

Legend:

from ED's email to Snedden et al. dated 8Nov2013

from John Moser's response dated 25Nov2013

[Comment]

Motions to modify the proposed OPA

(A) Modify policy 8 of section 3.7.2 (page 3-45) as follows:

8. Residential subdivisions are not permitted. Applications lodged prior to December 31st will be assessed by those policies in force immediately prior to {insert date of adoption}.

a) This is being addressed by the omnibus motion (please see Page 5)

[Please refer to Country Lot Estates page elsewhere on the web site for more on this.]

(B) Re-instate policy 11 of section 3.1 stating that stormwater facilities shall not be located in flood plains (page 3-3)

(C) Add a policy following policy 11 stating that stormwater facilities shall be contained within the City's urban boundary.

b) and c) The City's standard practice is to require that stormwater ponds be located outside floodplains and within urban or village boundaries. However, the final decision on the location and design of stormwater facilities is best determined through the development and infrastructure review processes, based on all relevant Provincial, Conservation Authority and City guidelines.

[Particularly the statement regarding having to stay within the urban boundary is a further clarification that will strengthen the hand of the planners.]

(D) Modify Schedule M and related Schedule S33 to show the two parcels leased by the Airport Authority located in the rural area south of Earl Armstrong Road.

d) Schedule M shows only contiguous lands leased by the Airport.

[Why?]

(E) Modify Schedule M to show "Government Employment Areas."

e) "Government Employment Areas" is not a land use category in the Official Plan. The Official Plan previously included the designation "Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport" on Schedule B, and that land use category continues to be used on Schedule M. The Airport's land use plan is a more detailed document concerning the current and planned uses of lands within the Airport's lease.

(F) Modify Schedule M to show lands that are used for "core aviation functions." (Ref.: section 3.10.1.)

f) "Core aviation functions" is not a land use category in the Official Plan. The Official Plan previously included the designation "Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport" on Schedule B, and that land use category continues to be used on Schedule M. The Airport's land use plan is a more detailed document concerning the current and planned uses of lands within the Airport's lease

(G) Re-instate policy 10 of section 4.3 (page 4-7) encouraging the use of green infrastructure in parking areas.

g) This policy was deleted in order to work with internal policy direction regarding on-site parking requirements. Proposed Zoning policies will reduce or delete minimum parking requirements in many areas and set maximums. The proposed policy asked for "green infrastructure" to offset any parking that exceeded the minimum parking, is no longer relevant.

["...work with internal policy direction" is the old discretionary practice again, not promoting clarity.]

Motions directing staff

(H) That the GIS layers of the L1/2/3 Schedules be made available on geoOttawa at the earliest possible time.

h) In order to make this data available on GeoOttawa, a number of technical, licensing and data maintenance issues must first be resolved. In addition, staff resources for updating and maintaining GeoOttawa are limited and there are many competing priorities. Nonetheless, staff are exploring the potential to make as much of this data as possible available on GeoOttawa. In the meantime, the data layers underlying the natural heritage system overlay in Schedules L1, L2 and L3 are available on request

[We'll have to be more patient still. We have asked for the data layers in the gamble that we can make them available on our web site.]

(I) That, at the earliest possible time, staff bring forward a draft site alteration by-law for public consultation. (Ref.: section 2.4.5, policy 10, page 2-53.)

i) Preparation of a Site Alteration By-law is in the Planning and Growth Management Department's work plan

[It's been on their work plan for about two years so there is no additional commitment here.]

(J) That staff prepare an amended methodology for the evaluation of potential urban areas for consultation with stakeholders and the public that improves its assessment of natural heritage features including natural linkages. (Ref.: Annex 15.)

j) As per its agreement with the Greenspace Alliance, the City will modify the urban expansion area evaluation methodology prior to any future urban expansion to include consideration of natural linkages.

[Ok, but when, and will the proposed change be subject to public consultation?]

(K) That paper copies of the Official Plan, as approved, be deposited in all public libraries and that that these be refreshed as the Plan is updated.

(L) That paper copies of the supporting Master Plans, as approved, be deposited in all public libraries.

k) and l) This request cannot be accommodated. The Master Plans are evolving documents, with frequent changes. The most up to date copy is available online.

[This is not good enough. We should keep pushing on this and consider raising the matter with whoever is responsible for Provincial accessibility standards.]

(M) That one PDF be uploaded to the City's web site containing all sections of the Official Plan, Volume 1.

m) This request can be accommodated

[One win...]