

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending February 9, 2018

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. Establishment of a Regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002
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3. Guideline on Community Emissions Reduction Planning
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6. Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring
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CORRESPONDENCE

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. None

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Establishment of a regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (EBR 013-1840)	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	February 20, 2018	<p>The proposed regulation would apply to municipal residential drinking water systems when they are proposing new or expanded systems with water sources that are within a source protection area, delineated in accordance with the Clean Water Act. The proposal would require owners of municipal residential drinking water systems to pass municipal council resolutions in support of any necessary amendments to the applicable assessment report(s) and source protection plan(s) prior to submitting an application for a new or an amendment to their existing drinking water works permit.</p> <p>The ministry is also proposing amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/07 "General" under the Clean Water Act which sets out the requirements for the preparation, approval and amendments of assessment reports and source protection plans (see separate posting EBR #013-1839 for details). These proposed amendments address implementation challenges and increase transparency related for minor plan amendments, including those related to properly decommissioned wells and intakes of municipal residential drinking water systems.</p>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p> <p>Additionally, a Water Services representative will attend a public consultation event hosted by the MOECC.</p> <p>City of Guelph's position: If passed, the proposed Regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act would require a council resolution from other affected municipalities within our Source Water Wellhead Protection Area (Guelph/Eramosa, Puslinch and/or Milton) to pass a council resolution on the feasibility of new source water for Guelph before the source is approved by the Ministry.</p> <p>As the Environmental Assessment Process (EA) will scientifically assess the feasibility of a qualified source, a council resolution from a neighbouring municipality should not be required. Adoption of this requirement could allow for political interference and impede progress regardless of the conclusions of the EA.</p> <p>Water Services is recommending that a council resolution from an affected neighbouring</p>	<p>The EA Assessment Process is science based and will determine the feasibility of potential new drinking water sources for the City of Guelph. As such, adding the requirement to have a council resolution from a neighbouring municipality will not "add an additional level of assurance that drinking water is being protected at the source" that the Ministry indicates is the rationale for the proposed regulation. Furthermore, this proposal could have the unintended consequence of politicizing an already challenging science based process for new municipal water supply approval.</p>	Water Services	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTUx&statusId=MjAzNzUy&language=en

			<p>municipality be removed as a requirement to achieving Ministry approval to commission a new water source.</p> <p>This position will be articulated in the response to the ER posting and expressed during the public consultation.</p> <p>UPDATE – JANUARY 19, 2018</p> <p>The Province has scheduled open houses. Details are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barrie - Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive• Guelph - Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Italian Canadian Club, 135 Ferguson Street• Orangeville - Thursday, February 8, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre, 6 Northmen Way• Alliston - Thursday, February 15, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Alliston Memorial Arena, 49 Nelson Street West• Brantford - Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6:00-8:30pm Branlyn Community Centre, 238 Brantwood Park Road• Kitchener - Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5:30-8:00pm Tannery Event Centre, 151 Charles Street West			
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EBR Registry Number: 013-2016 Proposed Methodology for Land Needs Assessment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	February 28, 2018	<p>To implement the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017, The City of Guelph will be required to use a standard provincially-developed process, known as a land needs assessment, to calculate the amount of land needed to meet the 2041 growth forecasts of Places to Grow. This process will help ensure municipalities are using land efficiently and in accordance with provincial forecasts and targets.</p> <p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is seeking feedback on a draft approach that was released on December 19th, 2017. Once submissions and comments are received and considered, the province will establish a final land needs assessment methodology.</p> <p>The final methodology will be used by municipalities to determine the amount of land needed to accommodate future growth. It will inform decisions about whether to expand the boundary of urban areas (settlement area boundary expansion), or whether sufficient or excess land are identified.</p> <p>The results of that land needs assessment will then be used to inform the work of municipalities in applying the policies of the Growth Plan to update their own official plans. This is known as the municipal comprehensive review process.</p>	<p>A staff level written submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.</p> <p>Staff comments will be provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p>	The province is seeking input into a technical land use planning process that will determine the land needs to accommodate the Growth Plan's forecast population and employment to the year 2041. A staff level response will provide the appropriate technical feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.	Policy Planning and Urban Design staff, Planning, Urban Design and Building Services	EBR: 013-2016 http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MjQ4&statusId=MjA0Mjl3&language=en

