

Staff Report

Report To: Community Services Committee
Report From: Jocelyn Wainwright, Junior Planner
Meeting Date: November 16, 2022
Report Code: CS-22-139
Subject: Comments on County of Grey Official Plan Amendment
(County OPA) No. 11

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-139 respecting the County of Grey Official Plan Amendment No. 11, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes.

Highlights:

- On January 24, 2022, City Staff brought forward report [CS-22-008](#) to Council, providing an initial analysis of the proposed amendments of County Grey Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 11 as they relate to the interests of the City.
- On July 4, 2022, the County of Grey proposed additional changes to the text and mapping of the County OPA 11 in response to comments received from the public, municipalities, and other agencies.
- Generally, the City has no concern with the changes to County OPA #11 as they relate to the interests of the City.
- County Staff took the [recommendation](#) report to County Council on September 8, 2022.
- OPA 11 was adopted to the County Official Plan by Grey County Council on October 13, 2022.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the “City That Grows” objective for achieving the population target for Owen Sound set out in the Grey County Growth Management Plan.

Previous Report/Authority:

[CS-22-008 – Comments on County Official Plan Amendment \(County OPA\) No. 11](#)

Background:

County Planning Staff initiated an amendment to the County Official Plan (County OPA 11) to implement the results of the updated Growth Management Study (GMS). A public meeting to consider County OPA 11 was held on February 3, 2022. The County has received comments from the public and agencies since January 2022. On July 4, 2022, the County proposed additional changes to the text and mapping of County OPA #11.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Services Committee of the details for concluding the County OPA #11 process.

Analysis:

The County provided a comment summary and response table as part of the public engagement process for OPA 11. The table, which is attached as Schedule ‘A’ to the report, has been modified to include the City of Owen Sound’s comments in response to the changes made by the County as of July 4, 2022, addressing areas of County interest such as Additional Residential Units (ARU’s), minimum density policies within Primary Settlement Areas, and the County’s Climate change Action Plan, etc.

The City had comments with no objection to OPA 11, and the City’s comments have been taken into account. OPA 11 is now adopted through a resolution of the County Committee of the Whole on September 8, 2022.

Financial Implications:

None to the City.

Communication Strategy:

Notice of Complete Application was given as required by the *Planning Act*.

Consultation:

Planning Staff contacted County Staff regarding changes made to County OPA 11.

Attachments:

Schedule 'A': County Commenting Table with City Comments

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Reviewed by:

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