### **APPENDIX B**

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 1

May 26, 2021

Agenda and Summary

#### **AGENDA**

#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

#### South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan

#### May 26, 2021

Attendees: GRCA - Laura Warner

Township - Brett Salmon, Colin Baker

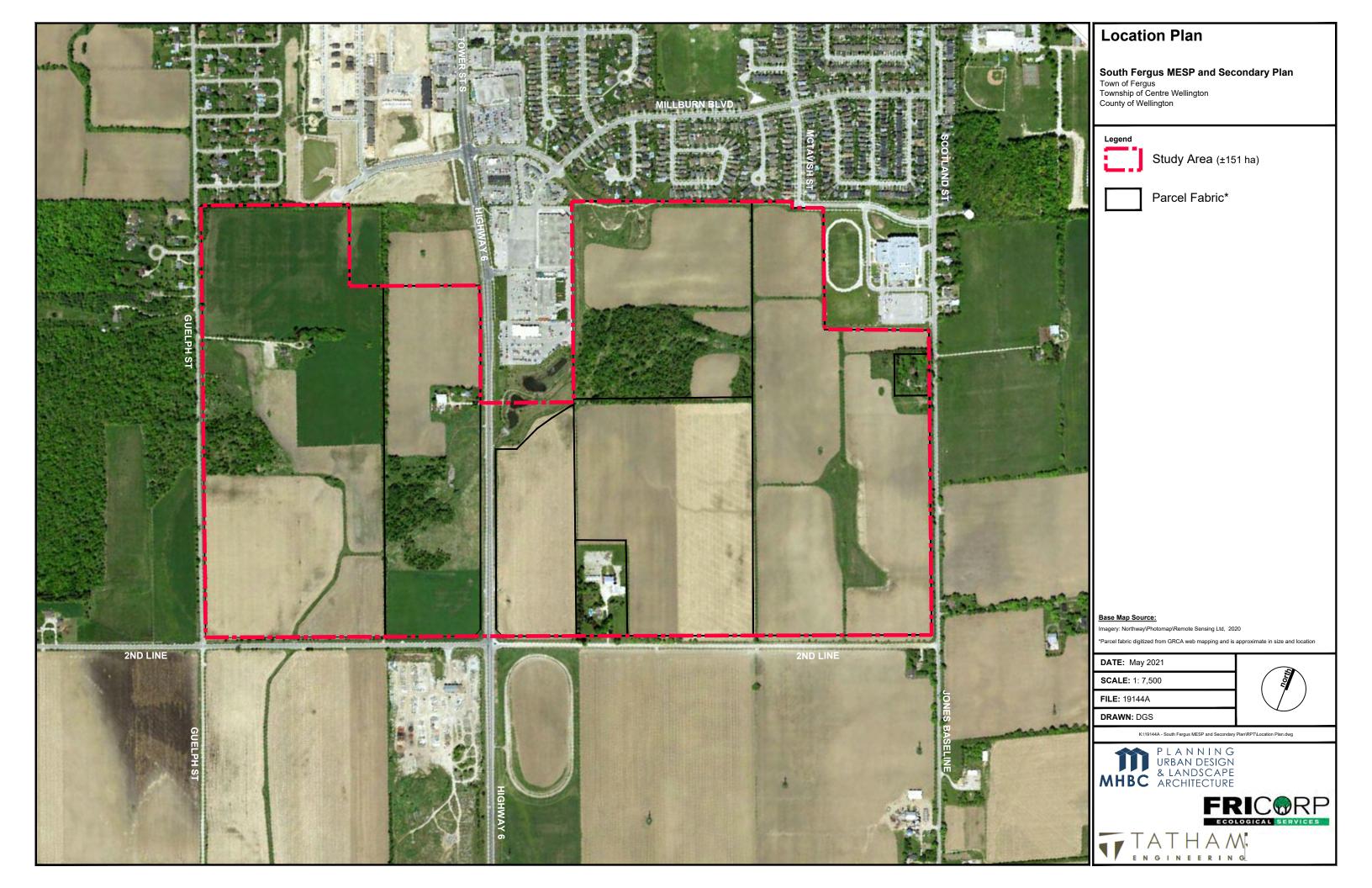
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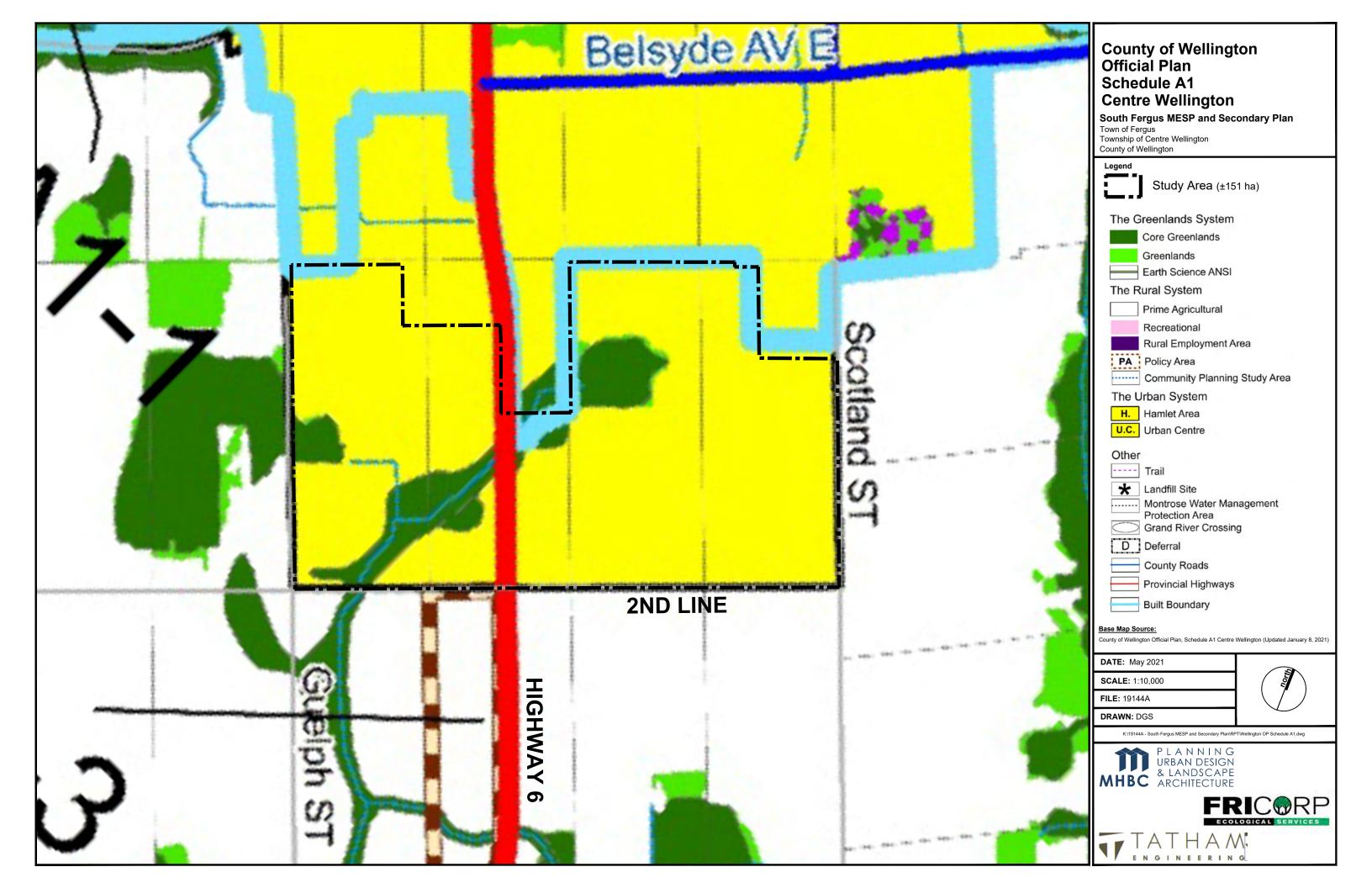
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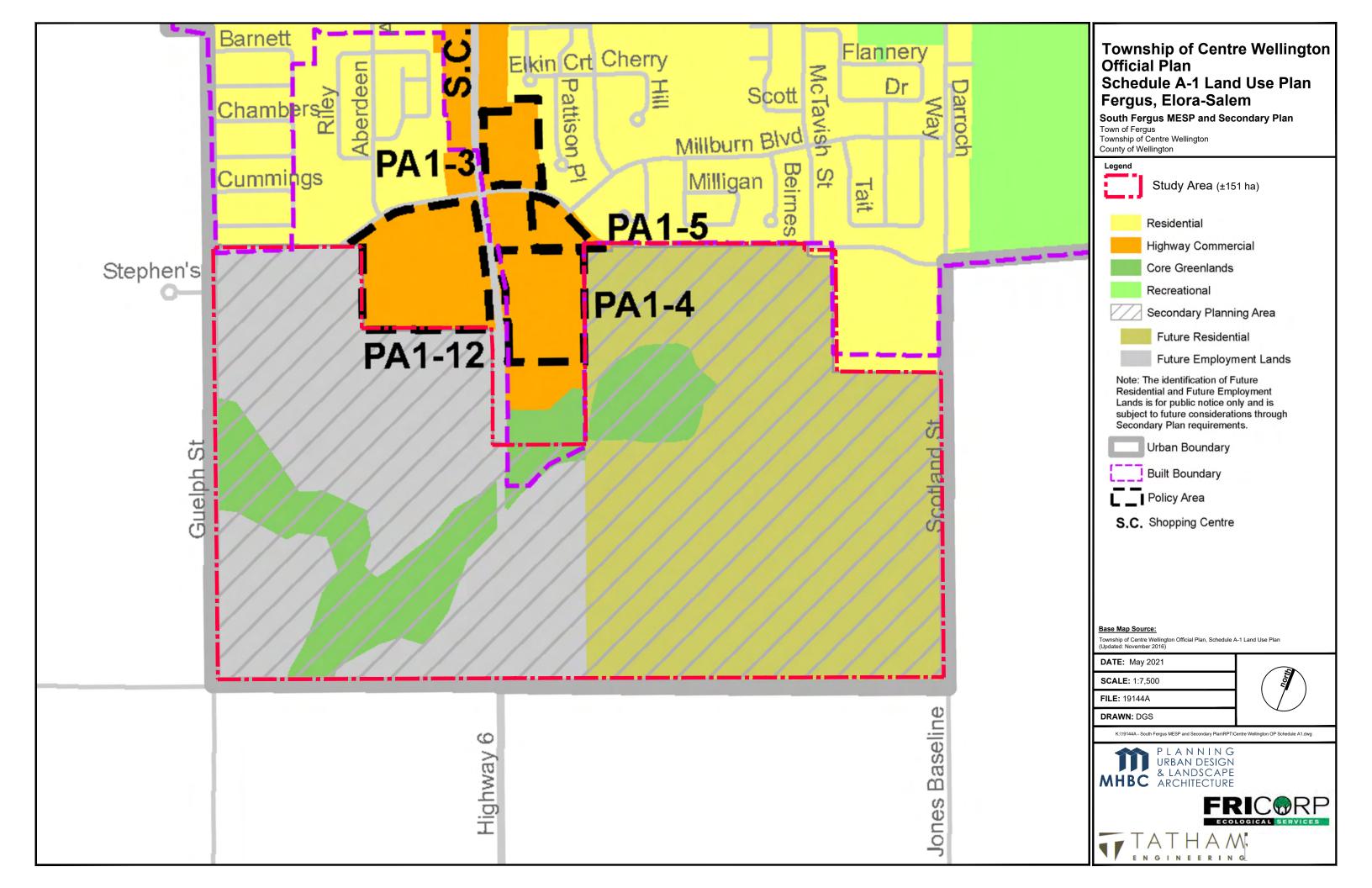
