



Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: November 07, 2023
Submitted by: Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development
Subject: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of Middlesex Centre Official Plan Amendment No. 59: Municipal Comprehensive Review and General Official Plan Update; File No. 39-MC-OPA59

BACKGROUND:

At the September 26, 2023 Council meeting, Amendment No. 59 to the Official Plan for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre was approved subject to modifications. Amendment No. 59 would update the Municipality's Official Plan to reflect a Municipal Comprehensive Review / General Official Plan Update. The proposed changes would address matters of provincial interest, address the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement, align with the County Official Plan, and generally update the official plan. Notice of Council's Decision was given in accordance with the Planning Act and 8 appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) were received.

ANALYSIS:

The Record of Appeal is being compiled by staff and forwarded to the OLT. The OLT will therefore essentially act in place of County Council on the matters under appeal and the County Solicitor will represent the County in this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The extent of staff resources (Legal and Planning) to defend the County's decision is not yet known however given the number and potential complexity of the appeals, resources beyond normal staffing levels may be required as part of the budget process.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
<p data-bbox="168 300 370 369">Strengthening Our Economy</p> 	<p data-bbox="428 300 699 478">Encourage a diverse and robust economic base throughout the county</p>	<ul data-bbox="748 300 1430 485" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="748 300 1430 405">• Create an environment that enables the attraction and retention of businesses, talent, and investments<li data-bbox="748 411 1430 485">• Support the development and prosperity of downtown core areas in Middlesex County