

Meeting Minutes



Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study - Working Group Meeting #4

Location:	Caledon Town Hall, Mayfield-Palgrave Room 6311 Old Church Rd, Caledon East, ON
Date:	December 4 th , 2023
Time:	6:00 pm

In Attendance

Steven Burke (SB), Jeff Hignett (JH), Mark Dorfman (MD), Glenn Pothier (GP), Dorothy DiBerto (DD), Jesse DeJager (JD), David Sylvester (DS), Cheryl Connors (CC), Jane Thompson (JT), Neil Morris (NM), Martin Bamford (MB), Learie Miller (LM)

Regrets

Mayor Annette Groves, Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Councillor Christina Early, Dorothy DiBerto, Jesse DeJager, Marsha Paley

Agenda Items

1. Opening Remarks

- Land Acknowledgment
- GP Introduction
 - One meeting per month
 - Tonight high-level, later more detailed discussions thus 90 mins
 - GP gives agenda
 - Exercise – thinking flexible, not rigid

2. Looking Within

- SB – role of the Committee – they are a sounding board
 - All unique perspectives
 - Why confidential?
 1. SB says want your input first
 - Why not ask us for feedback
 1. Wanted you and council to have something to chew on
 - Intent not to do it all tonight
 - We just want your perspective, thoughts, opinions, objections

- GP
 - How does that sound?
 - MB would like draft for input, CC but nothing on agenda for us to give input
 - GP – new year – that’s our plan, pick topic, dig deep
 - NM – interprets role of the group is to represent the public
 - JT wants thoughts in her written submission considered, looked at the TOR, says we’re not following TOR. Wants background report to review weaknesses, but was historical piece, didn’t define problems. Expected community involvement on Background Report then come in with weaknesses, policy forms from that. Expected meetings on Community Input.
 - GP – Hits and Misses
 1. Asks what’s working well, what’s working not well
 2. MB agreed with Jane and NM
 3. DS concerned with time
 4. NM emotional topic for people, sometimes difficult to detach
 5. CC TOR says we work with Town staff and collaborate with other stakeholders, we haven’t yet. Come up with measurable objectives that will stand up at OLT hearing
 - GP Key things
 1. Meaty discussions, productive exchanges, purposeful – get something done, forward looking, be a safe space for idea exploration.
 2. MB we need to work better as a group

3. A Look at the Whole

- GP – look at 3 things: What is strong, what is surprising, what is stressing.
- MD – Discussed initial approach, looked at OPA 161, as amended, analyzed policies in matrix, found policies not easy to use, background review describes province as ultimate authority, ZBL is connection, municipal role is focus on people and communities, municipality required to approve development that doesn’t hinder communities.
- MD – Section 16 of Planning Act is clear on OP intent: OP is flexible, not prescriptive. ZBL is prescriptive. Municipality needs to be accountable, collaborative, transparent
 - CC stressing because didn’t look at issues, just jumped ahead, nothing health mentioned, talk about issues first then come back to this
 - DS Don’t see how this offers protection from air, environment, etc.
 - JT surprised at policies, thought we were resetting. Surprised move away from distance separation to study and peer review, Strength: land use compatibility. Stress: natural environment system, disaster for natural areas. HPMARA map meaningless under these proposals. Traffic.

- MB understand authority and control, how exercised
- NM workable framework to bring in other issues – bring health into land use compatibility

4. Mapping Our Future Time Together

- GP asks what we should discuss next meeting
 - DS pre-application process difficult to comprehend, don't see how town can create policies to withstand OLT challenge
 - CC look at existing policies, Waterloo has progressive policies, review side-by-side, issues-based discussion, gaps analysis. Area of Influence limited to 1km? We could be a leader on health.
 - DS + JT want to discuss issues in list of the document sent
- MD lots of issues deal with health, etc. May need to sit elsewhere in OP, have to look at entire OP. Would need hard evidence at OLT, not speculative. OP set procedures to be defensible in order to deal with OLT. (e.g. landfill license is rigorous, aggregate not.)

5. Next Steps & Open Forum

- GP need 2 hour meetings, look at issues list + give more meaningful thought, make this issues-focused. Have a list, discuss 2 issues each meeting.
 - JT don't dismiss issues
 - SB we're interested in you input, want to discuss issues whether in OP or not (e.g. environmental policies). We assure you we aren't dismissing feedback. Policies provided are preliminary, please review, give feedback.

6. Closing Remarks