

November 23, 2022

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING - NOVEMBER 22ND, 2022

Consideration of an Amendment to the Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin to be adopted by the Manitoulin Planning Board and forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval as required by Modification No. 21. of the Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin.

A public meeting, held at the Planning Board Office, 40 Water Street, Unit 1, Gore Bay, Ontario, was called to Order at 7:11 p.m. by Vice Chair K. Noland to hear and receive comments in support of or in opposition to of a Draft Area-Wide Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) for the District of Manitoulin.

The Vice Chair after calling the Meeting to Order declared the Board Members present constituted a quorum. The Board Members present were:

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| 1. | R. Stephens | 4. | T. Mackinlay |
| 2. | E. Russell | 5. | R. Brown |
| 3. | D. Osborne | 6. | K. Noland |

Also in attendance during the Public Meeting were:

Judith Jones, ecological consultant, Winter Spider Eco-Consulting;
Paul Best, interested party;
Bryan Barker, interested party; and
T. Sasvari, reporter, Manitoulin Expositor.

There were no other interested parties or members of the general public or press in attendance.

Vice Chair K. Noland

- advised he would preside over the Meeting and the Meeting would be conducted in accordance with Sections XI and XII of By-law No. 2019-01 (Procedural By-law);
- explained the purpose of the Meeting;
- instructed the Secretary-Treasurer to keep a record of proceedings;
- advised of the power of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) to dismiss an appeal if an appellant has not provided the Planning Board with oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions before the By-law is passed; and
- requested and received verification from the Secretary-Treasurer that all requirements of the Planning Act and prescribed procedures, including Public Notice, had been fulfilled for the Public Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated, for the record, there were several written submissions received to the Planning Board Office which were not attached to the Board Meeting Agenda as they had been received after the Agenda had been sent out. The submissions had not been provided to the Board prior to the Public Meeting; they included:

J. Jones, Winter Spider Eco-Consulting,
R. Barnett, executive director, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC),
Liv Callo, Conservation Project Manager, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy,
Megan Bonenfant, Coordinator, Conservation Biology, Nature Conservancy
of Canada, and
Saul Bomberry, United Chiefs & Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM).

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The Vice Chair advised that any additional submissions in favour or opposed to the following item would now be heard.

J. Jones requested to speak. She introduced herself and explained her background as an ecological consultant. Her comments included:

- the coastal wetland mapping is not correct; many do not meet the definition of a coastal wetland; she gave examples of wetlands on top of the escarpment which cannot be coastal wetlands; she suggested showing all wetlands to save confusion of why some are identified and some are not; a precautionary approach should be applied; many linkages between wetlands and water bodies are missing; many of the linkages are incorrect; the mapping needs work and must be as accurate as possible; MPB could be challenged on applications if it is not; a document should be prepared setting out the methods to define polygons used to map the features; she did not recommend the adoption of the NHSS as is; the comment period had closed the day before; she did not have enough time to provide all her comments; the newest draft was not available until November 15th, 2022; she had provided her comments to the Planning Board staff but the Planning Board had not had time to review them yet; the draft NHSS is not ready and needs more work to make it better; she offered her planning expertise to the Planning Board.

P. Best advised he was there to observe as an interested party and informed the Board that Robert Barnett, wished to offer his services to the Planning Board in preparing a Draft Area-Wide Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) for the District of Manitoulin.

Those others in attendance, did not state any interest in the NHSS.

The Vice Chair asked if any of the Board Members had any comments or questions.

It was the general consensus of the Board that Decision should be deferred to allow additional time to review all written comments and those comments as presented by Judith Jones during the Public Meeting.

MOTION

It was moved by R. Stephens and seconded by R. Brown that the Public Meeting be closed.

The Public Meeting was declared closed by the Chair at 7:26 p.m.

K. Noland, Vice Chair

T.A. Carlisle, Secretary-Treasurer

Note: Appendix "A" (attached) are the written comments received prior to the Public Meeting (21 pages).

J. Jones, Winter Spider Eco-Consulting (10 pages),
R. Barnett, executive director, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) (2 pages),
Liv Callo, Conservation Project Manager, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (3 pages),
Megan Bonenfant, Coordinator, Conservation Biology, Nature Conservancy
of Canada, (2 pages), and
Saul Bomberry, United Chiefs & Councils of Mnídoo Mnising (UCCMM) (4 pages).

7. GENERAL, REGULAR AND NEW BUSINESS

a) Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS)

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that there had been several written comments received after the Board Agenda was sent out on November 15th, 2022, including a request from the First Nations for an additional 30 days to provide their comments. An updated Draft NHSS (3rd draft) had been completed posted on the Planning Board website on November 15, 2022. She noted that there had been a few changes since the 2nd Draft NHSS that had been posted on the website in April 2022.

The Public Meeting to consider the NHSS had been held, prior to the Regular Planning Board Meeting.

Discussion resulted in the general consensus of the Board Members that additional time was required to allow the First Nations additional time to comment, and to review the written submissions received after November 15th, 2022, and to consider the presentation by J.Jones at the Public Meeting.

The following motion resulted:

MOTION

It was moved by T. Mackinlay and seconded by R. Brown that Decision for adoption of the NHSS be deferred until the next Planning Board Meeting,

- Carried Unanimously.