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Policy Monitoring Focus Group Sessions

November 30th

6:30 – 9:00 pm

(Please arrive 5-10 minutes early so that we can start at 6:30pm sharp)

Aurora Town Hall, Holland Room

Directions: [http://www.town.aurora.on.ca/app/DocRepository/1/ResidentServices/D/Directions\(2004\).pdf](http://www.town.aurora.on.ca/app/DocRepository/1/ResidentServices/D/Directions(2004).pdf)

PARTICIPANTS

Community Groups: Richmond Hill Naturalists; Concerned Citizens of King Township, Oak Ridges Friends of the Environment, Community Resource Centre, Ratepayers Association of Yonge Street (RAYS), Nobelton Alert, STORM Coalition.

Presenters: Fred Johnson, David Burnett (Toronto Region Conservation Authority), John Taylor (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing), Jeff Laidlaw (Nobelton Alert).

MTM Project Staff: Debbe Crandall, Nathan Fahey, Bruce Mackenzie.

AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTIONS: Bruce Mackenzie

- Introductions
- Learning objectives for the focus group sessions and workshops

Time: 10 minutes

II. BACKGROUND: Debbe Crandall

- Policy Monitoring and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan – the big picture
- From 2001 – 2014; looking back and looking forward

Time: 10 minutes

III. WHAT IS MONITORING THE MORAINES: Nathan Fahey

- Project goals and objectives
- Community-based monitoring
- Monitoring framework and Community Level Strategic Monitoring Plans
- Ecological and Policy Monitoring
- Status Report

Time: 10 minutes





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IV. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

1) Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan: Fred Johnson

- Description of Act and Plan
- What is the vision of the Moraine Plan
- What does the Plan hope to accomplish
- Parts of the Plan: Land Use Descriptions; Ecological Policies; Specific Land Use Policies
- How the ORMCP is implemented
- ORMCP review in 2014

Time: 15 minutes

2) PLANNING BACKGROUND: John Taylor

- Planning 101
- Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine – how are they different in terms implementation and roles and responsibilities?
- What are the Greenbelt Act and Plan and how do the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine plans co-exist?
- Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) –how is the Moraine different from the rest of the province when it comes to the PPS

Time: 15 minutes

3) DETERMINING COMPLIANCE – David Burnett

- Assessing whether an application conforms to the ORMCP
- Five-Step process for compliance monitoring
- Protecting Ecological and hydrological Integrity

Time: 15 minutes

BREAK

15 minutes





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4) CASE STUDIES: Debbe Crandall and Jeff Laidlaw

- Explaining how the ORMCP is administered through case studies:
- Cardinal Golf Course – King (Debbe)
- Nobleton (Jeff)

Time: 40 minutes

V. MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE WATCH: Bruce Mackenzie

- Municipal governance watch – objectives
- What to track; Municipal Monitoring Checklist
- Where to get information about planning applications
- What to do with data collected
- The Common Map/ mapping technology

Time: 20 minutes

VII. NEXT STEPS AND FEEDBACK: Bruce Mackenzie

- Process for feedback
- Policy Monitoring Workshops

10 minutes