



Planning Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Joe Gallivan
Manager of Sustainability Planning
County of Frontenac

**Re: Township of Frontenac Islands Adopted Official Plan
Proposed Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Modifications
Revised Draft Decision – January 16th, 2013**

Date Prepared: 28 January 2013
Date of Meeting: 11 February 2013

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with final recommendations with regard to the proposed changes by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to the adopted Frontenac Islands Official Plan (By-law 28-2011). MMAH is currently the approval authority for all Official Plan updates for Frontenac Islands.

MMAH has provided the Township with a revised Draft Decision (see attached Appendix 'B'). This revised Decision was prepared following a review by Township Council on January 15th of the first 'Draft Decision'.

At the January 15th meeting, Council considered two planning documents:

- 1) *MMAH Draft Decision and Township Staff Comments / Recommendations* dated January, 2013. This document contained a review of each of the proposed modification and a staff recommendation on whether or not to endorse the modification; and
- 2) *Official Plan – 5 Year Review – Proposed MMAH and Staff Modifications* dated, January, 2013. This document is an edited version of the adopted Official Plan. It included all proposed additions and deletions as recommended by staff in the 'Draft Decision' document.

Council endorsed all the modifications as recommended in the staff report. MMAH then revised the Draft Decision to reflect Council's recommendations, with the exception of policies allowing for development on private roads.

MMAH has requested that Council provide a formal response to these changes prior to the Ministry's final approval.

Comments

The majority of the proposed modifications are to ensure consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Most of these PPS-related modifications are recommended by planning staff for endorsement by Council.

The one policy issue which MMAH does not support is Council's intent to allow for development on private roads other than infill. At the January 15th meeting, Council reaffirmed its position on allowing

private road development. As a result, the draft resolution formally advises MMAH that Council does not endorse modification #3 and modification #13(f) contained in the Draft Decision.

Once Council has indicated its position on the 'Draft Decision', MMAH will be in a position to approve the Official Plan and anticipate this approval by the end of March.

Recommendation

It is recommended that following the review of the modifications contained in the 'Draft Decision' of the Official Plan from MMAH, that Township Council pass a resolution to advise MMAH that Council agrees with all proposed modifications with the exception of those changes that would curtail development on private roads.

A draft resolution is contained in Appendix 'A'.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX 'A'

DRAFT RESOLUTION – TOWNSHIP of FRONTENAC ISLANDS OFFICIAL PLAN

WHEREAS the Township of Frontenac Islands adopted a new Official Plan in 2011 (By-law 28-2011); and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is the approval authority and has provided the Township with proposed changes to the Official Plan in order for the plan to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement; and

WHEREAS the Ministry has requested that Council provide a response to these changes prior to the Ministry's final approval; and

WHEREAS Township Council is satisfied with the changes with the exception of the policies dealing with private road development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Frontenac Islands inform the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that it endorses all of the proposed modifications to the adopted Official Plan as set out in the revised 'Draft Decision' dated January 16th, 2013 from the Ministry, with the exception of the following:

- 1) The Township does not endorse modification #3 (Section 3.4 – Transportation and Utilities) as it will result in a prohibition of extensions of private roads;
- 2) The Township does not endorse modification # 13(f) (Section 5.2 – Rural Land Use) as it will not allow any extensions to existing private roads.