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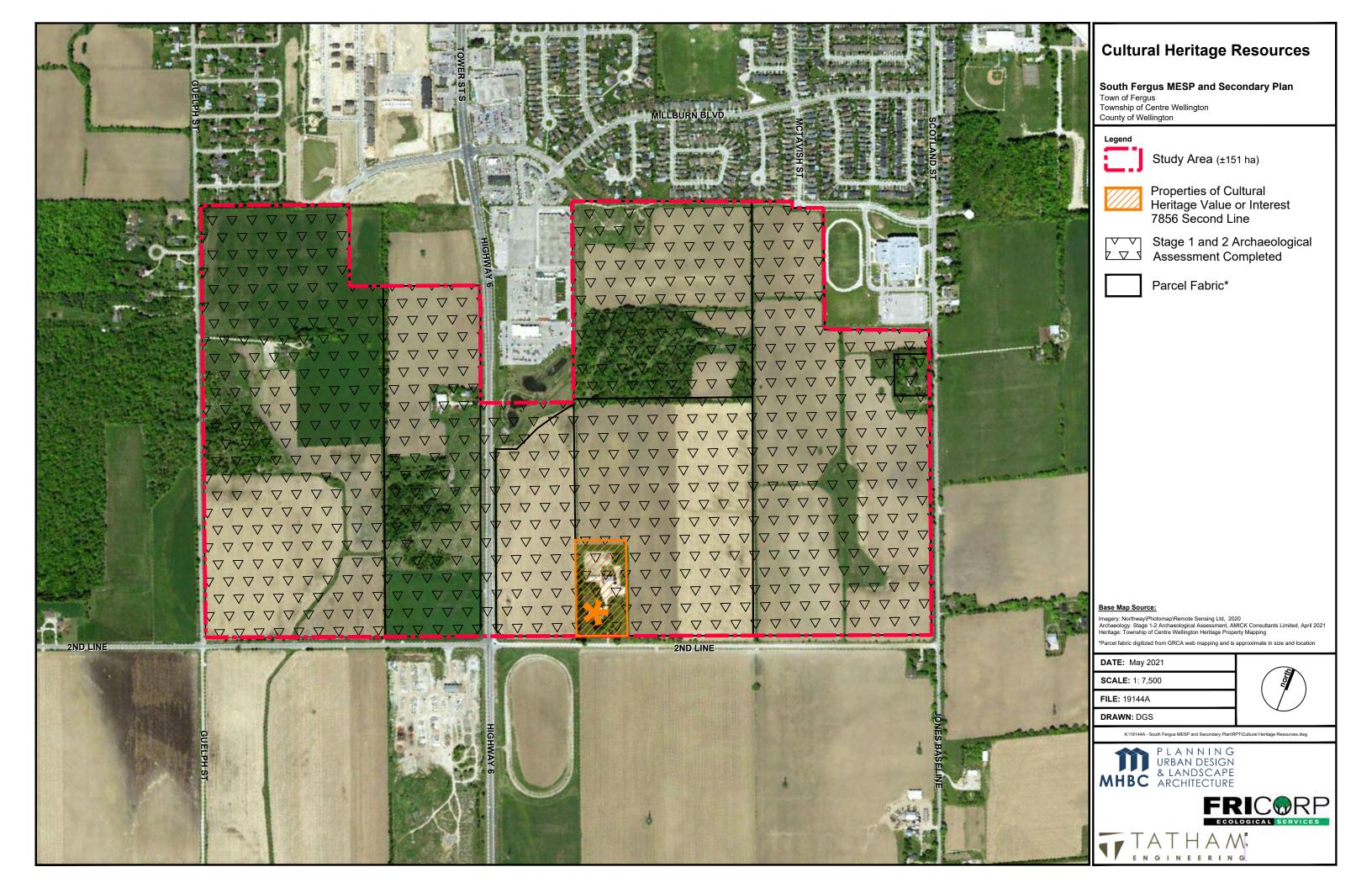
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- 2/ Overview of Study Approach and Timeline / Milestones
- 3/ Review of Existing Conditions / Background
  - Planning / Land Use
  - Heritage / Archaeological
  - Natural Features
  - Floodplain
  - Engineering
- 4/ Discussion on Population and Jobs Forecast
- 5/ Notice of Study Commencement and PIC #1
- 6/ General Administrative Matters
- 7/ Other

