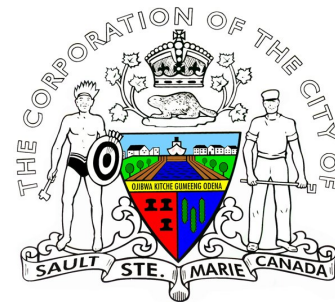


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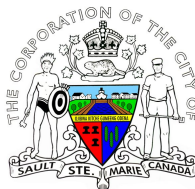
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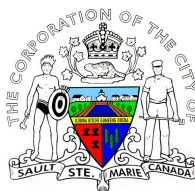
Presentation Overview

- What is Planning?
- Comprehensive Official Plan Review
 - Process and Timing
- Draft Official Plan
 - Vision
 - Strategic Directions
 - Natural Heritage Policies
- Feedback



Quotes About Planners and Planning

- “Always plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark” *Richard Cushing*
- “Long-range planning works best in the short term” *Euripides*
- The Future: The Planners task should be to enable it, not foresee it” *Antoine de Saint Exupery*
- “Planners have their heads in the clouds and their feet firmly planted on the ground” *Anonymous*
- “Planning is process and Planning is Politics” *Paul Bedford*

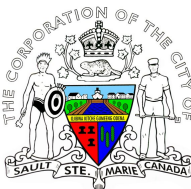


What is Planning?

Wikipedia

Urban planning is a **technical and political** process concerned with the use of land and design of the urban environment, including air, water, and the infrastructure passing into and out of urban areas such as transportation and distribution networks.^[1] Urban Planning is also referred to as urban and regional, regional, town, city, rural planning or some combination in various areas worldwide....

- Striving to achieve the greatest public good over the long term.



The Planning Hierarchy in Ontario

■ The Ontario Planning Act

- Applicable Laws: Endangered Species Act, Building Code Act, Clean Water Act, Aggregate Resources Act, Conservation Authorities Act, Drainage Act etc...
- Applicable Plans and Agreements: Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, Remedial Action Plan, etc...
- Applicable regulations/manuals – MOECC D-series Guidelines, MNR Natural Heritage Resource Manual etc...

■ Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (2014)

- *“Shall Be Consistent With”*

■ Official Plan

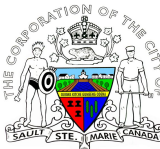
- Development Vision – Land Use, Environmental, Hazards, Economic, Social...

■ Zoning By-law

- Committee of Adjustment

■ Site Plan Control

- Ontario Municipal Board



Official Plan Review 2015

- Current OP approved in 1996
 - Prior to:
 - PPS 2005/2014
 - Updated Natural Heritage Resource Manual
 - Endangered Species Act
 - Clean Water Act
- Planning Act and Provincial Policy requires the OP to undergo a ‘Comprehensive Review’ every 5 years.
 - Conformity with Amended Legislation, Plans, Agreements, PPS
 - Update to reflect changing community vision, development needs and trends.

Official Plan Review Process & Timeline

- Public input is critical:
 - In determining the community's overall development goals
 - Ensuring public support of policies to aid implementation
- Planning Act requires 2 public meetings
 - Planning Division is proposing a comprehensive outreach campaign based upon current Draft OP.

Official Plan Review Process & Timelines

- Summer 2015
 - ‘Informal’ /Introductory discussions with Stakeholders & public.
- Fall 2015
 - Release of updated Draft OP
 - Updates based upon ‘informal’ /introductory discussions/comments
- Winter/Fall 2015/2016
 - Formal ‘Statutory’ Public Meeting(s)
 - Formal request for comments upon updated Draft
 - Council Adoption
 - Provincial Approval (likely 6-12 months)

Draft Official Plan

Vision and Strategic Directions

- Vision s.1.1
 - Promote efficient development patterns
 - Infill and Intensification
 - Focus growth to within Urban Settlement Area, especially the Downtown.
- Strategic Directions s.2.0
 - Building a strong sustainable community
 - Environmental Sustainability s.2.2

Draft Official Plan

Natural Heritage Policies

- Significant Natural Habitats, Features and Areas
 - Fish Habitat – s.3.2.1
 - Wetlands – s.3.2.2
 - Endangered and Threatened Species and their Significant Habitats – s.3.2.3
 - Significant Wildlife Habitats
 - Deer Wintering Area – s.3.2.4
 - Rare Species Occurrences – s.3.2.5
 - Evaluating Potential for Significant Wildlife Habitats – s.3.2.6

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