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Draft Revised County of Renfrew Official Plan (5-Year Review)

Official Plan Amendment No. 25



Outline of Meeting

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- County Staff Introduction
- Presentation of Official Plan Amendment #25
- Procedure for comments at tonight's public meeting
- Written submissions will be accepted tonight and up to the end of September

Terminology

- Official Plan – Sets out Council’s policies on how land should be used in a community and guides the physical changes to the built environment and the effects on the natural, social and economic environment. Policies “shall be consistent” with Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).
- Zoning By-law – Regulates specific permitted uses on properties and sets standards for development e.g., minimum lot area, setbacks from property lines.

Roles in the Official Plan Process

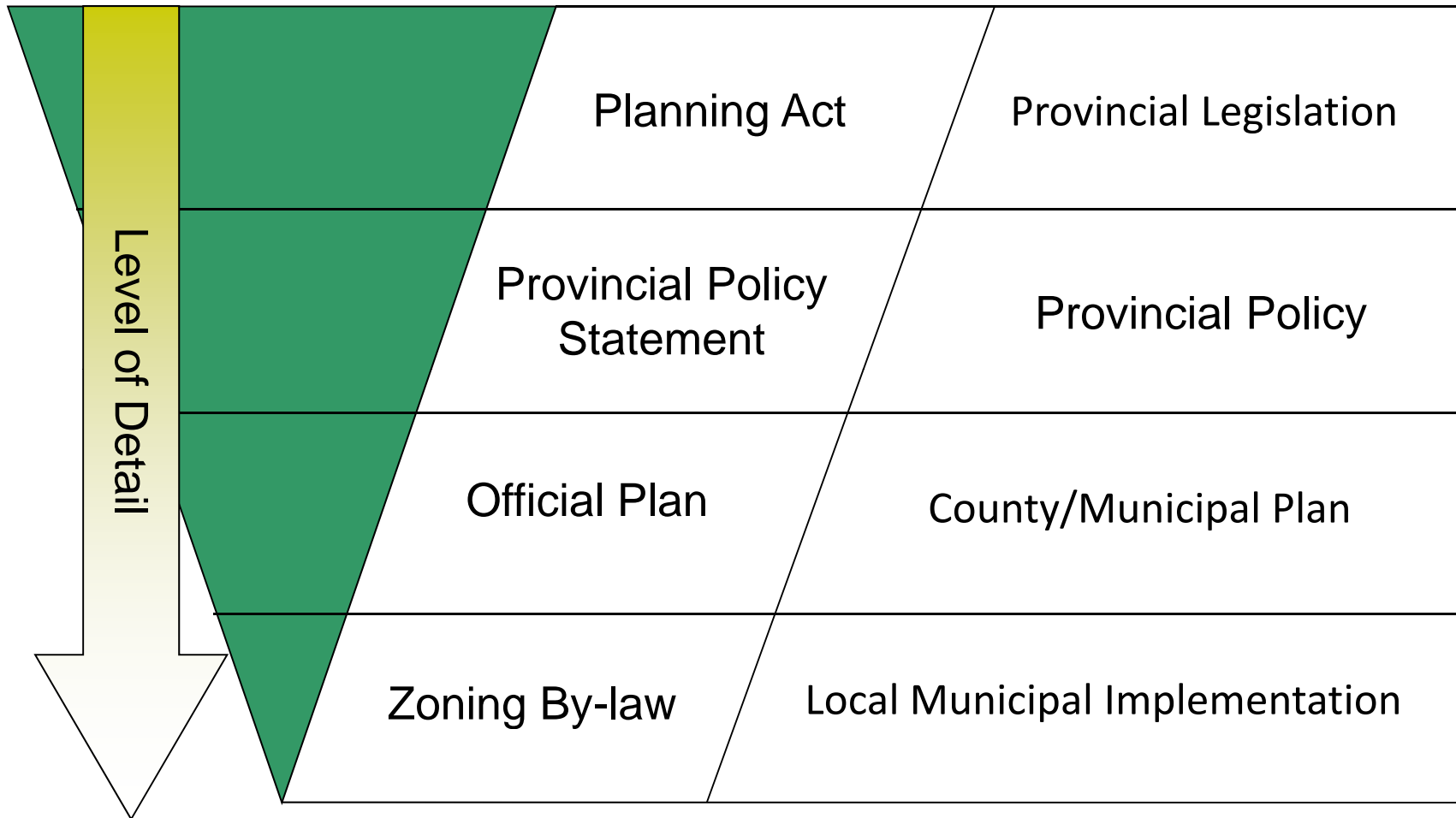
- Province – *Planning Act* and Provincial Policy Statement; approval authority of County OP (can approve, refuse or modify);
- County OP is mandatory (Section 17(13) of Planning Act, O.Reg 352/02);
- County Council – Adopts amendments to County OP;
- County of Renfrew Planning Division – draft policies, prepare mapping, hold public meetings, advisors to Councils;
- Public – be part of the process, provide input on planning issues, source of local knowledge;
- Agencies – provide comments.