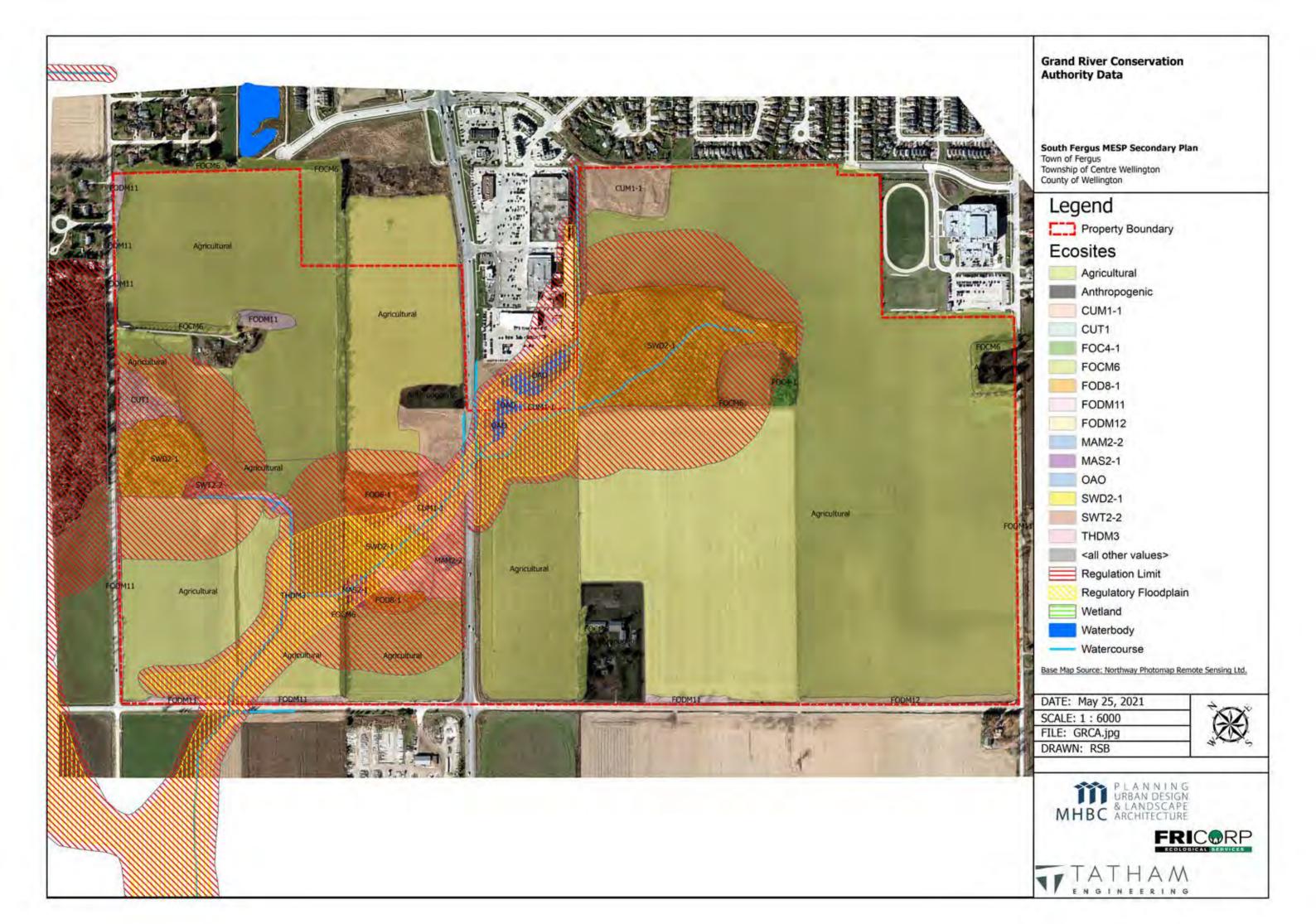
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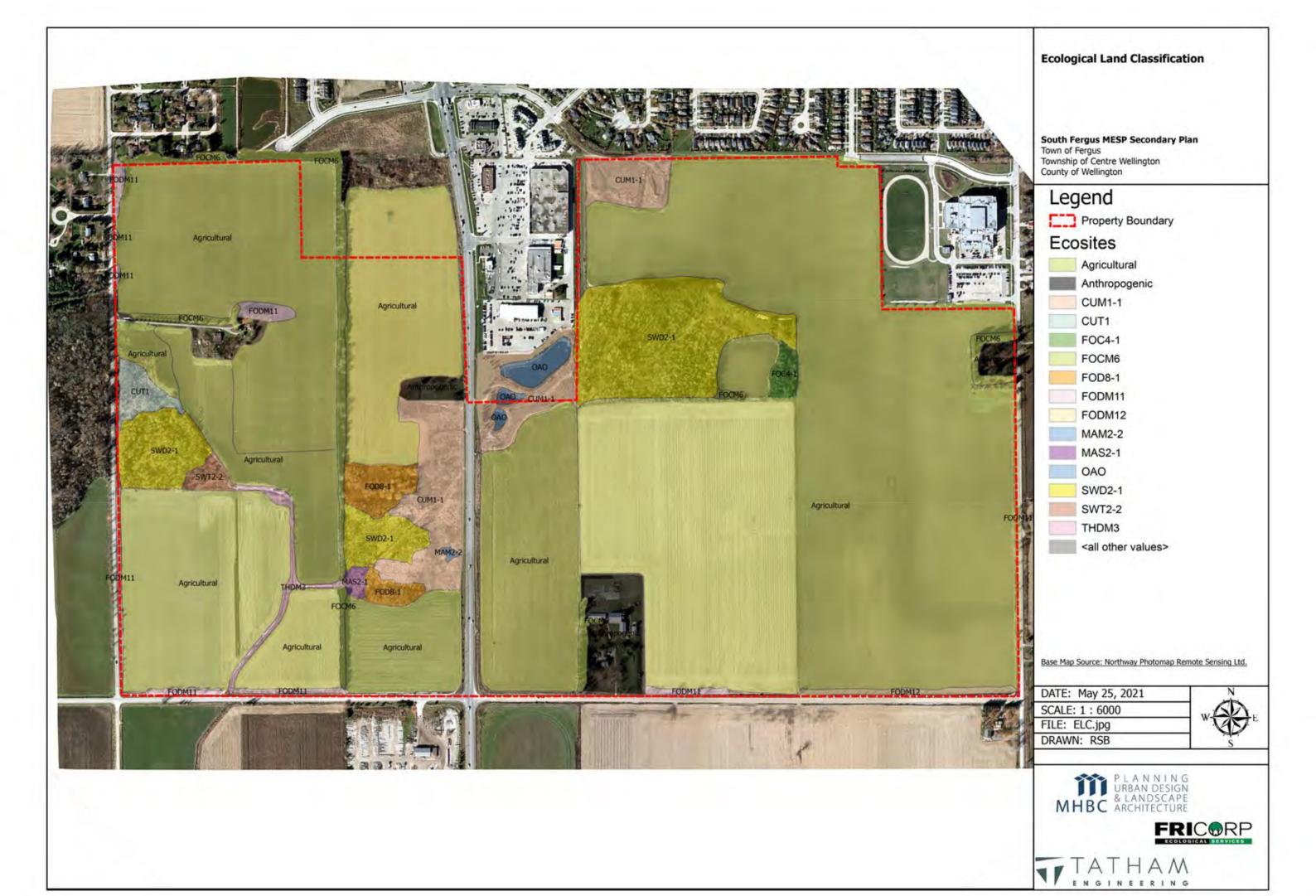


