



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, April 08, 2021
Subject: **County Official Plan Review – Special Meeting of Council**

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to schedule a special meeting of Council for the County Official Plan Review in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act.

2.0 Background

County Council has provided direction to proceed with an Official Plan Review to address the requirements for a municipal comprehensive review (MCR) and a five-year review. The County will bring the Official Plan up to date with Provincial plans, matters of Provincial interest under the Planning Act and Provincial policy statements through phased revisions to the Plan.

Unlike other amendments to the Official Plan, Section 26 of the Act lays out an additional requirement for a special meeting of Council. The key difference between a special meeting of Council and a statutory public meeting or open house, is that the special meeting is held earlier in the process to give members of the public an opportunity to discuss the revisions that may be required.

The meeting must be open to the public and Council must give any person who attends the meeting an opportunity to be heard on the subject.

Recommendations

That staff arrange for County Council to hold a special meeting in June 2021, in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act, to provide for public input on the revisions that may be required through the Official Plan Review.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Wilhelm'.

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