Onsite collaboration throughout the Permitting Process: Lessons learned from the Framgard Channel Realignment

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CONSERVATION AUTHORITY IN PLANNING

Dedicated to a healthy, sustainable natural environment, and protecting our communities from flooding and erosion

Involved in Planning and as a Regulator

Plan Input & Plan Review

Delegated “Provincial Interest” in Plan Review

Resource Management Agency

Planning Service Providers

Public Commenting Agency

Landowners

Land Use Planning Roles
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AS REGULATOR

To protect people from natural hazards
Avoid aggravating/creating natural hazards
Protect the natural environment and valley integrity
WHAT IS REGULATED

Interference with Wetlands

Alterations to Watercourses

Development in

• Valleylands and Meander Belts (confined & unconfined)
• Floodplains (determined by Regulatory Storm)
• Wetlands & “Other Areas” where may be hydrological impact
• Great Lakes Shorelines
• Other Hazardous Lands (e.g. karst)
• Associated Allowances/Setbacks - 15 m Major Systems (Grindstone, Sixteen Mile and Bronte); 7.5m Minor Systems
PERMITTING PROCESS

- Pre-Consultation
- Application Submission
- Review
- Approval
- Construction
- Collaborative MONITORING
FRAMGARD CHANNEL OVERVIEW
LESSON LEARNED: PLANNING PROCESS KEY

• Part of Boyne Secondary Plan
  • Very large development area in Milton

• Supported by Subwatershed Study
  • Characterized natural features
  • Principles set on protection, enhancement and mitigation

• SIS integrated protection *and* development

• Involved CH, Milton, Region, Landowners
LESSONS LEARNED: ALL PARTY COLLABORATION

• First creek alignment in Boyne area
• All parties involved throughout (including landowners/agents)
• Pre-consultation and meetings following comments
  • Send comments and discuss right away
• Submissions were complete, expected, and even avoided
LESSON LEARNED: SET SITE MEETINGS

• Issued March 31, 2016
• Onsite meetings started May 11, 2016
• Meetings were standing meetings with all stakeholders invited
• Issues/alternatives addressed on site and right away
• Collaboration brought ‘team’ effort
  • Names and faces were tied to project
LESSON LEARNED: DESIGN CORRIDOR

• All hazards and regulated lands contained
  • No one is regulated

• Any regulated land is used as amenity space

• Watercourse was enhanced to include habitat features:
  • Riffles and pools; Raptor poles; Turtle nesting and hibernacula's
MOVING FORWARD: REVISED APPROACH

- Revise schedule
  - Not all meetings were necessary
  - Might base more on ‘benchmark’ times

- Revise attendance
  - Unnecessary use of staff time
  - People felt obligated/interested

- Prepare agenda
  - To address above
  - Know when to meet and who is needed.
THANK YOU