

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Leveque and Members of Council
Copy: Ms. Nancy Austin, Clerk
From: Chris Jones MCIP, RPP
Date: October 27, 2023
Re: Village of Sundridge Official Plan – Status Memo

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide a status update on the work program to prepare an Official Plan for the Village of Sundridge and to recommend that Council provide direction to prepare a final draft of the Official Plan for Council's review and adoption.

Background

The Village of Sundridge initiated the preparation of its first Official Plan in 2020.

The work program has involved Council workshops, a visioning session, a public open house as well as two public meetings which were held on June 22 and September 28, 2022.

In accordance with Council Resolution 2022-189, the draft Official Plan was also circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in May of 2022.

The MMAH One-Window Review

Unfortunately, MMAH has not finalized its one-window review in the traditional manner by providing the Village with written comments for Council's consideration.

Notwithstanding, MMAH has met with myself and staff on two occasions to review the draft plan and in a letter from MMAH dated July 7, 2023, the Ministry encouraged the Village to take necessary steps to adopt the official plan.

Draft Official Plan

Attached is a second draft of the Official Plan which has been revised subsequent to my report of September 23, 2023, our meeting with MMAH and my review of the draft Provincial Planning Statement (2023).

The revisions are identified in the draft in bold font and I would generally characterize the revisions to be minor. A brief summary of the revisions is provided on the next page:

- The addition of an active transportation policy;
- The addition of a climate change policy;
- Modification to policy addressing additional residential units;
- Modification to policies concerning residential uses in the Downtown designation;
- Modification to policies addressing Lake Bernard and the floodline; and,
- The addition of a property standards policy.

Moving Forward

I look forward to meeting with Council on November 8 to review and discuss the draft Official Plan and seeking Council's direction to prepare a final official plan for suitable for adoption.

Regards,



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