Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Community Development

Planning Services

Information Report

To: Members of the Natural Heritage Committee of the Whole

From: Ryan Jacques, MCIP, RPP

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Date: February 7, 2022

Subject: Draft Forest Cover Change Map Viewer

This report is for the information of the Natural Heritage Committee of the Whole.

Background

At its meeting held on November 29, 2021, the Committee received a report from the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA) titled, *Mapping Project of Forest Cover and Natural Heritage Features*. The report details how the LTVCA has undertaken a project to prepare a detailed and comprehensive mapping of forest cover in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The report can be accessed at this link: https://pub-chatham-kent.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=3427.

Comments

Woodlots 0.5 hectares in area or greater existing in March 2020, and woodlots removed between 2010-2015 and 2015-2020, are displayed in a map viewer accessible from the the municipal website.

The map viewer can be accessed from the municipal website home page at www.chatham-kent.ca and then by following these menu links:

 Home Page → Residential Services → Digital Resources → Maps → Woodlot Review Map

The map viewer can be accessed directly by following this link, or copying it into a supported internet browser: https://chatham-kent.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=e8069b6fb93049ac9a760 Ofeaa2b8bce.

There is also a link to the map viewer on the Let's Talk Chatham-Kent – Natural Heritage Planning page located at: https://www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/natural-heritage-planning.

The information provided through this map viewer is intended to inform future municipal decision-making processes related to natural heritage planning. It will be updated over time, as necessary.

Comments and questions regarding the information displayed through the map viewer should be directed to the LTVCA so information can be gathered and revisions made as required. Instruction on how to contact the LTVCA are posted in the map viewer and on the Let's Talk Chatham-Kent – Natural Heritage Planning website.

Consultation

There was no consultation required for the preparation of this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from this Report.

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Attachments: None

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