



PUBLIC MEETING

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

MINUTES

April 23, 2009

PURPOSE: To hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 17 (15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to inform the public and to obtain their input with respect to a proposed amendment to the Regional Official Plan (ROPA 21) as it relates to agriculture, air quality, natural heritage and integrated waste management policies.

Chaired by Regional Chair E. Kolb

1. ROLL CALL

Members: G. Carlson; C. Corbasson; S. Fennell; G. Gibson; N. Iannicca; E. Kolb; K. Mahoney*; H. McCallion; S. McFadden; G. Miles; E. Moore, M. Morrison; P. Mullin, P. Palleschi; C. Parrish*; R. Paterak; M. Prentice*; P. Saito*; J. Sanderson; J. Sprovieri; A. Thompson; R. Whitehead

Members Absent: E. Adams; F. Dale, due to other municipal business; A. Groves, due to other municipal business; S. McFadden due to vacation; S. Fennell, due to other municipal business

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; R. K. Gillespie, Commissioner of Employee and Business Services; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Environment, Transportation and Planning Services; N. Trim, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; K. Ward, Commissioner of Human Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director of Legal Services and Risk Management; J. Payne, Deputy Clerk; C. Thomson, Legislative Specialist

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

2. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Regional Chair Kolb called the public meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton. He stated that the public meeting was open and was being held pursuant to Section 17 (15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Chair Kolb stated that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions regarding this Amendment at this public meeting or make written submissions before this proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted by the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) may dismiss all or part of an appeal.

3. CONFIRMATION OF NOTIFICATION

Jeff Payne, Deputy Clerk stated that Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with Section 17 (15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, by publication in the following news media:

Brampton Guardian - March 11, 2009

Mississauga News - March 11, 2009

Caledon Enterprise - March 11, 2009

Caledon Citizen - March 12, 2009

Further, it was noted that Notice of the Public Meeting was posted on the Regional website as of March 5, 2009 (www.peelregion.ca) and the Draft Official Plan Amendment was available to the public on the website as of the same date.

4. FURTHER NOTICE REQUEST

The Regional Chair stated that if any person would like further notice of the future passage of this proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA), that they should give their full name, address, postal code, and telephone number, in writing, at the Clerk's reception counter prior to leaving the meeting.

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- a) **Arvin Prasad, Director, Planning Policy and Research, Environment, Transportation and Planning Services**, Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21 (ROPA 21) as it relates to Agriculture, Air Quality, Natural Heritage and Integrated Waste Management Policies.

Received

Councillor Saito arrived at 9:40 a.m.
Councillor Parrish arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Arvin Prasad, Director, Planning Policy and Research, Environment, Transportation and Planning Services, outlined the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) with respect to natural heritage, agriculture, air quality and integrated waste management. He stated that the draft amendment is focused on achieving conformity with provincial initiatives and consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement. Arvin Prasad noted that the proposed Amendment had been circulated to a number of agencies and that comments had been received from some of those agencies. He further noted that Planning staff will review and consider all comments received, revise the Amendment and report back to Regional Council.

Councillor Prentice arrived at 10:05 a.m.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Oral Submissions

Chair Kolb invited submissions and presentations from those present at the meeting.

Additional Items – Items 6.a.i) and 6.a.ii):

- i) **Ian Sinclair and David Lyons, Peel Federation of Agriculture**, Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment Number 21, (ROPA 21)

Received

David Lyons expressed appreciation on behalf of the Peel Federation of Agriculture (PFA) for the fruitful meetings held with Regional staff regarding the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment and indicated the desire of the PFA for continued dialogue.

David Lyons stated that agricultural policies must reflect the evolutionary nature of the industry and, therefore requires carefully considered policies and wording that encourages the evolution. He noted that the provincial Green Energy Act provides some significant direction that the agricultural community can participate in and because of that emerging opportunity, careful consideration must be given to the use of our natural environment. David Lyons advised that due to these emerging situations, the PFA is not in a position to support ROPA 21 at this time and respectfully requests an extension of the schedule for reporting to Regional Council with a final proposed Amendment.

Ian Sinclair noted that the Provincial Policy Statement requires clarification so that it does not inhibit the expansion or adaptation of existing agricultural operations in Peel. Ian Sinclair advised that the PFA would be submitting written comments in support of their presentation.

Councillor Morrison advised that the Council of the Town of Caledon passed a motion supporting the postponement of a final Amendment to the Fall, 2009 and directing Town staff to continue the dialogue with staff from the Region of Peel and the PFA. Councillor Morrison indicated that she would place a similar motion at the April 23, 2009 Regional Council meeting.

