



Staff Report

Planning & Development Services – Planning Division

Report To: COW-Operations_Planning_and_Development_Services
Meeting Date: August 27, 2024
Report Number: PDS.24.115
Title: OP Update – Next Steps Fall 2024
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.24.115, entitled “OP Update – Next Steps Fall 2024.

B. Overview

This report is intended on providing an update to Council on the Official Plan Review project and detail next steps related to public engagement and Council approval.

C. Background

With the release of the recommendation papers for the Official Plan Review, staff are now positioned to identify timelines for the statutory public meeting and open house as well as having the necessary amendments before Council for review and approval. The following schedule has been devised to ensure members of the public and Council have sufficient time to review the proposed recommendations while at the same time meet the goal of concluding the project by the end of 2024:

- September 23rd – Public Open House
- October 1st – Public Meeting
- November 19th – Committee of a Whole
- December 2nd – Council Adoption

D. Analysis

The recommendation papers released offer an accessible and concise means to understanding the proposed amendments to the Official Plan. They are grouped in a thematic manner and reflective of previously released Background Papers:

- Sustainability, Parks and Open Space
- Housing Mix and Affordability
- Infrastructure and Servicing
- Intensification and Density
- Commercial and Employment
- Transportation
- Agriculture

These papers will serve to complement the release of a draft Official Plan with prospective amendments in track changes. The release of this document will coincide with the public notice prepared for both the open house and public meeting. They will serve as being the platform for discussions amongst staff and the consultants at the open house with the public meeting being the opportunity to offer comment to members of Council.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impacts

N/A

H. In Consultation With

David Riley, SGL Consulting

Sierra Horton, SGL Consulting

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Postma, planning@thebluemountains.ca

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J. Attached

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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