

Priorities Committee Meeting_Feb16_2016

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Bremner and Colchester Draft Comparison Matrix

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with a draft unpopulated matrix developed for the purpose of comparing the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies.

Council History

March 6, 2007 – Council approved amendments to the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1-2007.

May 22, 2007 – Council passed Bylaw 1-2007, the Municipal Development Plan.

March 11, 2010 – Capital Region Growth Plan was adopted by Province.

July 17, 2012 – Council directed Administration to bring back a Terms of Reference, a revised Growth Management Strategy and timeline.

October 23, 2012 – Council directed Administration to initiate a Growth Management Strategy and timeline for the Urban Reserve Area (Bremner).

November 20, 2012 – Council directed Administration to commence preparation of the Growth Management Strategy for the Colchester Urban/Rural Transition Policy Area following completion of the Bremner Urban Reserve Growth Management Strategy.

September 23, 2014 – Council received the Bremner Growth Management Strategy as information.

March 31, 2015 – Council received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy process.

July 07, 2015 - Council received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy. Council directed Administration to proceed with Part 2 Optional Work, being the Recommended Concept and Policy Direction, and complete the Colchester Growth Management Strategy.

September 29, 2015 – Priorities Committee received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy, specifically to present the results of the fiscal impact analysis of the three initial design concepts, as well as the draft community design concept.

November 24, 2015 – Priorities Committee received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy, specifically to present the draft recommended community design concept, as well as the draft policy directions.

January 26, 2016 - Administration presented an overview of the Draft Colchester Growth Management Strategy to Priorities Committee.

February 2, 2016 - Council received the Colchester Growth Management Strategy as information.

February 2, 2016 - Council directed Administration to bring a report to the February 16, 2016, Priorities Committee meeting with a draft matrix developed for the purpose of comparing the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies, and to provide a second report to the March 8, 2016, Priorities Committee meeting with a completed matrix.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The Comparison Matrix process will include an assessment of growth options using the Fiscal Impact Model.

Governance: The public engagement and communications plans for the Growth Management Strategies aimed to create an inclusive process that engaged residents, businesses, and affected landowners.

Social: The Growth Management Strategy process assessed the social impacts of various growth options and reflected the objectives of the Social Sustainability Framework. Growth management decisions have implications for future community affordability and provision of housing.

Culture: The Growth Management Strategies included principles and goals to guide the creation of a vibrant and creative community in the development areas.

Environment: The Growth Management Strategy process assessed the environmental impacts of various growth options and reflected the objectives of the Environmental Sustainability Framework.

Other Impacts

Policy: Municipal Development Plan (MDP) 1-2007, Policy 17.41 requires a Growth Management Strategy and associated servicing studies to be completed and endorsed by Council prior to the acceptance of new applications for Area Concept Plans, Area Structure Plans, rezoning or subdivisions within the boundaries of the Urban Reserve (Bremner Area) as well as the Rural/Urban Transition Policy Area (Colchester Area).

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Multiple Strathcona County departments were involved in the development of the Growth Management Strategies through inter-departmental Technical Advisory Committees.

Summary

On February 2, 2016, Council directed Administration to bring a draft matrix for the purpose of comparing the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies to Priorities Committee on February 16, 2016.

The draft unpopulated matrix has been created to include criteria for comparison from the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies as well as from the completed supporting technical documents such as the high-level Biophysical Assessments and Transportation Analysis. In addition, the draft unpopulated matrix includes criteria for comparison on the Fiscal Impact Assessments of the final recommended concepts for both Colchester and Bremner.

Communication Plan

Information Release

Website Update

Enclosure

1 Bremner/Colchester Draft Comparison Matrix – to be distributed