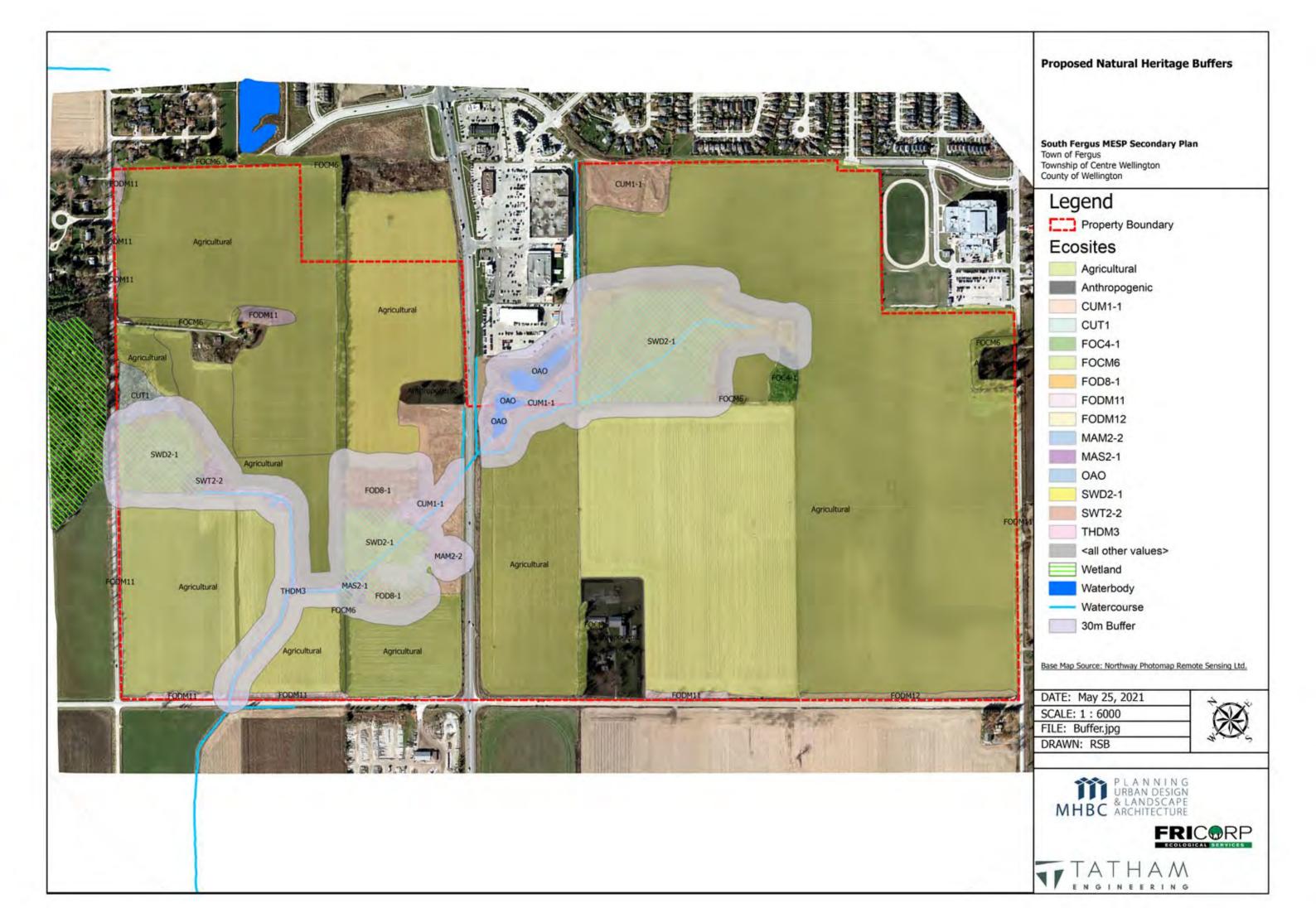


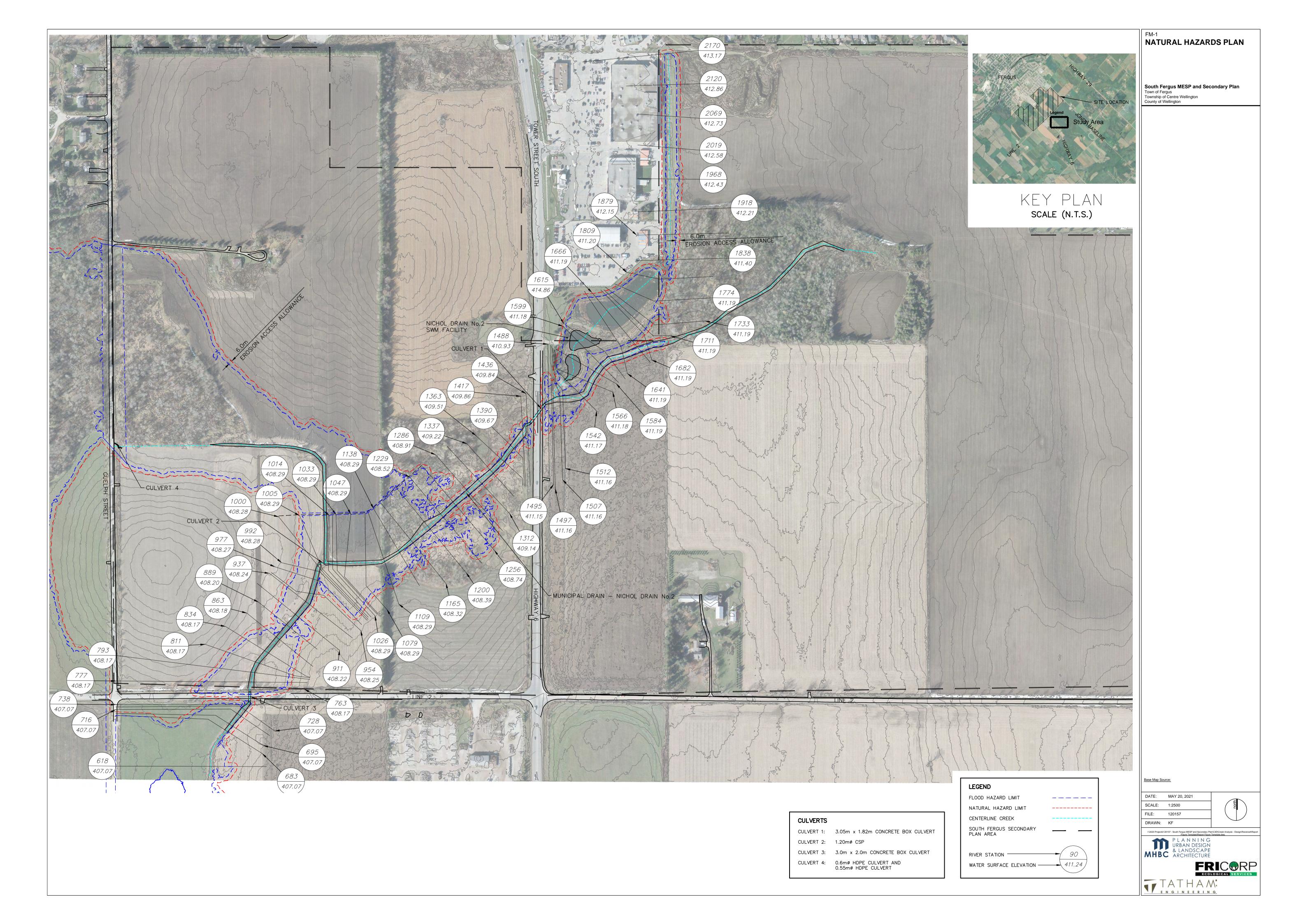


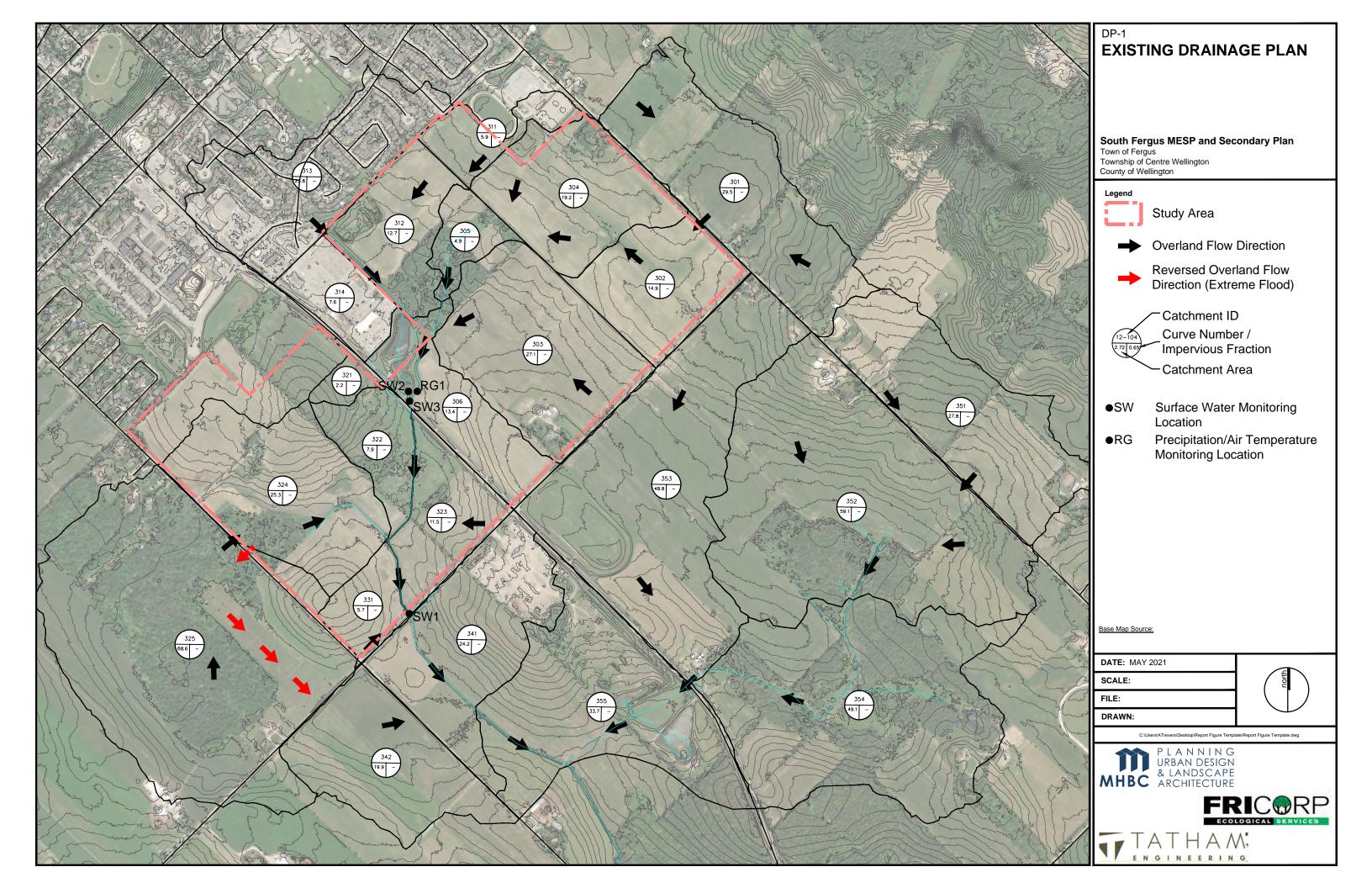


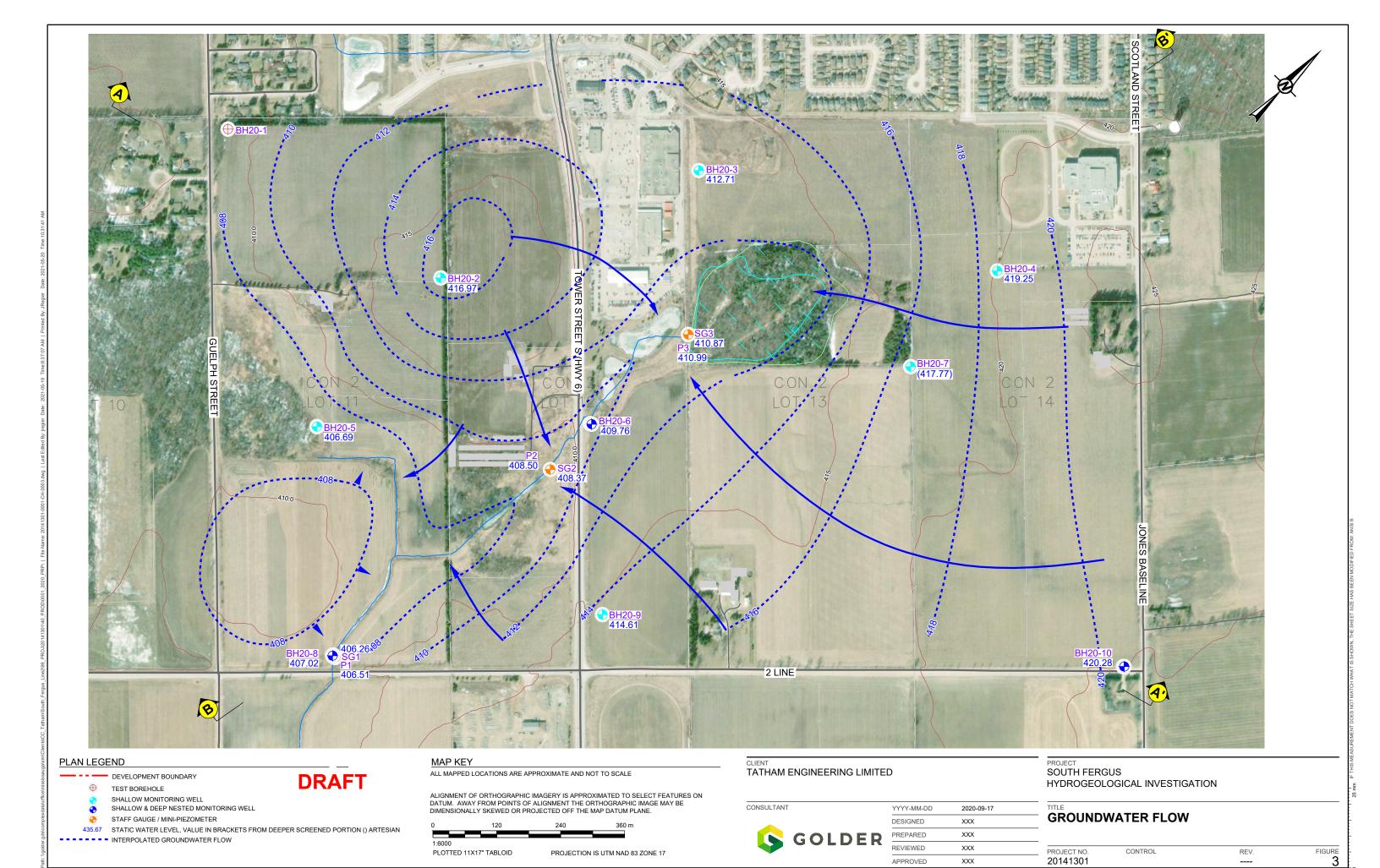