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Guideline on Community Emissions Reduction Planning	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	March 4, 2018	<p>The Ministry is seeking feedback on a draft Guideline, which will help municipalities to complete greenhouse gas inventories and develop community emissions reduction plans. This Guideline supports actions on climate change and Growth Plan policies.</p> <p>The purpose of the Guideline is two-fold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide implementation support to Growth Plan, 2017, policy 4.2.10 which requires municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to incorporate climate change policies in their municipal official plans and encourages them to complete greenhouse inventories, set targets, and develop emission reduction strategies; and,2. Support municipalities in conducting community energy and emissions planning under the Municipal Action Plan Program (name and program details still being developed) under the Five-Year Climate Change Action Plan.	<p>Staff to provide written comments to the MOECC prior to the deadline.</p> <p>Staff comments will be provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p>	<p>City staff want to ensure the Community Energy Initiative is in compliance with the guideline, along with the Official Plan and any other relevant policies and plans. Compliance may be an eligibility requirement for new funding programs disbursing the proceeds from the Cap and Trade system.</p>	Climate Change Office – support from Planning	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MjUy&statusId=MjA0MjMy&language=en

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Proposed places of use regulations under the Cannabis Act, 2017	Ministry of the Attorney General's Office	March 5, 2018	<p>The Ministry of the Attorney General will be setting regulations regarding places of use for both recreational and medical marijuana.</p> <p>Staff intend to respond back to the Ministry of Finance and the Attorney General's office with respect to the one approach being considered by the Ministry of the Attorney General's office specially the option to permit licensed and regulated cannabis consumption lounges and venues.</p>	<p>Staff will comment through the Ministry's on-line survey form on the Ontario's Regulatory Review site.</p> <p>Staff will also provide an update on this item and a number of other items with respect to recreational marijuana through a Council Information Report.</p>	Through business licensing the City currently regulates a number of businesses and establishments including restaurants and other establishments.	Operations Department	http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=26449&language=en#
Changes to the Smoke Free Ontario Act	Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	March 3, 2018	The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be updating the Smoke Free Act to regulate tobacco, vapour products and marijuana use.	<p>Staff will provide comments to the Ministry by email.</p> <p>Staff will also provide an update on this item and a number of other items with respect to recreational marijuana through a Council Information Report.</p>	Bylaw staff are often called upon to assist with compliance with the Ontario Smoke Free Act.	Operations Department	http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=26469&language=en

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Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring	Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA)	March 7, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking input on a study area for potential Greenbelt expansion to protect water resources in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).</p> <p>The study area is based on locations with high concentrations of important water features under pressure from current or forecasted urban development.</p> <p>The focus of this consultation is to seek input on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The province's approach to identifying moraines, coldwater streams and wetlands as important features for protecting water in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe The process followed for mapping a study area based on the locations of these features Other factors to be considered when mapping a proposed Greenbelt boundary, such as accommodating forecasted population and employment growth, and other provincial interests including agriculture, natural heritage, mineral aggregates and infrastructure, and any other local considerations. <p>The province has identified seven features and areas within their study area.</p> <p>Guelph is identified within the Province's study area.</p> <p>Natural heritage features and water resource areas that support the City's drinking water supply are adjacent to the City and may also be considered</p>	<p>A report to Council is scheduled for February 26, 2018 in order to endorse the City's comments.</p> <p>Community consultation can take place directly with Province via submission of comments through the EBR and/or through attendance at a public session.</p>	<p>Public consultation process is being led by the Province.</p> <p>The council report will provide formal City comments from a corporate/ technical planning perspective.</p> <p>The Province is seeking public input from all stakeholders directly through the EBR posting and public consultations that will be held in late January – February of 2018.</p> <p>Council can encourage members of the public to participate by submitting comments to the Province directly.</p>	<p>Planning Policy and Urban Design</p> <p>With input from Engineering and Capital Infrastructure - Source Water Protection & Services and Water Services</p>	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzcz&statusId=MjAzNDU4&language=en