- ii) **Bruce Reed, Resident, City of Brampton**, Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment Number 21, (ROPA 21)

Received

See also Item 6b.xv)

Bruce Reed, Resident, City of Brampton advised that he has lived on and farmed a property on Heritage Road for over 36 years and that he has a concern with respect to ROPA 21. Mr. Reed noted that Core Areas of the Greenlands System have been proposed along the border of his property in error as these natural features do not exist today. He requested that Regional staff visit his property to view the area in question and suggested that perhaps, outdated aerial photos had been used to identify green core areas in some circumstances.

Mr. Reed expressed his support of the comments made by the representatives of the Peel Federation of Agriculture.

b) **Written Submissions**

- i) **Don Lobb, P.Ag.**, Letter dated March 9, 2009 Providing Comments and Suggestions in Regards to Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- ii) **Heather Konefat, Director of Community Planning, York Region**, Letter dated March 16, 2009 Advising that York Region Has No Objections with Respect to Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- iii) **Paul Mountford, Intermediate Planning Officer, Peel District School Board**, Letter dated March 17, 2009, Advising that the Peel District School Board has Reviewed Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21 and Has No Comments

Received

- iv) **Jason Afonso, Planning Department, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board**, Email dated March 18, 2009, Advising that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has No Comments Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

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- v) **Thomas McKay, Peel Regional Police**, Email dated March 18, 2009 Advising that Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21 is Satisfactory

Received

- vi) **Bob Lehman, President, Lehman and Associates**, Letter dated March 30, 2009 Requesting a Revision to Proposed Official Plan Amendment 21 to Reflect the Exemption of TransCanada Pipelines Limited from Municipal Zoning By-laws and Official Plans

Received

- vii) **Chief Sharon Stinson Henry, Chippewas of Rama First Nation**, Letter dated March 30, 2009, Acknowledging Receipt of Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- viii) **Randy McLeod**, Email dated April 1, 2009, Requesting an Exemption to the Woodlands Policy in the Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- ix) **Eric Chandler, Manager of Planning, Town of New Tecumseth**, Letter dated April 2, 2009 Advising that the Town of New Tecumseth has No Comments Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

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- x) **Olyshola, Student**, Comments provided April 8, 2009 Regarding the Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- xi) **Janet Kuzniar, Brampton Business Owner**, Letter dated April 8, 2009 Providing Comments Regarding the Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

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- xii) **Kathy Suggitt, Manager of Policy Planning, County of Simcoe**, Email dated April 8, 2009, Providing Comments and Suggestions Related to the Greenlands and Waste Management Systems

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- xiii) **Anne Marie Laurence, Ecological Monitoring Specialist, Niagara Escarpment Commission**, Letter dated April 9, 2009 Providing Comments and Suggestions with Respect to Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- xiv) **Josh Campbell, Senior Planner, Credit Valley Conservation Authority**, Letter dated April 9, 2009 Advising of Outstanding Concerns Regarding the Proposed Policies and Framework for Significant Woodlands and Wildlife Habitat

Received

- xv) **Michael Gagnon, Managing Principal Planner, Gagnon Law Bozzo Urban Planners**, Letter dated April 15, 2009 on Behalf of Bruce and Shirley Reed, Expressing Concerns and Suggestions Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

See also Item 6a.ii)

- xvi) **David Burnett, Manager, Provincial and Regional Policy, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA)**, Letter dated April 16, 2009, Providing Comments and Suggestions with Respect to Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- xvii) **Jennifer Lawrence, Manager, Environmental Planning, Conservation Halton**, Letter dated April 17, 2009 Providing Comments Regarding Sixteen Mile Creek within Lisgar and the North 16 District

Received

Additional Items – Items xviii and xix:

- xviii) **Michael Gagnon, Managing Principal Planner, Gagnon Law Bozzo Urban Planners**, Letter dated April 17, 2009 on behalf of the North West Brampton Landowners Group Inc. (NWBLG) Advising of Concerns and Providing Suggestions with respect to Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21

Received

- xix) **Maurizio Rogato, Land Development, Solmar Development Corp.**, Letter dated April 22, 2009, Providing Comments Regarding Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment 21 (ROPA 21)

Received

7. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Chair Kolb advised those in attendance that comments and submissions will be taken into consideration and a final report and supporting by-law will be considered by Regional Council at a future meeting.

Councillor Mahoney arrived at 10:39 a.m. due to a personal matter.

Councillor Mullin inquired if the proposed Amendment could include policies to address the stressed air sheds in the City of Mississauga and inquired if the Medical Officer of Health could provide comments to the Ministry of the Environment with respect to Certificates of Approval, prior to their issuance.

Councillor McCallion noted that the provincial standards with respect to air quality are not adequate. She suggested that including statements in the proposed Amendment requiring conformity to provincial policy alone would also not be sufficient and that instead, action is required.

Regional Chair Kolb requested the Commissioner of Health to relay the concerns raised at the public meeting with the Medical Officer of Health so that he may provide input when staff report to Regional Council with a final proposed amendment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Regional Chair Kolb officially closed the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Deputy Clerk