

December 9, 2019

Rural Municipality of North Shore

Meeting of the Special Committee (Dec. 5) Summary

The Special Committee for the *Official Plan* and *Bylaw* Review met December 5, 2019 to review the first draft of the *Official Plan*, more specifically to review the proposed municipal goal, objectives, policies, and plan actions. Dv8 Consulting presented a summary of the proposed changes to the existing North Shore *Official Plan* which included:

- Restructuring the document to organize sections according to the requirements of the Planning Act;
- Removing conflicting policies to ensure Council can use the Official Plan to guide decision making in the future;
- Removing and simplifying sections that are repetitive;
- Removing sections that reiterate provincial regulations (aka. you don't need a policy on issues you don't have a choice about); and
- To address the specific language choices in the document.

The new *Official Plan* will be smaller and a more user-friendly document.

Issues discussed at the meeting included:

- The need to promote residential development on existing undeveloped lots and further reduce strip development in agricultural areas;
- Regulating development size on undersized existing lots originally subdivided for seasonal cottage use;
- Promoting good forest management practices;
- Private roads; and
- Managing ongoing maintenance and inspections of private services and the potential for a new Bylaw to outline requirements and expectations of property owners.

Project timeline:

Draft 2 of the Official Plan will be submitted on or before December 20.

The Special Committee is planning to meet again January 7.

Pending the outcome of the next meeting and the need for further revisions, a public meeting to present the draft will be scheduled for late January/early February.

Once there is a general consensus on the *Official Plan*, DV8 Consulting will prepare the first draft of the new *Land Use Bylaw*.