



**Meeting Date:** January 12, 2022

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**Report No:** CAO-1-2022

**Subject:** Municipality of Middlesex Centre Official Plan Status Update

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Report CAO-1-2022 re: Municipality of Middlesex Centre Official Plan Status Update be received;

AND THAT Council direct WSP to complete the comprehensive Official Plan Review.

**Purpose:**

The intent of this report is allow for Council to provide direction with respect to the Official Plan Review process that was initiated in 2021 to enable WSP to finalize the necessary revisions to the comprehensive review and bring the Official Plan Review process to conclusion.

**Background:**

In May of 2020, the Municipality selected WSP to undertake a comprehensive Official Plan Review for Middlesex Centre. As reported previously, the Official Plan was adopted by By-Law 2000-038 on April 19, 2000. The document received approval by the County on September 12, 2000. The time is right to proceed forward with an updated guiding document that will help shape the long-term future.

Originally intended to be completed in 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the project and the shift to virtual outreach has ensued.

With 2022 upon us, the project is slated to be completed following the appropriate revisions but in order to do so, council direction to WSP is needed.

## **Analysis:**

A statutory public meeting was held on November 17, 2021 that allowed for delegations to come forward and provide input based on extensive feedback and policy revisions that have been completed to-date. Leading up to the November 17, 2021 meeting, there has been engagement involving various stakeholder groups along with ability for residents and interested land owners to come forward with requests to include lands for future growth.

The municipal website has referenced the progress made since WSP has been brought on to undertake this planning review - <https://www.middlesexcentre.on.ca/town-hallplans-strategies/official-plan-review> coupled with the growth analysis provided by Watsons and Associates.

Now that the appropriate amount of time has been allotted for requests to come forward and the revision and growth plans are presented, council can now take the information and provide direction to confirm the (final) document for adoption.

## Timeline

To finalize the comprehensive review process, the municipality will be holding one additional public meeting following the necessary changes that WSP makes to the plan based on council direction followed by adoption shortly thereafter.

## **Financial Implications:**

N/A

## **Strategic Plan:**

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Balanced Growth
- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
- Vibrant Local Economy

The official plan review process has enabled stakeholders across the municipality to come forward and provide input to help shape the growth of Middlesex Centre. The document will help direct how to plan and invest in the future of the municipality in a balanced and harmonized approach.

## **Attachments:**

N/A