



**Minutes: Township of Wellington North Growth Management Action Plan  
Project Advisory Committee Meeting # 3  
Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

Location: Arthur Community Centre

**Advisory Committee Attendees:**

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| Mayor Andy Lennox   | Jim Coffey     | Trina Reid   |
| Councilor Sherry Burke  | Colleen Fleet  | Erin Kiers   |
| Councilor Penny Renken  | David Medeiros | James McCabe |
| Timothy McIntosh  | Alan Rawlins   | Marty Young  |
| Wellington County, Sarah Wilhelm<br>(representing Aldo Salis) | Scott Hartle   |              |

**Advisory Committee Absent:**

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| Jeanne Mousseau                              | Brent Hurd          |
| Aldo Salis (Sarah Wilhelm was in attendance) | Councilor Lisa Hern |
| Councilor Steve McCabe                       |                     |

**Consultant & Staff Support Attendees:**

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| Dale Small Co-team lead & Economic Dev. Officer     | Tammy Pringle WN Development Clerk         |
| Darren Jones Co-team lead & Chief Building Official | Curtis Marshall Wellington County Planning |
| Brooke Lambert WN Chief Administrative Officer      | Brad Post Watson & Associates              |
| Mandy Jones WN Manager Community & Economic Dev.    | Matt Alexander WSP                         |
| Jamie Cook Watson & Associates                      |  |

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| <p><b>Topic</b></p> <p><b>Welcome and Objective of Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darren Jones, Co-team lead &amp; Chief Building Official, opened the meeting at 7:00pm and provided an overview of the agenda &amp; meeting objectives.</li> <li>• A motion was passed by the Advisory Committee to approve the Committee Meeting #2 meeting minutes.</li> <li>• As noted by Darren, the primary objective of this meeting was for the members to participate in a growth visioning exercise.</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval of Background Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to the growth vision session, Jamie Cook provided an overview of the changes to the Background Report. It was noted that the changes were based on feedback from the committee and the changes were minor.</li> <li>• Jamie noted that the next deliverable is the Growth Management Action Plan Report (June 2024).</li> <li>• Motion was passed to approve the Background Report. Darren noted that the Report will be received by Council and loaded to the Township website.</li> </ul> |
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## **Growth Vision Session**

- Matt Alexander of WSP started the session by providing the Committee with a questionnaire. Matt noted that a similar questionnaire will be provided on the website. It was asked that the Committee help with drawing awareness of the questionnaire to the community.
- Matt led the roundtable growth visioning session which included a range of topics to consider when planning for growth including: Environment, Transportation, Community Development and Recreation, Property Development, and Public Safety. A presentation (please see attached) was used to aid in the discussion.
- For each of the five topics, the Advisory Committee was asked the following about the Township for each theme:
  - Strengths: What is working well today in the Township?
  - Weaknesses: What doesn't work well in the Township?
  - Opportunities: What would you like to see improve or change in the future?
  - Threats: What concerns you most when you think about the Township's future?
- There were number of re-occurring themes that overlap with each of the topic areas. Some of the re-occurring themes included:
  - a need for shared sense of community among the urban centres (Mount Forest and Arthur) and rural communities in Wellington North;
  - the importance of greenspace;
  - concerns of property standards;
  - the importance of public and commercial amenities (grocery stores, recreational facilities, etc.);
  - importance of mobility and accessibility within the Township and surrounding area
  - parking, public transportation, pedestrian access (sidewalks).

## **Next Steps**

- After the Growth Visioning Session, Darren closed the session thanking those that attended and reminding everyone that the next Advisory Committee Meeting will be a virtual session on April 30 @ 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Darren at 8:45 pm.