



# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO PUBLIC INPUT MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
9:05 a.m.  
Region Council Chambers  
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

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Present were: Vice-Chair G. Lorentz, L. Armstrong, J. Brewer, T. Cowan, D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, and K. Seiling.

Members absent: S. Strickland, J. Wideman and C. Zehr

## **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

None declared.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Vice-Chair G. Lorentz provided opening remarks noting the purpose of the meeting was to provide information and receive input from the public. An overview of the advertisement history of the meeting was provided.

## **DELEGATIONS**

Vice-Chair G. Lorentz made a call for delegations and none were forthcoming.

## **REPORT –PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- a) P-11-022, Public Meeting for the Greenlands Network Implementation Guideline to the Regional Official Plan

Received for information.

Rob Horne, Commissioner Planning, Housing and Community Services introduced the report. He noted that this is the first implementation guideline released and to have reached the public information stage under the New Regional Official Plan. He also noted that from time to time additional Public Meetings for other types of implementation guidelines will be occurring probably 2 to 3 a year for the next few years.

Chris Gosselin, Manager, Environmental Planning provided a presentation outlining the purpose of an Implementation Guideline, the consultation process to develop the guideline, an overview of the content of the guideline and the process to complete the guideline. [A copy of the presentation is appended to the original minutes.](#)

Committee members inquired about when Full Environmental Impact Statements or Scoped Environmental Impact Statements are required. C. Gosselin responded that the “rule of thumb” for over 15 years has been that if an application is contiguous to a designated natural feature,

staff generally scope the terms of reference. If, on the other hand, it is proposed to intrude into the natural feature, staff typically require a Full Environmental Impact Statement. He highlighted that over the years about 98% of the Environmental Impact Statements have been scoped. These more focused studies are preferred by development applicants and agency staff.

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by T. Galloway  
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:20 a.m.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR, *G. Lorentz***

**COMMITTEE CLERK, *E. Flewwelling***

# Greenlands Network Implementation Guideline

## Public Meeting

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# An Implementation Guideline

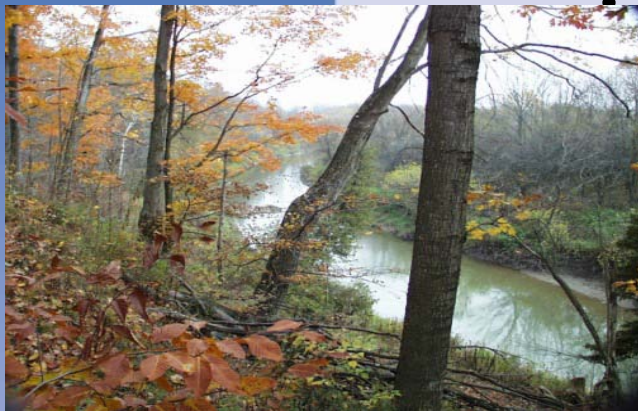


- provides technical detail on how ROP policies are implemented
- may not introduce new policy
- is developed with input from agencies and the public
- is adopted by resolution by Regional Council



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## Greenlands Network Implementation Guideline



The **Greenlands Network** consists of:

- Environmentally Sensitive Landscapes (ESLs)
- Provincial Greenbelt Natural Heritage System
- Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas (ESPAs)
- significant woodlands,
- Provincially Significant Wetlands
- Natural features designated in Area Municipal official plans



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## Greenlands Network Implementation Guideline



- Environmental Impact Statements
- Scoped Environmental Impact Statements
- Environmental feature boundary interpretation
- Delineation of buffers
- Identification of linkages among environmental features
- Definitions



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# Stakeholder and public input



- Preparation of 1<sup>st</sup> draft in consultation with E.E.A.C.
- Circulation of 1<sup>st</sup> draft: Feb – April, 2010
- Meeting with E.A.C.'s of three Cities
- Editing of 2<sup>nd</sup> draft in consultation with E.E.A.C.
- Circulation of 2<sup>nd</sup> draft: Nov, 2010 – March, 2011
- Public Meeting, March 8, 2011





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# Public Meeting



- Required prior to Council consideration
- 20 day notification
  - **Waterloo Region Record**, Friday, February 11, 2011
  - **Cambridge Times**, Tuesday, February 15, 2011
  - **Waterloo Chronicle, New Hamburg Independent, Ayr News, and Elmira Independent**, Wednesday, February 16, 2011
  - **Woolwich Observer**, Saturday, February 19, 2011.
- Letters to all Area Municipalities, G.R.C.A.,
- M.N.R.
- Regional website





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# Next Steps

- Commenting period closes March 24, 2011
- Preparation of 3<sup>rd</sup> and final draft
- Consideration by Planning and Works Committee (date to be determined)