**January 24, 2011**

On Monday January 24th, 2011 a Special Meeting was held by the Official Plan Committee. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office located in Whitney.

**Present:** Mayor Jane Dumas Staff- Harold Luckasavitch, Clerk Treasurer

 Councillor Joe Florent Carla Gatley, Administrative Assistant-Recording Secretary

 Councillor Dave Harper

 Councillor Randy Jessup

 Councillor Bill Rodnick

 Councillor Richard Shalla

 **Committee Members:** Chris Fullerton-Brock University

Ken Begbie

 Ronald Wowk (via Teleconference)

**Regrets:** Georgina Bresnahan

 Edward Lentz

 The Official Plan Committee Meeting of January 24, 2011 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Draft Official Plan dated March 23, 2010 was sent to Sudbury on May 20, 2010. The response from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing brought about the following concerns/questions:

-The MTO patrol yard in Airy shown is not even in our municipality.

-Lakes at capacity-some of the lakes listed don’t have any cottages on them at all, where does the Ministry get their numbers from? Seems inaccurate and overly rigid.

-Set backs are very unreasonable-300 metres for septic?

-There isn’t any land available in the hamlets of Whitney and Madawaska, would have to develop on private road areas.

-Would like to explore possibilities for facilities for seniors (granny flats), to allow seniors to stay in their homes.

-Landfill sites capacity – 20 years for Madawaska and 40 years for Whitney.

-Historical foundations of the area (logging, railway, Algonquin Park) need to be added.

-Setbacks should be changed from 30 metres to say “mitigative measures shall be undertaken”.

-a glossary should be added.

-Hazard lands should be defined.

-Need to be clearer that rehabilitation has to happen after mineral aggregate extractive operations have ceased.

-We have no known deer yards yet the policy refers to deer wintering habitats. Chris Fullerton will have his department check for accuracy.

The Official Plan Committee Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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**Chair, Jane Dumas Clerk, Harold Luckasavitch**