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			<p>through the review, along with the City's river corridors.</p> <p>There may also be implications effecting the City's long term growth management.</p>				

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#CycleON: Action Plan 2.0	Ministry of Transportation	March 07, 2018	<p>The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport (MTCS) are developing the next multi-year action plan to advance the implementation of #CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy</p> <p>Action Plan 2.0 will be the second in a series of action plans, rolled out every five years to implement the Cycling Strategy and help make Ontario a more cycling-friendly province</p> <p>The action items will focus on: 1) Healthy, Active Prosperous communities; 2) improved cycling infrastructure; 3) safer highways and streets; 4) promoting cycling awareness and behavioural shifts; and 5) increasing cycle tourism opportunities.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Staff can provide comments to the ministry that do not conflict with existing or previously approved council positioning, particularly related to the official plan and Guelph's strategies related to active transportation.	Transportation Services (Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services)	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTQ4&statusId=MjAzNzQ5&language=en



TREES FOR GUELPH

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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Summary

This has been another productive and highly successful year for TREES FOR GUELPH. During the 2017 spring planting season nearly 6,500 trees, shrubs and wildflower plugs were planted by our volunteers and school children at 22 planting events! **Our special project for 2017 was the Canada 150 Celebration Forests.** This project was supported through funding from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and included a number of planting events on school sites throughout the city (see reverse page). We also continued with the "1-2-3, Plant a Tree" ebilling campaign with Guelph Hydro.

This Executive Summary provides a brief overview:

MISSION: *To enhance Guelph's environment through tree planting and related projects, education and community leadership.* **TREES FOR GUELPH** is a not-for-profit organization with charitable status. Founded in 1990, TFG has facilitated the planting of over 140,000 trees in the City of Guelph. Our volunteer Board of Directors offers environmental, educational, forestry, landscape architecture, administration and accounting expertise. Our project coordinator, Moritz Sanio, has over 25 years' experience working with communities in planting, naturalization and site maintenance.

VOLUNTEERS: The majority of our planters are students. This year we involved 20 Guelph schools and several community groups including the Junction Railroad, Grange Hill and the Clairfields Neighbourhood Groups. Over 5,100 students from both the elementary and the high school levels participated. Each student was provided instruction on the benefits of trees and how to plant them. We also had over numerous volunteer planters from industry, business and the community in Guelph. Many continue to be connected to their plantings through supplemental watering and other stewardship activities.

SITES: This year we conducted planting programmes at 22 different sites. We planted on seven public green spaces in coordination with City of Guelph staff, on 12 school grounds, two industrial and one institutional site.

PLANTS: We plant hardy, native species. We also develop naturalized landscapes that provide environmental benefits and have low maintenance requirements. This year, our volunteers planted native wildflower plugs and seeds at many of our sites to increase biodiversity beyond our 40 species woody plant inventory.

PARTNERS: Without our partners and financial supporters all this exciting work would not happen. The City of Guelph's support is fundamental to the success of TREES FOR GUELPH and we are a participant in the City's Urban Forestry Plan initiative. The Grand River Conservation Authority, Guelph Hydro, Union Gas, The Modern Bride, Co-operators, the Upper Grand District School Board and the Wellington Catholic District School Board have all played major roles in the continuing support of our programs.

If you wish further information please contact James Taylor, President (jrtaylor@uoguelph.ca).



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THE CANADA 150 CELEBRATION FOREST



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation



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Your classmates, teachers, friends, neighbours, and coworkers have worked together to create this grove of native plants in honour of the anniversary of our country's confederation. Together we celebrate the importance of nature in our lives and those of future generations.



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A number of Canada 150 Celebration mini-forests were planted on school sites by school children throughout the City. The graphic above was included on the signs located at each forest.



Mayor Guthrie was on hand for the cheque presentation from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation at the Canada 150 Celebration Forests kickoff at St. Rene Goupil and Priory Park Schools.