

Schedule C-1 Legislated Committees – Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE



Committee Name:	Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)
Committee Type:	Legislated Committee
	Statutory Committee established under the Planning Act.
Reporting to:	Elgin County Council
Enabling Legislation/ By-Law (if applicable)	Provincial Policy Statement, Planning Act, RSO 1990, Municipal Act, 2001
Staff Support:	Manager of Planning
Department Linkage:	Planning
Term of Appointment:	Term Coincides with that of Elgin County Council
Financial Impact:	Staff Resources Required
Meeting Frequency:	Approximately 1 meeting/month
Chair/Vice Chair	A chair will be elected from the membership of the Committee on an annual basis.
Skills/Qualifications	Experience with Boards/Commissions and Land Use Planning Preferred.
Membership/Composition	<p>The Rural Initiatives Committee doubles as the “Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee” and was combined in 2016 in response to Bill 73 and changes to Development Charges Act and the Planning Act which required that all upper-tier and single-tier levels of municipal government establishes a Planning Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Three (3) Members of Council shall be appointed to the Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee.</p> <p>It is noted that a member of the Elgin Federation of Agriculture shall be invited to participate on the PAC as a citizen appointee in keeping with its status as a non-voting member of the Rural Initiatives Committee.</p>
Mandate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the viability of agriculture and rural affairs in the County and throughout the Province; • To examine issues such as, but not limited to: the challenges of the global economy on local agricultural practices; the viability of schools in rural communities; and, alternative sources of economic development in rural areas; • To develop goals and objectives to improve and promote rural life; • To demonstrate County Council's commitment to delivering services to rural communities by recommending a budget to Council that will accomplish identified goals; • To act as a PAC by providing information, perspective and recommendations to County Council on broad planning matters that may have an effect on the County and/or its local municipalities, as required from time to time;

specifically, to review from time to time the provisions of the Official Plan and related policy, and recommend to Council general amendments thereto which would be in the best interests of the County of Elgin (this would include 5-year reviews of the Official Plan); to advise County Council on general planning and development issues of Council and/or local municipal significance; to report to County Council on proposed land use policy changes as introduced by the Province of Ontario; and to review and report on specific aspect(s) of a submitted application.

Compensation:	n/a
Link to Council's Strategic Priorities:	[section to be updated in 2020 to align with Council's Strategic Plan]
Reporting Requirements:	Reports shall be delivered to Elgin County Council on an as-needed basis and at least once per year.
Sub-Committees/Working Groups:	n/a
Timeline for Completion of the Assigned Tasks:	n/a – work completed on an as-needed basis
Council Review:	Annually