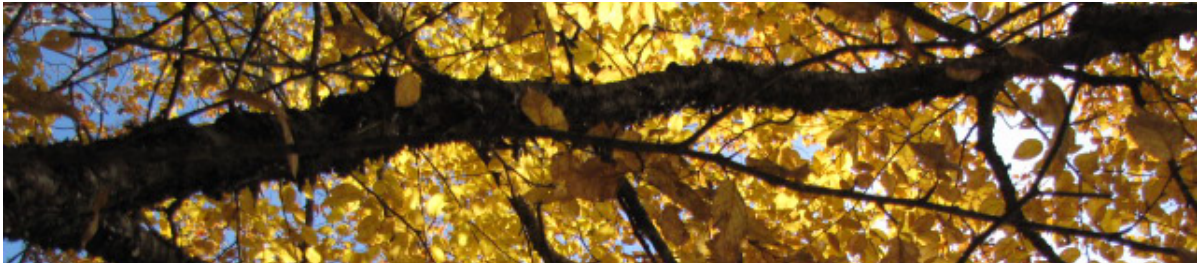


Plan Review Background

Natural Environment



Planning has become more interested in natural areas. Municipal Plans can deal with some issues, but the Province also has many environmental responsibilities.

Water Quality

Clean water is needed for drinking, recreation and fish habitat. Buildings, roads, lawns and fields can all harm water quality. When land is developed for human use, dirt and chemicals get into streams and lakes more easily.

Planning can control new growth to help protect water quality. Limiting growth near streams, lakes and wetlands is common. Municipal Planning has few powers over forestry or mining. The Province regulates the impact of resource industries on the environment.

Flood Plains

Some land regularly floods. Limiting growth in floodplains protects water quality and property. The Province requires Municipal Plans to consider where flood plains exist. The Municipality has not done flood plain mapping.

Climate Change

Many people live on the coast. They will be affected by sea level rise and coastal erosion. Planning can limit growth in these areas. The Province also regulates many coastal issues.

Climate change is caused by carbon dioxide emissions. Cars are a major source of carbon dioxide. Planning can help reduce emissions by providing trails, sidewalks, bike paths and buses as travel options. Land use patterns that promote walking and cycling can also lower emissions. Smaller lots, more trails and well-connected streets make walking and cycling easier.

Natural Areas

Wilderness provides habitat for plants and animals. Wetlands, lakes, streams and groundwater provide water for drinking and for recreation. Nature also provides many recreation options. Protecting some natural areas as parks can benefit wildlife, water quality and human health.

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