



Recolour Grey Workshops



August and September 2017

Recolour Grey Workshop Agenda

► Staff Presentation

- What is an Official Plan?
- How does an Official Plan Impact Me?
- What is Recolour Grey?
- What's happened so far?
- Theme Explanations

► Discussion around Next Steps

► Questions?

► Break-out Sessions

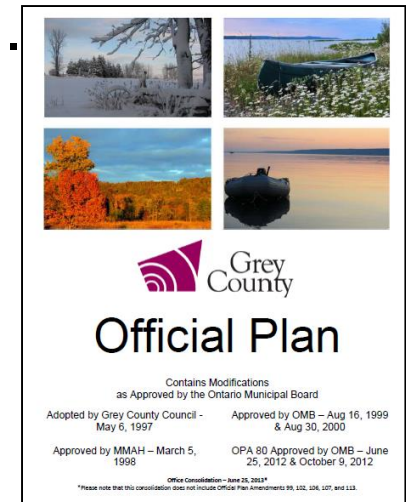
- Groups of 6 to 8* to discuss each of the 5 themes
- Rotate groups every 10 to 15 minutes

**group size may vary depending upon size of overall group*



What is an 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 and conform to Provincial Plans such as the Niagara Escarpment Plan.



How does an Official Plan Impact Me?

- If you currently have a house or business and are not looking at any changes to either one, then the Official Plan won't really impact you on a day-to-day basis.
- If you want to develop, or redevelop, a piece of land then the Official Plan sets out some broad uses that can be allowed on land throughout the County.
- If you want to create new lots through a severance, or a plan of subdivision, then the Official Plan sets out the requirements for these processes, including what technical studies are needed.
- When buying land you may also want to look at the maps for lands around you, to see what your neighbours or future neighbours, could develop their property for in the coming years.
- The Official Plan also maps environmental features that are protected from development.
- Farming and aggregate lands are also mapped in the Plan, and in these areas farming and gravel pits may be permitted.

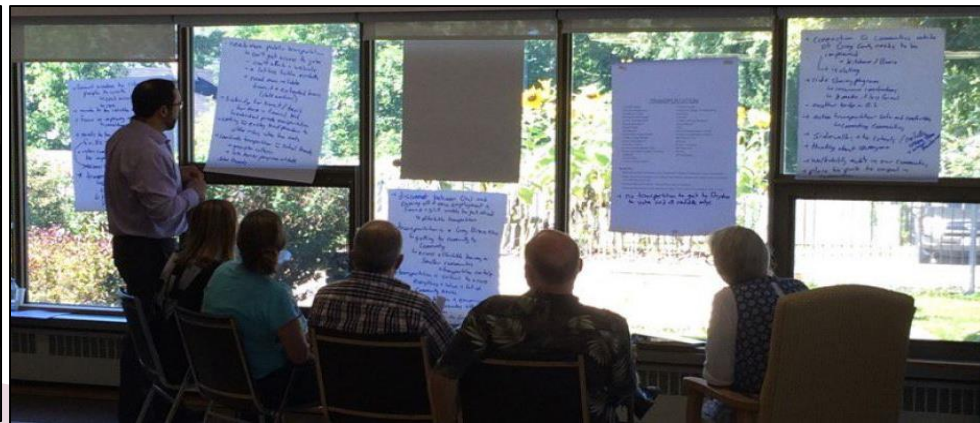
What is Recolour Grey?

- Recolour Grey is the name for the review of the County's Official Plan. Recolour Grey is a community driven process, led by the Grey County Planning department.
- Recolour Grey started as our County 5 year official plan review.
- The County's last 5 year review was approved in October 2012. Our Official Plan plans to the year 2026.
- Based on the changes needed through Recolour Grey, this will be a new Official Plan, rather than just updates.



What's happened so far?

- Between 2012 – 2015 the County completed a number of background reports/technical studies recommending improvements to the County Official Plan
 - Transportation Master Plan
 - Updated Growth Management Strategy
 - Historic Landfill Study
 - On-Farm Business Study
 - Minimum Agricultural Lot Sizes Study
 - Age Friendly Planning Study
 - Green in Grey Natural Environment Systems Study
 - Updated Housing Study



What's happened so far?

- Recolour Grey formally started with a kick-off meeting of County Council on May 19th 2016.
- Summer and fall of 2016 were spent at community events talking to people about their vision for the County.
- Over the winter of 2017 we have reviewed all of these comments to see where research or changes are needed.
- Spring/early Summer 2017 saw the release of 5 policy discussion papers and the What We've Heard comment summary.



What is the Planners Role?