5-Year Review - Section 26(1) of the *Planning Act*

- Council shall revise the Official Plan every 5 years to ensure that it:
 - Has regard to provincial interests listed in section 2 of the *Planning Act*;
 - Is consistent with the PPS.

Hierarchy of Planning Documents



The Planning Act - Legislative and Policy Framework for Land Use Planning in Ontario

- Land use planning system led by provincial policy;
- Integrate matters of provincial interest in municipal planning decisions;
- Recognize municipal council decision-making and accountability;
- Encourage cooperation and coordination among various interests;
- Council shall have regard to matters of provincial interest in carrying out their responsibilities;
- Decisions on planning matters shall be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

Provincial Interests – Section 2 of the Planning Act

The council of a municipality shall have regard to matters of provincial interest in carrying out their responsibilities:

- Protection of ecological systems, natural areas, features, functions;
- Protection of agricultural resources;
- Conservation and management of resources;
- Architectural, cultural, archaeological, scientific or historical interest;
- Energy and Water;
- Communication, transportation, sewage, water and waste;
- Development of safe and healthy communities;
- Accessibility;
- Education, health social, cultural and recreational facilities;
- Full range of housing, including affordable housing;
- Employment opportunities;
- Financial and economic well being;
- Co-ordination;
- Resolution of conflicts;
- Public Health and safety;
- Appropriate location of growth and development;
- Built Form.

Outline of Phases and Next Steps

- Phase 1 – Survey of local municipalities and consultation with Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA)
- Phase 2 – Special Council Meeting – May 29, 2012
- Phase 3 – Preparation of draft revised OP
- Phase 4 – Circulate draft revised OP to MMA
- Phase 5 – Committee/County Council review and acceptance of revised draft OP
- Phase 6 – Local municipal review of revised draft OP
- Phase 7 – Preparation of draft
- **Phase 8 – Public review of draft**
- Phase 9 – Final Revisions and County Council Review
 - Adoption of OPA and submission to MMA for approval
- POST APPROVAL – Local Zoning By-laws to be updated (3 Yrs)

Key Updates to County Official Plan

- Adds 3 municipalities (McNab/Braeside, Laurentian Hills, Laurentian Valley). Plan now applies to all 17 local municipalities.
- Includes projections for growth – 60% of growth forecasted to occur in settlement (urban and village community) areas.
- Agriculture Lands added. Uses permitted on Agriculture lands expanded.
- Mining Resource Areas.

