available for discussion. There will also be a display of the OCP survey results. All of this information will be posted on the municipal web site prior to the Open House.

Ms. Berris led OPAC through a review and discussion of the updated and revised draft of the vision statement, goals and objectives. There were a few areas of discussion including the desire for an over-arching theme of sustainability for the plan and the new Emergency Management and Climate Change and Energy sections. OPAC completed the review and Ms. Berris will now prepare the draft document for public review and comment. There was also a discussion of the need to discuss the overall format for the final plan. Several committee members agreed to work with Ms. Berris to look at this topic.

Mr. Dillistone briefed the Committee on a request from the Parks and Recreation Commission for a presentation of the OCP work in progress. He noted that early in the OCP review process Council decided that once a draft plan was available, it would be formally referred to all of the municipal Advisory Committee and Commissions for comment. It was suggested that a letter be prepared to the Committees and Commission indicating this upcoming opportunity and to encourage their participation in the process through the public forums and information available.

Ms. Berris presented a draft schedule for OPAC meetings and the review process through to June 23rd, 2014. It was noted that while there has been good progress to date there is still a significant amount of work to be done. The next stages are the policy development, land use designation map and the development permit areas with guidelines.

The next OPAC meeting will be on February 6th, 2014 to review the information for the February 15th Open House and to assign sub-committees for the consideration of draft policies.