

Planning and Development

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- Planning Responsibilities (approval authority, review agency)
- Implement/Apply the County Official Plan policies as approved by Council
- County Forests
- County Trails
- Agriculture
- 911/Civic Addressing
- Various Strategic Initiatives

Planning and Development

- County is the approval authority for:
 - Local Official Plans and Local Official Plan Amendments
 - County Official Plan Amendments
 - Part Lot Control By-laws
 - Plans of Subdivision and Condominiums*
**exception: City of Owen Sound*
- Municipal Plan Review
- Review Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendments/Permit Applications



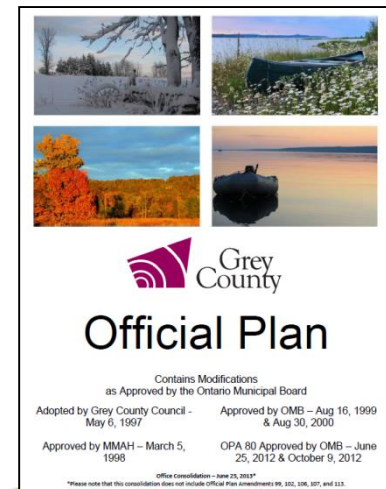
One Window Review Process

- All applications are received centrally by the Planning Department
- Applications circulated internally to Departments when deemed appropriate (criteria based)
- Departments provide comments to Planning Department
- Comments Summarized by Planning Dept. and sent to the local municipality
- Streamlined the review process



County Official Plan

- Need to review County Official Plan every 5 years
- Purpose
 - guide development in Grey County
 - Provides broad policy framework
 - Guides economic, social and land use changes
 - Interprets and applies the intent of Provincial Policy
- Amendment to the OP proposed in 2015
- Five Year Review to commence in 2017



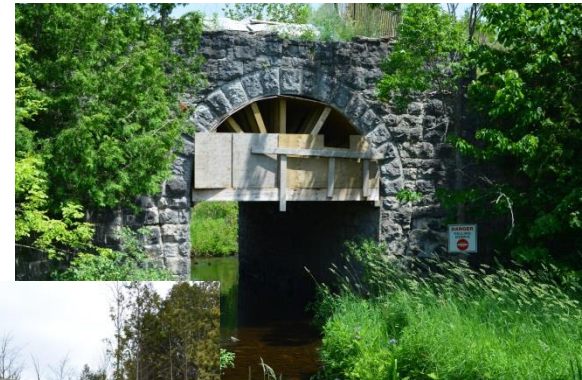
County Forests

- 8,440 acres of County Forests
- 45 Individual Forest Properties/Tracts
- Managed in accordance with the County Forest Management Plan
- Various Recreational Opportunities (hiking, walking, biking, hunting, etc.)



County Trails

- Various Trails in the County Forests
- CP Rail Trail – Owen Sound to Dundalk (77km)
 - Multi-use trail
 - Cycling, hiking, walking ATV use, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling
- 911 Signage along the entire trail
- Crossings/Drainage Easements
- Capital Projects



Agriculture

- Management and Enforcement of the Forest Management By-law (Carl Sadler)
 - Regulates the management of forests throughout the County
- Beaver and Coyote compensation
- Funds Agricultural Organizations – Grey Agricultural Services and the Grey County 4H Club
- Improving communications between the County and the Agricultural Community

911/Civic Addressing

- Manage and Coordinate the 911 system
- Coordinate the civic addressing system
- Assign and manage civic addresses for the rural areas in Grey County
- Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) – Owen Sound Police Services (central dispatch)



Strategic Initiatives

- Transportation Master Plan
- Growth Management Study Update
- Green in Grey – Natural Environmental Study
- Assisting with 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
- First Nations Engagement/Notification Protocol
- Healthy Community Strategies
- Involved with Economic Development Action Plan, Rural Transportation Study, etc.

“Green in Grey”

Natural Environment Study

Natural Heritage Systems

Natural Environment Study

- Natural Resources Solution Inc. hired to conduct Natural Environment Study
- Provincial Policy Statement 2014 requires municipalities to identify natural heritage systems (Section 2.1.3)
- Evaluate the natural heritage features (e.g. wetlands, woodlands, etc.) using a systems based approach
- Identify key linkages between natural environment features
- “Made in Grey” approach – need to balance natural heritage feature and system protection with the continued need for development and resource use

Natural Environment Study

Next Steps

- Very early stages of the project
 - Stage 1: Background Data Collection and Review and prepare preliminary NHS mapping
 - Stakeholder/Public Workshop – (Q1/2 2015)
 - Stage 2: Prepare draft criteria and conduct field work
 - Stakeholder/Public Workshop – (Q3/2015)
 - Stage 3: Apply Criteria and Draft NHS
 - Present to Committee/Council (Q4/2015)
- Update Committee and Council throughout the Process

Growth Management Study Update

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- The County is currently studying our growth needs and demographics moving forward, and has retained Hemson Consulting Ltd. to assist with this study.
- Previous Growth Management Study completed prior to recession and therefore population projections and employment/housing forecasts need to be updated
- Study will be finalized in 2015

Growth Management Study Update

Next Steps

- ❑ Continue Municipal staff consultation
- ❑ Industry stakeholder consultation
- ❑ Finalize updated land supply inventory
- ❑ Finalize County-wide forecasts
- ❑ Prepare local allocations of growth
- ❑ Prepare Seasonal unit forecast

Questions?