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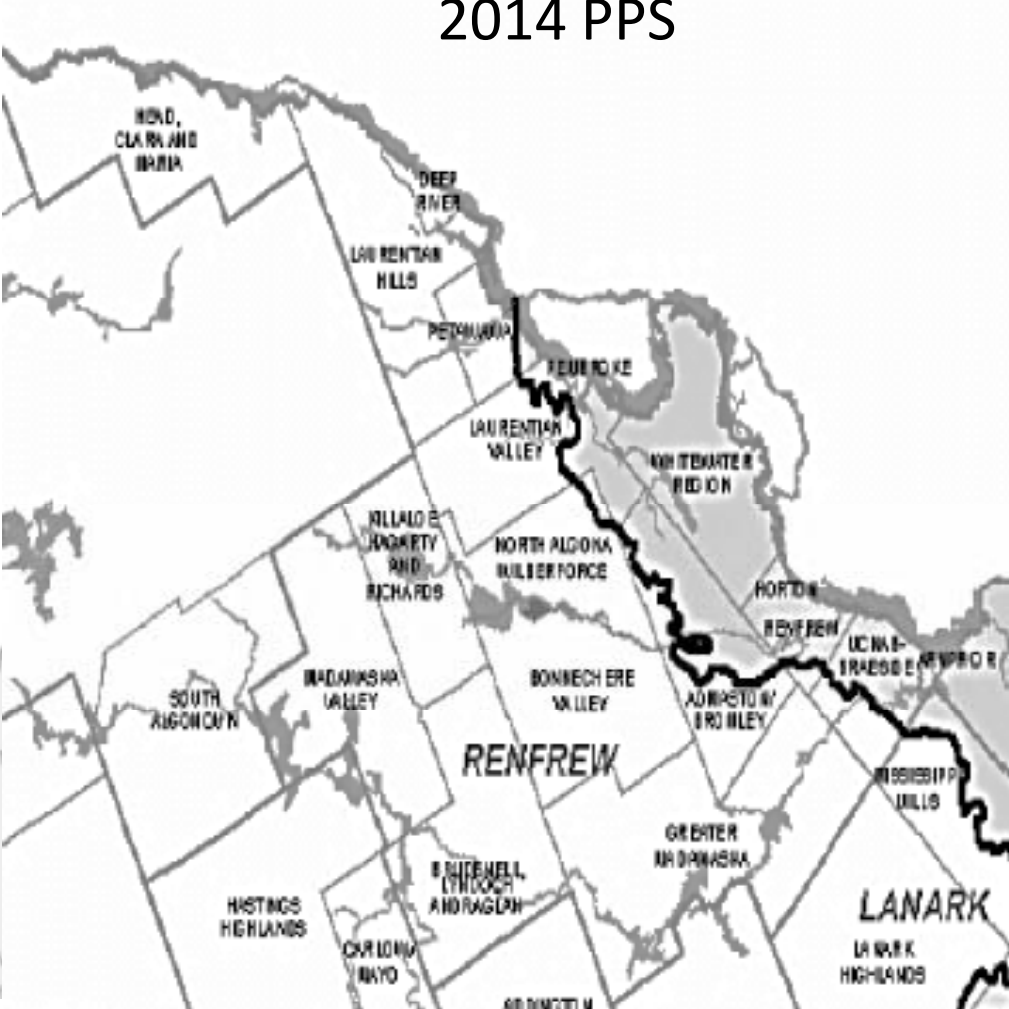
- Private Roads
- Archaeological Studies
- Water quality/quantity assessments
- Secondary Dwelling Units
- Rural Subdivisions

Key Updates to County Official Plan

2005 PPS



2014 PPS



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Natural / Environmental Protection

- Ecoregion 6E
 - Identify significant valleylands and significant woodlands on map schedules and include policies in the text to protect these features
- Local Wetlands
- Karst
- “Sensitive” Lakes terminology changed to “At capacity”
- Wildland Fire
- Watersheds

Maps

- Schedule A is composed of 1 map for all the municipalities and shows the main designations i.e., Rural, Mineral Aggregate, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, etc.
- Enlargements of Schedule A for each of the 12 municipalities that use the plan as a local plan.
- There are 4 Schedule B maps:
 - a) Natural Heritage
 - b) Resource Area (active and inactive aggregate sites, sand and gravel deposits, bedrock, copper and nickel, copper and zinc, dolomite, magnesium, lead, zinc)
 - c) Hazards Map (slip clay sites, abandoned mine sites, karst, active and inactive waste disposal sites, floodlines, wildland hazard)
 - d) Infrastructure Map (Provincial Highways, County and Municipal roads, private roads, Crown roads, paved shoulder, active/non-active railway, pipeline, K&P trail, trails)

Potential Provincial Modifications

- Growth projections vs. Targets/allocations
- Agriculture Land
- Consent Policy
- Private Road Development
- Significant Woodland/Valleyland

Appeal Process

- Only those who provided oral submissions at a public meeting, or provided written submissions may appeal the decision of the Province.
- County of Renfrew Notice of Adoption.
 - Provided to those who request (sign in sheet, written or oral submissions)
- Provincial Notice of Approval.
 - Provided to those who request notice of approval from the province
- Initiates 20 day appeal timeline.

Public Comments

Please note that all comments and submissions received will become part of the public record. County staff will review and consider all of the submissions. A summary chart will be prepared outlining the public comments together with staff comments and recommendations. The chart will be presented to the County's Development and Property Committee and County Council, and posted on the County website. Individual responses will not be provided.

Written submissions may be submitted to the County of Renfrew until September 30, 2016 by sending an email to:

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or by mail:

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