

**McNAB/BRAESIDE DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN
MEETING NOTES
THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES and ALVARS**

Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2007
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke
Present: Jim Hutton, Director of Development & Property, County of Renfrew
Bruce Howarth, Senior Planner, County of Renfrew
Jason Davis, GIS Technician, County of Renfrew
Anne McVean, Planning Technician, County of Renfrew
John MacDonald, Municipal Planning Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Connie Graham, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Township of McNab/Braeside
Doug Schultz, Chief Building Official, Township of McNab/Braeside
Joanna Gaweda, District Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources
Daryl Coulson, District Ecologist, Ministry of Natural Resources

1. Status of Official Plan Project (Jim Hutton)

The project has been underway for approximately 2 years. The draft plan was near completion in the fall of 2006 and was taken to a public meeting in September 2006. The public was provided an opportunity to respond. MMAH comments had not yet been received at that point. The plan was not adopted prior to municipal elections in November 2006. The project was at a standstill, but recently County planning staff have been reviewing the 2006 draft with the new Township Council. The intention is to revise the draft and hold another public meeting in the fall of 2007 and have Council adopt the Plan by the end of 2007.

Action Required

- County Planners will prepare a memo to Township Council summarizing the recommended changes to the draft Official Plan. This memo will be copied to John Mac Donald at MMAH.

2. Threatened and Endangered Species

The issue of including the Sensitive Areas of Concern on the OP mapping was discussed. MNR typically does not like this mapping made public. County staff pointed out that without the mapping, there is no transparency and property owners are not aware of potential development constraints on their properties. The County would prefer to add the features to the Appendices maps delineating the outer boundary with a dashed line. If shown on the Appendices maps, it can be updated without an Official Plan Amendment. All parties agreed that the Sensitive Areas of Concern would be shown on the Appendices maps. The County will draft a policy, consistent with the PPS for the mapped areas, indicating that the features may limit or prohibit development on the affected properties, but appropriate studies will be required to determine the extent of the feature and limitations to development.

Comment [G1]: Policy should acknowledge that not all End/Thre spp habitats (in fact few) are known and mapped, any others encountered through MPR will receive same protection as per PPS

Action Required

- Daryl Coulson is to provide Jason Davis with an updated mapping layer in August 2007.

- County Planners will draft a policy and forward it to John MacDonald and Joanna Gaweda for review.
- County Planners will present the draft policy, as approved by MNR and MMAH to Township Council.

3. Alvars

The County would like to deal with alvars in the same manner as Threatened and Endangered Species, by delineating the feature boundaries with a dashed line on the Appendices maps. The County Planners would draft a policy in keeping with the PPS, flagging the feature as a potential constraint to development and requiring appropriate studies to determine the extent of the feature and limitations to development..

Jim Hutton expressed concern about the size of the Braeside/Sand Point alvar and that it covers many areas that have long been developed, including the entire Village of Braeside. Daryl Coulson indicated that the MNR would be doing work soon to try to better delineate that alvar. The MNR would recommend that all alvar sites be shown on the Appendix mapping. The County Planners will review each one, based on the PPS and determine what will be included in the Appendix map.

Comment [G2]: Over the next year, not sure as to level of detail since access to private property is obviously an obstacle

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Action Required

- Joanna Gaweda is to provide County Staff with a description of the features for each of the significant wildlife habitat sites.
- Jason Davis will confirm with MNR GIS staff that they have the required property fabric and land use layers to assist in determining existing developed areas related to the alvars; should be provided to Daryl digitally.
- County Planners will draft a policy to address alvars and significant wildlife habitat and forward it first to MNR for review and subsequently to John MacDonald at MMAH.
- County Planners will present the draft policy, as approved by MNR and MMAH to Township Council.

Comment [G3]: I can do this generally but the same SWH policies would apply; site assessment is recommended.

4. Conclusions

The County Planners indicated there is still significant work to do. The appendices maps will look much different from the first draft. The schedules will likely see fewer changes. The County will discuss the review process with MMAH when the revised draft is near completion. John MacDonald indicated that a review of the revised draft would take less time especially if initial comments are incorporated.