

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Hall and Members of Council
Copy: Ms. Nancy Austin, Clerk
From: Chris Jones MCIP, RPP
Date: November 18, 2020
Re: Status Memo – Village of Sundridge Official Plan

The work program to prepare the first Official Plan for the Village of Sundridge is proceeding but has been delayed in part by the Covid-19 pandemic and the release of the new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2020).

In accordance with our work program we have completed the following tasks:

- Preliminary Workshop with Council – October 2019
- Core Team Meeting with Provincial Agencies – September 2020
- Preliminary Consultation with Indigenous Communities – October 2020

The following represents the next steps in the work program.

Prepare Background Report

This report will take the form of a presentation slide deck which will summarize background information and technical data and will set out recommended policy objectives to be achieved by the Plan. As Council is aware, the Village currently has two planning applications which are somewhat contentious and complex, one involving the creation of a new shoreline lot and the other involving a residential infill proposal. Both of these applications have helped to inform the Official Plan work program through the compiling of background information, public consultation and process. Target date for delivery of this report in January 2021.

Open House

As Council is aware, the global pandemic has hampered traditional methods of public consultation such as public meetings or open houses. As an alternative, upon Council acceptance and release of the Background Report, it will be recommended that we coordinate an opportunity for public engagement that would involve one-on-one consultations between stakeholders, members of the public and the planner through virtual means. Staff could also participate in these discussions if they are available. Target date for this initiative would be February/March 2021

First Draft Official Plan

Council would be presented with a summary of public consultations as per the previous task together with a first draft of the official plan. Target for delivery and presentation of this first draft is April 2021. If Council finds the first draft to be acceptable for public consultation, it could be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for one-window review and could also be released with the intention to schedule a public meeting to hear comments on the draft Official Plan. Or, should Council wish to see further policy development and a second draft prior to the release of the draft Plan, this can be accommodated.

I look forward to continuing with this work program and note that the Provincial approval process is timely as evidenced in another work program for a new Official Plan which I recently finalized.

Respectfully Submitted,



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