- Facilitate conversations with all stakeholders
- The most important stakeholder in planning is the public
- Provide policy recommendations to Council who are the decision makers
- Look forward to the needs of our communities now and 20 years into the future
- Educate people about planning
- Balance competing interests
- Other factors are beyond the control of planners, including;
 - Global economies and trade
 - Job creation
 - Land costs
 - Planners cannot force development, but planners can help provide favourable conditions where development can occur



The Five Themes

After we sorted through all of the comments received, we grouped them into five themes:



Live Grey



Cultivate Grey



Develop Grey



Move Grey



Natural Grey



There were also some comments received which were outside of the scope of planning, which is the 'other' category. Planning staff will be sharing the comments in the other category with stakeholders and community groups who have an interest or responsibility in those fields.

What is Live Grey?



- Live Grey captures some of the key areas that influence living standards and quality of life in Grey County.
- These areas are important to consider when looking to ensure residents feel included, healthy, culturally interested, and supported by their community.
- Live Grey has been divided into four subthemes;
 1. Healthy Communities,
 2. Community Inclusion,
 3. Housing, and
 4. Culture.





Live Grey – Policy Considerations

- Ensure policies include accessibility measures to accommodate youth, aging populations and all other members of the public.
- Include descriptive measures and procedures for informing and obtaining views of the public on official plan amendments, zoning by-laws, plans of subdivision and consents.
- Update affordable housing policies to enable the use of inclusionary zoning at the municipal level once detailed regulations have been released by the Province.
- Ensure policies preserve the agricultural/rural character of Grey County. Include more direction on how to designate rural heritage areas and/or countryside landscapes as conservation districts and/or defined cultural heritage landscapes.



What is Cultivate Grey?

- Cultivate Grey considers the rural and agricultural areas outside of our towns, cities, and villages.
- These areas make up the bulk of the land in Grey County and a significant portion of our economy, including farming, associated businesses, and resource production.
- Cultivate Grey has been divided into four subthemes;
 1. Protection of Farmland,
 2. Food and Local Food Production,
 3. Growing the Rural Economy, and
 4. Resource Development.





Cultivate Grey- Policy Considerations

- Map Agricultural, Special Agriculture, and Rural lands.
- Provide policies for new farm lot creation in the Agricultural, Special Agriculture, and Rural designations to minimize future land use conflict, and maximize resource production.
- Ensure planning policies consider the entire food system, including supportive uses and infrastructure.
- Support agri-tourism as an educational linkage between farming and urban residents.
- Provide policies that support the development of agricultural community improvement plans.
- Provide more education on resource extraction as it relates to potential land use conflict.



What is Develop Grey?



- Develop Grey focuses on our settlement areas including cities, towns, villages, and areas along the shoreline or ski hills.
- In order to preserve our natural environment, we try to focus much of our growth into our settlement areas.
- Develop Grey has been divided into four subthemes;
 1. Economic Development,
 2. Employment,
 3. Downtowns, and
 4. Growth.





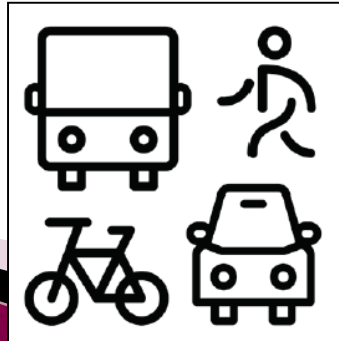
Develop Grey – Policy Considerations

- The Growth Management Study recommended that the County should continue to monitor on-farm small scale industrial and commercial uses.
- Have supporting policies to promote agri-tourism and policies that promote the importance of the local food system.
- Ensure there is sufficient land designated and available to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of employment opportunities.
- Continue to support downtown revitalization projects.
- The County should continue to monitor and maintain an updated land budget going forward to ensure an adequate supply over the long term.



What is Move Grey?

- Move Grey considers how we move people, goods, information, and services into, out of and through the County.
- Movement can be a challenge in our large and diverse County.
- Transportation, services, and technology is critical to support the needs of our residents, tourists, and businesses in order to grow and thrive.
- Sub-themes under the Move Grey theme:
 1. Transportation via air, boat, car, truck or public transit
 2. Active transportation including by foot, bicycle, skis, snowshoe or other means
 3. Servicing including water, sewers, landfills, and utilities
 4. Information and technology needs including the County's broadband network





Move Grey – Policy Considerations

- Need to provide more opportunities for active transportation.
- Making our communities more walkable and accessible for all
- Increased demand for cycling infrastructure.
- Encourage growth and development along existing or future transit corridors.
- Policies that support different transportation options and how these can be connected as an overall transportation system.
- Support new development using municipal water and sewer systems where possible.
- Research policy considerations related to broadband , autonomous / driverless cars, and drones.



What is Natural Grey?