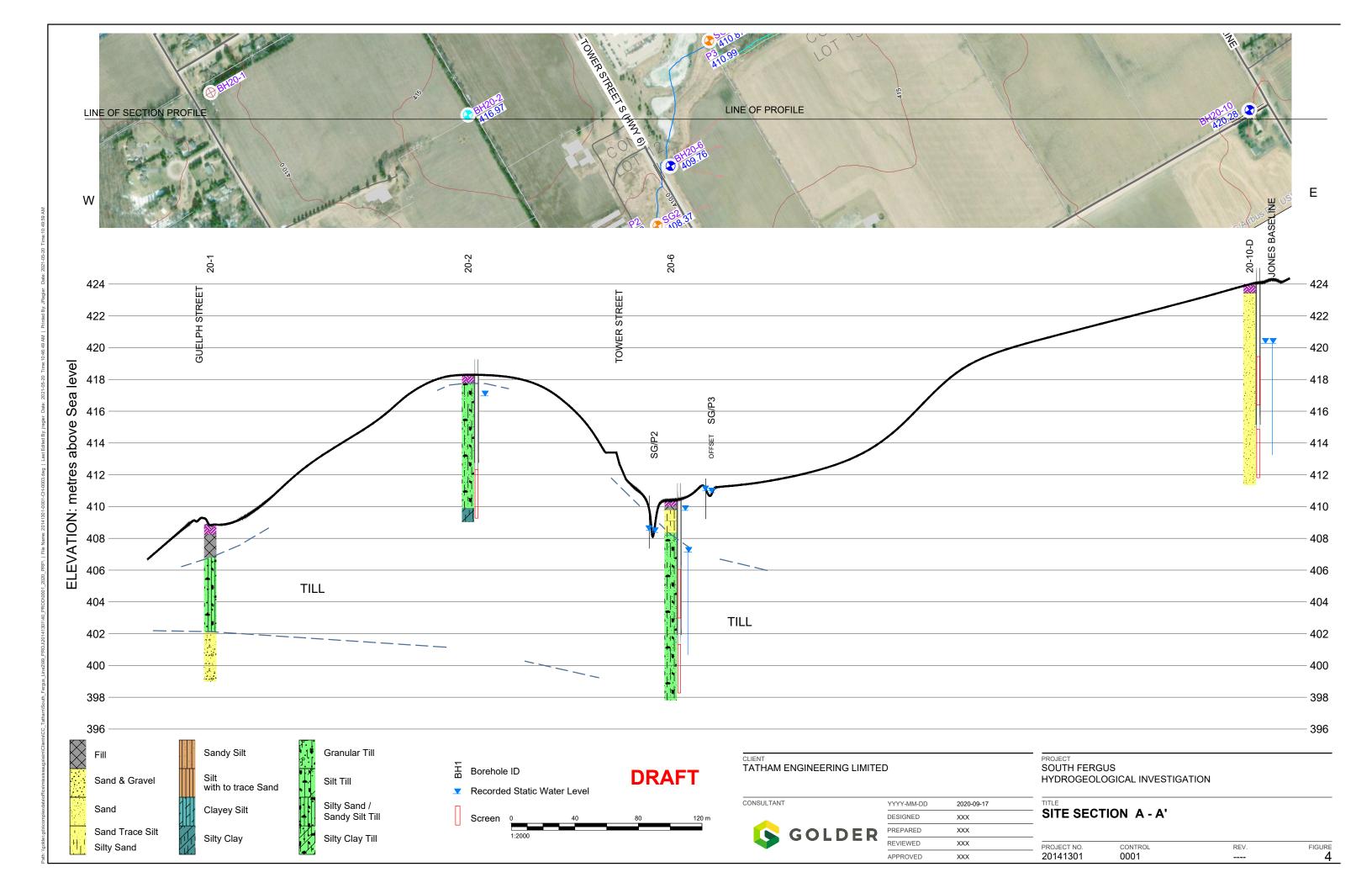


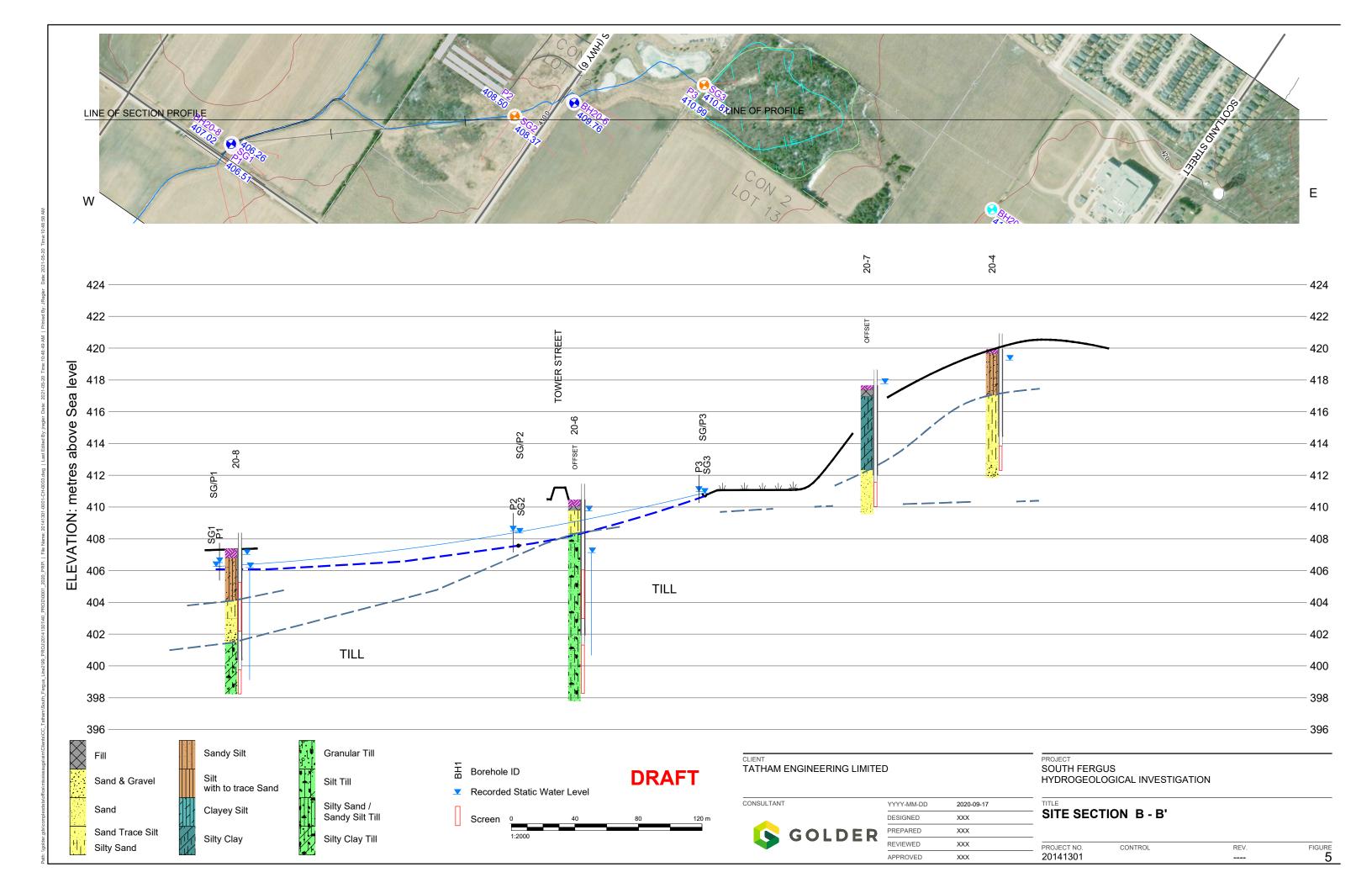




















### Road System

South Fergus MESP and Secondary Plan Town of Fergus Township of Centre Wellington County of Wellington

Study Area

Arterial

Collector Local

Source: Township of Centre Wellington Transportation Master Plan

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SCALE:

