

INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Chair and Members

Planning Committee

WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE DATE: December 3, 2013

SUBJECT/REPORT NO:

Airport Employment Growth District Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Hearing Update (PED13209) (City Wide)

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On November 7, 2013, the City of Hamilton succeeded in securing a dismissal of the Hamiltonians for Progressive Development (HPD) appeal of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Phase 2 Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) decision which approved 555 net hectares of employment land. The City can now proceed with Phase 3 of the AEGD – Revised Boundary Configuration and Land Use Plan. This Update outlines the proposed next steps and timelines for proceeding with Phase 3.

In Phase 3 of the Hearing, the OMB will modify the AEGD Secondary Plan to include 555 net hectares of employment land. Land now included could be removed. Land not now included (but in the Study Area) could be added. Appellants and Parties, including the City, must determine their positions on the Revised Boundary and Land Use Plan. At the Phase 3 Hearing, the OMB will assess all positions and determine the Final Boundary and Land Use Plan.

At its meeting on February 18, 2014, the Planning Committee will be requested to determine its position on the Revised Boundary and Land Use Plan for Phase 3. The Committee will receive a Staff Recommendation Report recommending a position on Revised Boundary Configuration and Land Use Plan. The disposition of this Report by Planning Committee and Council will instruct Legal Counsel in its position to be presented at the Phase 3 OMB Hearing.

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The following timeline will ensure that the City determines its position for the Phase 3 OMB Hearing:

Friday, January 10, 2014

 Release Staff Recommendation Report to Planning Committee Members and other Councillors

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

- Staff Recommendation Report to be made available to members of the public
- Planning Committee will consider the Staff Recommendation Report on February 18, 2014 followed by City Council on February 26, 2014
- Written comments on the Staff Recommendation Report will be received by the Clerk's Office until January 31, 2014
- Delegation requests to speak at the February 18, 2014 Planning Committee Meeting will be received by the Clerk's Office until 12:00 Noon on Friday, February 14, 2014

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 Planning Committee

- Consider Staff Recommendation Report
- Receive written comment(s)
- Hear Delegation Requests
- Committee to receive legal advice and instruct Legal Counsel (in closed session, if necessary) on the City's position for Phase 3 OMB Hearing (instructions to remain confidential until ratified by Council).

Staff is in the process of communicating with the Ontario Municipal Board regarding scheduling the Phase 3 Hearing. The Hearing is not expected before the late Summer or Fall of 2014.

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