



REPORT N° AMÉ-20-03-R

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Subject	OP Review
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1) **NATURE/GOAL :**

The nature of this Special Meeting of Council is to gather comments from the public, the development industry and Council on current issues and challenges under the current Official Plan of the urban area, as well as to obtain comments on improvements that can be undertaken. This meeting is the first step in the process of the Official Plan five-year update.

2) **DIRECTIVE/PREVIOUS POLICY :**

n/a

3) **DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION :**

THAT this report be received as information only.

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4) **BACKGROUND :**

As a lower-tier municipality, Clarence-Rockland must use the Official Plan to clearly define its goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct growth. It may also use this document to describe the measures and procedures to attain its objectives.

A start-up meeting with municipal representatives was held on November 20th, 2019. The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) is the approval authority. Consistent with Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, a consultation meeting with the UCPR was also held on November 20th, 2019 to discuss the revisions that may be required. Under this same Section, it is indicated that Council must hold a special meeting of Council, open to the public, to discuss the revisions that might be required.

5) **DISCUSSION :**

The City of Clarence-Rockland has initiated a five-year review of its Official Plan (OP) as mandated by the Province under the provisions of Section 26(1) of the *Planning Act*. The last Official Plan review was conducted in 2014. The City of Clarence-Rockland retained the planning services of J.L. Richards for the revisions to the Official Plan.

Key issues to be addressed through the Official Plan Review include:

- The revision of the housing policies similar to the Secondary plan approach;
- The revision of matters of provincial interest (flood plains, wetlands, etc.) to be consistent with County OP;
- An update to Section 7: Roads and Schedule B to be consistent with the Transportation Master Plan.

A revision to the current Official Plan was completed in 2017 in order to be consistent with Official Plan Amendment No. 31 to the UCPR Official Plan. Density requirements were modified at that time.

Under this five-year review, the City will revise its official plan as required to ensure that it has regard to the matters of provincial interest listed in Section 2 of the *Planning Act* and is consistent with policy statements issued under subsection 3(1) of said document.

Notice of the Special Meeting of Council was published in the **Vision Prescott-Russell**, December 3rd and 10th, 2019 in accordance with Section 26(4) of the *Planning Act*.

6) **CONSULTATION:**

The special council meeting is scheduled for January 15th, 2020. Tentatively, an open house will be held in March 2020 and a public meeting will be held in May 2020.

7) **RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE/ OTHER DEPARTMENTS :**

n/a

8) **FINANCIAL IMPACT (expenses/material/etc.):**

n/a

9) **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS :**

n/a

10) **RISK MANAGEMENT :**

n/a

11) **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS :**

The Official plan is a policy document that guides the short-term and long-term development of the City. The policies are considered necessary in order to promote orderly growth and compatibility among land uses.

12) **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

n/a