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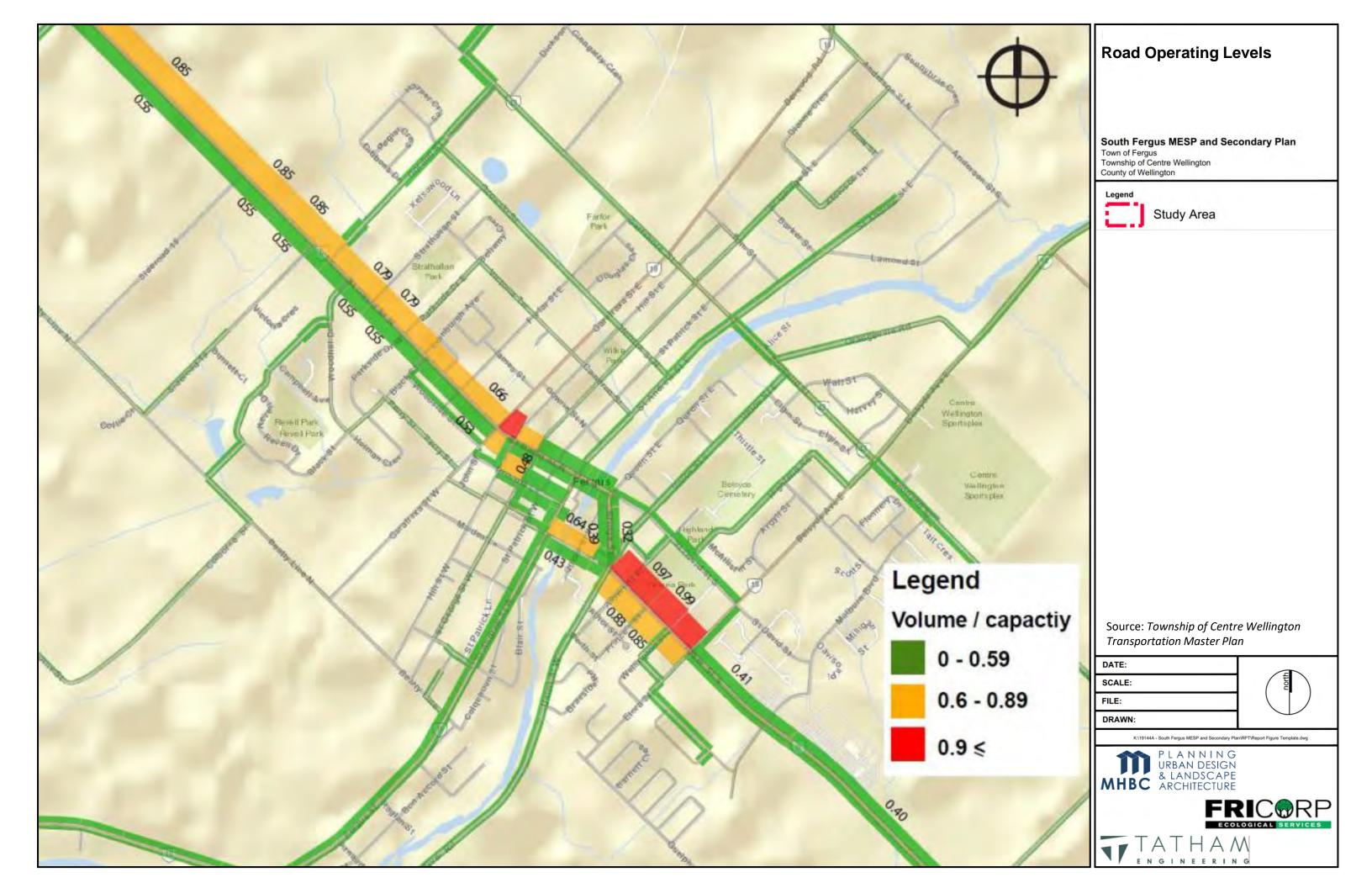


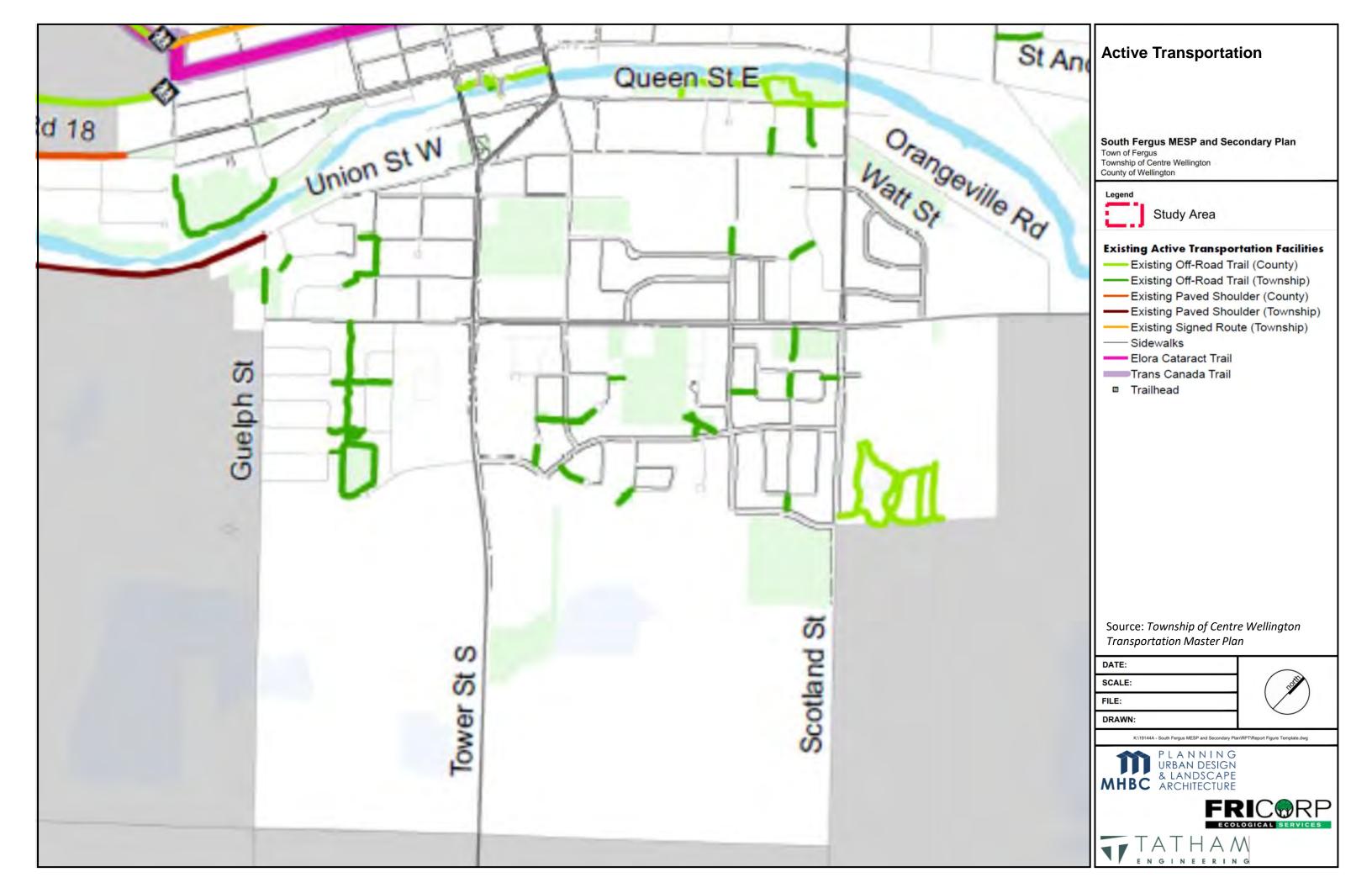
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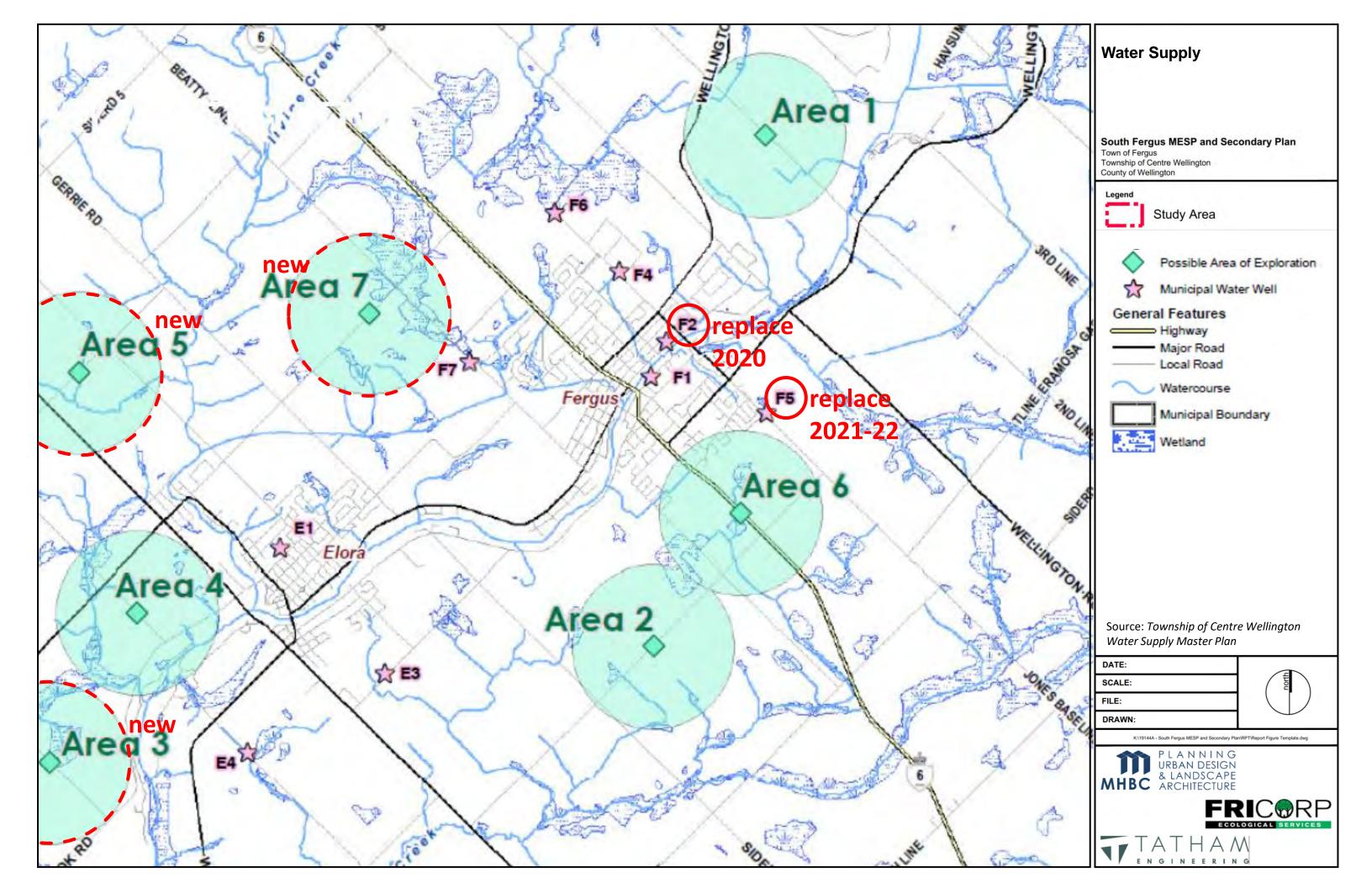














