



Notes from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1/09  
Held on March 13, 2009

**Members Present:**

Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
Gerald Poisson	City of Barrie
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Mel Coutanche	Township of Oro Medonte
Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater

**Regrets:**

Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands

**Staff Present:**

Chris Hibberd	Director of Planning
Bob Law	Watershed Planner

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**1. Adoption of Agenda:**

Members of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) adopted the Agenda for the March 13, 2009 meeting.

**2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**

The election of the Chair and Vice Chair was postponed until the next meeting pending attendance of all the committee members. Walter Benotto agreed to be the Acting Committee Chair for the meeting.

**3. Review and Discussion of Proposed Business 2009 – 2011:**

NVCA staff (Director of Planning) reviewed the draft business plan specific to the planning program. This included discussing program priorities, staffing and actions contained in Appendix D Planning Services.

The committee discussed 2009 action items such as examining opportunities to update existing municipal agreements as well as looking for opportunities to establish new agreements. The intent of the agreements would be to pursue ways to increase efficiencies, consistency and eliminate duplication in the provision of comments on planning applications and Authority permits.

Other 2009 targets that were discussed included deputations to municipalities on NVCA's Planning Role and Responsibilities and developing a brochure on this topic.

Overall the members were supportive of the proposed update to the Business plan including 2009 targeted activities. The following recommendation was moved by Tom Elliott, seconded by Percy Way and supported by all members:

**Recommendation**

That Planning staff develop a final version of the Planning Services component of the 2009-2011 Business Plan based on recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee, for consideration of the Board of Directors at their April 17, 2009 meeting.

**4. Update on Proposed Plan Input and Review and Regulations Program Implementation Guidelines:**

Update was provided by staff (Watershed Planner) on the progress to date and discussion on the future process action items. The 2008 municipal circulation and web posting of draft guidelines were discussed as well as the November 13, 2008 Planning Workshop. Staff are currently updating proposed guidelines based on received municipal comments and internal comments as well as the final Conservation Ontario guideline document. It is staff's intent to bring forward the updated document to the next PAC meeting and seek the committee's approval to circulate the document to municipalities for their comments. At the same time the updated document would be posted on our website for comment by watershed stakeholders.

The following recommendation was moved by Garry Matthews, seconded by Tom Elliott and supported by all members:

**Recommendation**

That staff bring forward the updated Proposed Plan Input and Review and Regulations Program Implementation Guidelines to the next PAC meeting (April 17, 2009).

**5. Other Business:**

Other matters raised and discussed by committee members included the proposed the *Green Energy Act* and its impacts on the NVCA. Also, examining opportunities to require compensatory measures in cases where natural heritage features are being impacted on by development. In both cases NVCA staff advised that we would examine both of these topics for a future discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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