

Special Meeting of Council Workshop - May 19, 2016

Recolour Grey Official Plan Comments List

Environment Table

TOPIC	DOTMOCRACY (priority dots)	Numerous comments? Yes or No	OP SECTION	COMMENTS
Agriculture	1 dot	Yes	2.1	No GMO's or Neonics State of soil from years of agricultural use is having an impact on percolation (who is responsible) Soil conservation, who is responsible? Need to educate on the responsible management of farm land Strong agrarian culture and many family farms (generational farming, farming is changing quickly)
Air Pollution		No	2.9	Need to reduce carbon emissions
Nature	2 dots	Yes	2.8.1 2.5	Need to promote naturalization (flowers are good for bees) Natural feature designation is not working (significant woodlands, endangered species, an EIS is not always necessary: 1-letter of clearance may be more appropriate, 2-checklist, 3-Full EIS) EIS is cost prohibitive and causes nothing but issues, we need a middle ground. Preservation of the escarpment

Waste Disposal	1 dot	Yes	6.15	<p>Solid waste should be the county's responsibility (large amount of garbage could sustain an incinerator/alternative ie. biodigester)</p> <p>Is plasmification a solution for what to do with our garbage? (plasma converters breakdown nearly every type of waste and only leaves gasses, slag and clean energy)</p> <p>Coalition corporation of municipalities to use biodigester (Breaks down organic material and produces renewable energy in the form of biogas), need buy in from all 9 municipalities (Bruce County)</p>
Water	3 dots	Yes	5.3.4	<p>Who will be in charge of source water protection?</p> <p>Source water is good</p> <p>Protect other identified wetlands</p>
Forest		Yes	7.3.3	<p>Earthworms are affecting the forest by eating nutrients from forest floors</p> <p>Making county forests more accessible and don't allow ATV's</p> <p>More promotion of forests</p>
Wildlife		Yes		<p>Authorities are too quick on the trigger for Invasive species (EAB)</p> <p>Fishers vs. porcupines is a bad idea (Fishers are a predator of porcupines)</p> <p>Coyotes (population control)</p> <p>Implement a simple strategy to help turtles on roads</p>
Policy	3 dots	Yes	2.5	<p>What are the county's priorities? Will policies be</p>

				<p>proactive enough to be proactive with environmental issues</p> <p>Need more directives for unevaluated wetlands and need to remove duplicates</p> <p>SVCA must go (got all 3 dots)</p> <p>NEC should go (Bob Pringle)</p> <p>Keep NEC if they can protect from wind turbines</p> <p>Environmental organizations have little authority (political corruption)</p> <p>Provincial government push to get rid of non-gas energy sources in homes by 2036, subsidies and electric cars (education)</p>
Well head protection		No	5.3.4	<p>Municipalities expropriated areas where well heads are to be protected (rent out areas with restrictions to renters, ie. can't use fertilizers)</p> <p>gives better control for protections</p>
Climate Change	2 dots	Yes		<p>County needs to make changes (California model- the State of California has made a goal of reducing GHG emissions to below 40% of 1990 levels), plan for it, transition movement/handbook, self-sufficient communities, sustainability)</p> <p>All levels of government need to take responsibility for climate change</p> <p>Shouldn't be a broad conversation about big change but should be about small change (rationing)</p> <p>The impacts of heavy rains on roads</p> <p>Stop allowing incineration on private property</p>

				(make it illegal to burn) Reduce the county's carbon emissions
Hydro Infrastructure	1 dot	Yes	5.1.3	Should be available everywhere and renewable energy should be mandated (look at other countries legislation ie. France) No wind turbines (Bruce has it in their OP) Blue Mountain approach to no wind turbines (community banded together)
Urban Areas	1 dot	Yes	5.3.4	Demonstration areas in the city to show alternatives to be self-sustainable (people respond to examples, look at European models) Blue communities (Maintaining water as a common resource accessible to all and stopping the privatization of water)
Services/infrastructure		No	2.8.5	Karst and older septic systems?
Rural Areas	1 dot	No		Stop subdividing rural properties