



**MINUTES  
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2010**

**6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office 3560 County Road 26**

Present: Reeve Campbell  
Deputy Reeve Barton  
Councillor Banning  
Councillor Pakeman  
Councillor Stephenson

Staff Present: Richard Bennett, Linda Robinson and Pierre Mercier and Jane Almond of Stantec

Press: Prescott Journal

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Reeve Campbell read the following:

“This is a Regulatory Public Meeting held under Section 26 of the Planning Act to update the Official Plan of the Township of Augusta.”

“If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Augusta before the adoption of the Official Plan or to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing before the final approval of the Plan, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Augusta before the adoption of the Official Plan or to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing before the final approval of the Plan, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so. “

Pierre Mercier advised that the Official Plan is an important document for a municipality as it sets out how it handles land use and development throughout the Township. The municipality has to redo the official plan every 5 years. He presented a slide presentation that walked through how the process for the official plan is set up in Ontario. (A copy is attached to these minutes).

Marcel Lavigne asked when it can be appealed. Mr. Mercier stated that the appeal comes after the final approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Mr. Mercier advised him to send a letter to the municipality requesting that you be given notice of the final approval that will go to the Ministry. If you don't do this then you will not be notified however there will be an ad in the newspaper advising of the approval.

Mr. Lavigne wondered when the size of a farm went from 10 acres to 100 acres. Mr. Mercier advised that it has not. He noted that you cannot confuse the zoning by-law with the official plan.

Mr. Lavigne had questions on the woodlands designations. Mr. Mercier advised that if you are a farmer it doesn't matter, you can cut down the trees. The need to do a study only applies when a planning act application is requested.

Mr. Lavigne advised that he objects to the Plan.

Rob Thompson wondered if there were vehicles in place for community improvement plans. Mr. Mercier advised yes that they are addressed in the Plan.

Duaine McKinley advised that the Province cannot legislate on private lands. He stated that the designations are devaluing property which is in essence expropriation without compensation. Duaine McKinley advised that he objects to the Plan.

Robert Woolham thanked everyone for all their support throughout the process. He advised that he has concerns and will be submitting his objection to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Pierre Mercier thanked Council, staff and the Committee for all their hard work and support during this process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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CLERK