

Report to Council

Report Title:	Plan the Bruce Official Plan Amendment Public Consultation re Growth Management Amendment		
Prepared By:	Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO		
Department:	Building and Planning		
Date:	September 20, 2022		
Report Number:	BLDG2022-22	File Number:	C11BU, D09
Attachments:	Bruce County Official Plan Review Draft Growth Management Official Plan Amendment Final MBPC Growth Management Official Plan Amendment Response Notice of Public Meeting – Growth Management Official Plan Amendment		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2022-22 - Plan the Bruce Official Plan Amendment Public Consultation re Growth Management Amendment, prepared by Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO and in doing so authorizes staff to provide formal comments as part of the public consultation process for the Plan the Bruce: Growth Management Amendment in the form of the letter prepared by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants – Plan the Bruce Official Plan Review – Stage 1 – Growth Management Amendment.

Report:

Background:

The Plan the Bruce, Bruce County Official Plan review continues to advance through the policy amendments and public consultation process. As a result, the Growth Management Amendment has been advanced to the stage where the draft policy changes are open for public consultation as part of the Official Plan review and as required under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. Information on the Growth Management Amendment can be found at <https://www.planthebruce.ca/official-plan>. The public is encouraged to engage and provide their input in the public consultation process for the Plan the Bruce Official Plan review, notice of the Public Meeting is included with this report.

Analysis:

In review of the proposed Growth Management Amendment Municipal staff reviewed the proposed amendment in consultation with Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (MBPC). The following summarizes the letter provided by MBPC which is to be read and considered in its entirety for the purposes of providing comments as part of the public consultation process.

- Section 4.4.3.4 of the draft Official Plan Amendment - The Provincial Policy Statement 2020 (policy 1.6.6.4) recognizes the important of not only allowing minor infilling, but also permitting minor rounding out of existing development in settlement areas, including hamlets.
- Section 4.4.3.7 and 4.4.3.8. of the draft Official Plan Amendment – the County recognizes that the Municipality of Brockton is facing significant constraints with the supply of development lands within the Primary Urban Community in the draft Policy with no solution or accommodation to the issue, as there is no further direction provided. This limits the ability of the Municipality to address its short term and long term demands for housing, employment and commercial land uses. In the opinion of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, this fails to address the identified emerging demands for growth and lack of supply of available growth lands in the Walkerton Primary Urban Community and are not of the opinion that the proposed policies of the Growth Management Official Plan Amendment sufficiently address the issue of land needs within the Walkerton Primary Urban Area.

Further engagement and consultation are necessary with Bruce County Planning and their consultants on the proposed Growth Management Amendment to ensure that appropriate planning policies are implemented into the Bruce County Official that support the Municipality of Brockton.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Consulting fees associated with the Plan the Bruce – Bruce County Official Plan review were allocated within the 2022 Budget.

Reviewed By:

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Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer