

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Growth Management Strategy Task Force Meeting

GMSTF2022-003
Friday, April 29, 2022
10:00 A.M.
Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:
Councillor Ashmore
Chris Appleton
Lois Found
Braden Kemp
John Kintare
Mike Perry
Sharon Summers
David Webb
Richard Williams

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1. **Call to Order**

Task Force members in attendance: Councillor Ashmore, Chris Appleton, Lois Found, Braden Kemp, John Kintare, Mike Perry, Sharon Summers, David Webb, Richard Williams.

Municipal Staff in attendance: Leah Barrie, Manager of Planning, Richard Holy, Director of Development Services and Nancy Ord, Administrative Assistant

Consultants in attendance: Jamie Cook, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., Kelly Martel, Dillon Consulting

The April 29, 2022 Growth Management Strategy Task Force meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair D. Webb.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

C. Appleton requested the Agenda be revised to include Item 7.3 Update of the status of the Secondary Plan appeals.

GMS2022-010

Moved By S. Summers

Seconded By M. Perry

That the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

4. **Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Growth Management Strategy Task Force Meeting, April 22, 2022

D. Webb requested the minutes of the April 22, 2022 GMS Task Force Meeting be amended by:

- Adding to the first bullet in Subsection 7.1 "... but may report on what the unit numbers would be with and without MZOs."
- Adding the words "the GMS Task Force does not see itself as a communication vehicle for MZOs."

Questions were raised on MZOs and the GMS Land Needs Assessment. The consultant indicated MZOs may result in shifts in the GMS land needs assessment, that comment on the impacts of MZOs are premature at this time and a topic for future Task Force discussion. While several GMS members expressed concern that future development will focus on Lindsay and Bobcaygeon and may limit Fenelon Falls and the rural area, reference was made to the importance of the planning process, urban boundaries and servicing as limiting factors.

GMS2022-011

Moved By S. Summers

Seconded By B. Kemp

That the minutes of the April 22, 2022 Growth Management Strategy Task Force meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5. Deputations

There were no deputations presented.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence presented.

7. New Business

7.1 GMSTF2022-03.7.1

Growth Management Strategy Work Plan - Communications and Phase 1 Technical Analysis Update

J. Cook presented a series of slides and commented on the GMS “Work Plan”:

- GMS study overview, accomplishments to date and current status.
- Anticipated Technical Report #1 in June/July 2022.
- Anticipated Technical Report #2 in December/March 2022
- Anticipated Final Draft of the GMS in May/June 2023.

Comments of Task Force members included:

- A brief summary of minutes taken for municipal Technical Advisory Committee meetings held to discuss technical details and coordinate efforts,

and, for Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing meetings to monitor progress, will be made available to the Task Force.

- Analysis of the impact of the MZOs can occur at a higher level without projecting specific numbers and acknowledgement that discussion will occur on the impact of the Province's approved MZOs.
- Acknowledgement of the possibility of future MZOs and forecast/factor for this possibility.

K. Martel presented on the GMS Communications and Engagement Plan and its objective to create an inclusive and interactive public input primarily on line, through Council meetings, through the Task Force and the City's JumpIn Web site. The Project is currently nearing the public launch of the Discussion Paper and will also include a survey for interested landowners, discussion questions to encourage feedback and ongoing monitoring of the Jump In Page.

Comments of Task Force members included:

- Participation through the Jump In Page should be supplemented with tools such as mailing lists, addition of widgets to the Jump In page to encourage a discussion board, survey questions to increase public input and to aid in validating positions taken/direction provided by the Task Force.
- Formal public consultation as set out in the Planning Act for amendments is not required or proposed as part of the GMS but will follow as part of the subsequent Municipal Comprehensive Plan Review and Official Plan update process.
- Task Force members were encouraged to provide specific examples of problems with the Jump In web page which was seen as not user friendly. Follow-up with Communications Division can provide information on performance indicators for the Jump In site and options such as social media "e-blasts" can encourage participation and flag a project that is being presented to Committee and Council.
- Strong recommendation that a public zoom meeting be arranged and newspaper notice published to encourage public participation with a lack of confidence expressed on the passive platform of the Jump In page being an ineffective method for public input and dialogue.
- Additional landowner input is occurring resulting from monitoring by staff in recent years of expressions of interest for development and planning inquiries/applications. A summary of these communications/dialogue would be provided to the Task Force.

- Task Force members use their individual local contacts to inform and encourage feedback on the GMS Project.

J. Cook presented on Background Information for the GMS noting the Provincial Policy context, mandatory land needs assessment methodology, the approach to assessing long-term urban land needs to 2051. The GMS will provide policy direction on rural areas but land budgeting will focus on the fully serviced urban system including Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon. The presentation noted challenges of meeting the Provincial intensification targets but indicated the greenfield targets of 40 people/jobs/hectare are achievable.

Comments of Task Force members included:

- Limits to development for serviced lands outside urban boundaries, in particular Fenelon Falls, will have a real impact on people's lives and developers' projects. The GMS will recommend urban boundaries, and will provide strategic policy recommendations, while the planning process is designed to accommodate expansions and growth plans are updated every ten years.
- The GMS should provide direction on a number of development issues including mixing of lot sizes in order to create incentives for new residents to locate in Kawartha Lakes and not compete with the Toronto/Whitby areas.

J. Cook presented on the technical components of the GMS including review of population, housing and employment trends, seasonal housing population, setting residential intensification and density targets, employment targets, review of urban land supply to 2051, the identification of urban expansion area requirements and planning policy for residential and non-residential lands.

7.2 GMSTF2022-03.7.2

Impact of Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO's) on Growth Management Strategy and Mitigation Strategies

The Chair referred to the April 22, 2022 Task Force meeting on Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) and noted the Task Force continue in its role to inform City Council on the GMS and raise the following potential comments:

- Concern about the use of MZOs by the Province and affect on the Task Force's work.
- MZOs are not the ideal process for determining the direction of growth.
- The City of Kawartha Lakes should not support further MZOs without understanding their impact on the GMS Work.

- A process be developed to ensure public awareness of MZOs.
- A final GMS report should include analysis of the impact of MZOs.
- Public consultation should not be used as a vehicle to support MZOs.

Task Force members added the following:

- A deputation to Council is encouraged and any comments/deputations be copied to the Provincial MPP's office.
- Draft correspondence will be prepared for review by the Task Force and Staff for factual input and clarification of local jurisdiction prior to submission of deputation to Council.

GMS2022-012

Moved By J. Kintare

Seconded By S. Summers

That the Task Force prepare draft deputation for City Council consideration for further consideration by the Task Force.

Carried

7.3 GMSTF2022-03.7.3

Update on the status of the Secondary Plan appeals.

Staff provided the following update on the Secondary Plan appeals before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT):

- Settlements for the appeals of the Official Plan (2012) and the General Amendment OPA 13 have been accepted and four of the seven OLT tribunal phases to hear appeals have been completed.
- The 2012 Urban Settlement Boundary for Fenelon Falls is now in effect and will be used for the GMS.
- A request will be made to OLT at the next Case Management Conference in July 2022 to schedule the hearing phases for the remaining appeals of the Secondary Plans for Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls and Omemee.
- To be addressed are common issues across all secondary plans relating primarily to commercial policies, followed by the balance of the land use policies in each Secondary Plan. Settlement of appeal efforts are underway.

- The Communications Division will be approached to provide updated notice on the ongoing appeals.

8. Next Meeting

A poll of Task Force members will be taken providing meeting date options in the next month.

9. Adjournment

GMS2022-013

Moved By C. Appleton

Seconded By M. Perry

That the Growth Management Strategy Task Force meeting be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Carried