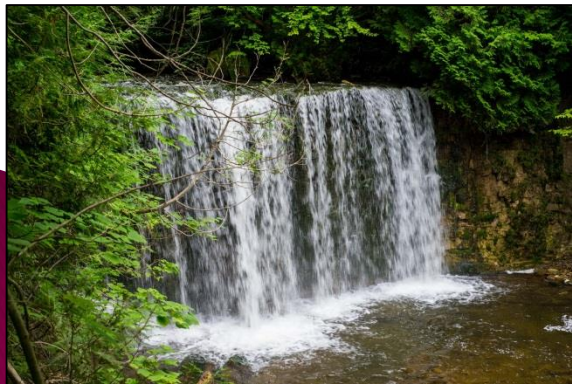
- Natural Grey focuses on the environment. Grey County needs to be supportive of not just our people, but of our plant and wildlife species as well.
- Natural Grey has been divided into four subthemes;
 1. Tourism and recreation,
 2. Protection of environmental features and systems,
 3. Climate Change preparedness, and
 4. Parks.





Natural Grey - Policies

- Policies may explore emerging issues in tourism and recreation including the shared economy (i.e. Air BnB), new or emerging recreational activities, agri-tourism (see Cultivate Grey) and adventure sports.
- Include policies that encourage the minimization of adverse impacts to the natural environment.
- Include policies that support municipalities with parkland dedication and or cash in lieu of parkland.
- Incorporate the findings of the Natural Heritage Systems Study, as appropriate.
- Include policies that support a reduction in greenhouse gas emission and adaptation to climate change.



Other Grey

Beyond the scope of Planning, we received the following comments.

Miscellaneous

- Love the County nothing needs to change
- Suggestions for improvements to the planning process
- Concerns over the County logo or County signage
- Need better attitudes towards, and treatment of youth
- Comments on other municipalities or municipal programs outside of Grey
- Niagara Escarpment Commision should disband
- Plain language is important



What's Next for Recolour Grey?



Recolour Grey Update Timeline





Questions?



Stay connected with Recolour Grey as the process continues.

Check our website regularly at

www.grey.ca/recolourgrey,

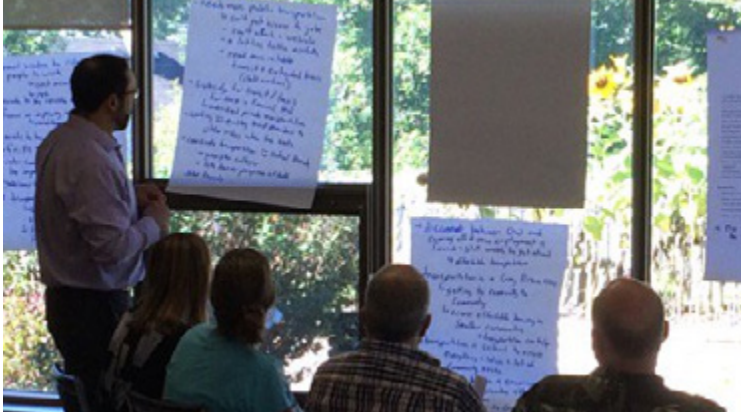
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Break-Out Session

Questions to consider:

- What policies are working? What policies are not working?
- What policies should be considered to build on and support the assets in Grey County?
- What should be included in the Official Plan today to address the needs of the community now and into the future?
- Do we have the right policy considerations? What else should we consider?

Recolour Grey Workshops



Grey County and the local municipalities are seeking input on Recolour Grey, the Grey County Official Plan update.

Join us at an upcoming workshop in your municipality. We will include an overview of Recolour Grey and dive deeper into policy discussions and recommendations.



Date	Municipality	Location
August 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Southgate	Frank Macintyre Building 220 Owen Sound Street, Dundalk
August 31, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Grey Highlands	Markdale Arena (upstairs) 75 Walker Street, Markdale
September 12, 2017 6:30 p.m.	West Grey	Durham Arena 451 Saddler Street West, Durham
September 13, 2017 5:00 p.m.	Georgian Bluffs	Georgian Bluffs Council Chambers 177964 Grey County Rd 18, Owen Sound Followed by a regular Council Meeting
September 18, 2017 5:00 p.m.	Hanover	Hanover Council Chambers 341 10 th Street, Hanover Followed by a regular Council Meeting
September 19, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Owen Sound	Bayshore Community Centre 1900 3 rd Avenue East, Owen Sound Christie Hare Room
September 21, 2017 5:00 p.m.	Town of The Blue Mountains	Town of The Blue Mountains Municipal Office 32 Mill Street, Thornbury
September 26, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Municipality of Meaford	Meaford Fire Hall 81 Stewart Street, Meaford
September 27, 2017 1:30 p.m.	Chatsworth	Chatsworth Council Chambers 316837 Highway 6, Chatsworth

How can I submit comments or share my opinion?

Can't make it to one of the public workshops? Submit your comments by mail, email or phone:

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