#### **Notice of Study Commencement**

#### South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan

(May 2021) (Draft)

#### Purpose of the South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) and Secondary

The purpose of the South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) and Secondary Plan is to guide the development of the remaining designated greenfield lands in South Fergus. The South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) and Secondary Plan will integrate environmental, servicing, transportation and land use planning components and will include: environmental study; traffic and transportation study; servicing studies (stormwater, sanitary sewer, and water), archaeological and heritage assessment, financial analysis, parks and trails analysis and a Secondary Plan.

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#### Study Area

The Study Area includes lands in South Fergus (as illustrated on the image to the right), which encompass approximately 152 hectares (375 acres). The Study Area is focused on the lands within the Urban Area and identified as the South Fergus Planning Area in the Township of Centre Wellington. Study may be required on adjacent lands as input to the Study Area.

<u>Master Environmental Servicing Plan and</u> <u>Secondary Plan Study Process</u>



The Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan are proceeding in accordance with the Master Plan requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process and will fulfill the Class EA process. The MESP will establish an understanding of existing conditions, develop and asses alternatives and identify a preferred plan to be implemented through the Secondary Plan. The completed study will be submitted to Township Council for adoption.

The Study findings may result in amendments to the regulated area mapping of Ontario Regulation 150/06 made under the Conservation Authorities Act. The Township of Centre Wellington is participating with area landowners who are undertaking the South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) and Secondary Plan. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been established, including the County of Wellington and Grand River Conservation Authority. Consultation will occur with Provincial ministries through the Study process for technical input and comments, as required.

#### Public Consultation and Input

The public is invited to follow the Study through the process and provide input through *Connect CW* (https://www.connectcw.ca/). There are three (3) Public Information Centres (PIC) planned throughout the Study process. PIC#1 will introduce the study and present the background information and conditions and describe the study process. The first PIC is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Before any decisions are made on a recommendation, or acceptance of the study, there will be further public consultation. A notice of all meetings will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list and posted on the Township website In addition, the project team will keep a mailing list of all persons expressing an interest in the Study.

#### **Contact Information for Comments**

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have about the study. All comments will become part of the public record. Please address your comment or inquiries or further information to:

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#### MEETING SUMMARY

#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan

Meeting Date: May 26, 2021

**Attendees:** GRCA - Laura Warner

Township - Brett Salmon, Colin Baker

County - Meagan Ferris

Project Team – Dave Aston, Emily Elliott, Daniel Twigger, Michael Cullip, Rod Bilz

#### 1. Introductions of TAC Members

• All attendees noted above form part of the TAC and were present at the meeting.

#### 2. General Administrative and Coordination Matters

- The Terms of Reference ("TOR") for the South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan (the "Study) have been approved by Council.
- MHBC is leading the Study on behalf of the Township and Landowners Group.
- The MESP and Secondary Plan are being completed in coordination with the County, Township and GRCA in the context of a Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC") process, including public consultation, agency input and approval.
- MHBC will establish agendas, prepare meeting summaries and circulate to the team for review. TAC meeting summaries will form part of the public record, in accordance with the Class EA requirements.

#### 3. Overview of Study Approach and Milestones

- The Study Area consists of lands outside the Built Boundary of the Fergus Urban Area that are located to the east and west of Highway 6 and north of Second Line. The Study Area has an area of approximately 152 hectares and is known as the South Fergus Secondary Planning Area.
- The completion of the MESP and Secondary Plan are being funded through the Township Development Charges.
- The Study integrates the Secondary Planning process required by the Planning Act with the Class EA requirements under the Municipal Class EA.
- The Study will consider existing Township Master Plans that outline required improvements both on and off site, including: Southwest Fergus Trunk Sewer, Union Street Pumping Station and other Master Plans (i.e., trails).
- The Township has been authorized to proceed with the Class EA for the Union Street Pumping Station. This will occur as a separate study process.

#### 4. Review of Existing Conditions / Background

- The project team has been reviewed existing/available background information and documents, summarized existing policies and completed initial field work to complete the Existing Conditions Report. Updated base plans (topographic mapping) and aerial photographs of the Study Area for use have also been prepared.
- The following provides a more detailed overview of the work completed to date and discussion at the meeting:

#### Planning / Land Use

- Analysis of County and Township Official Plan policies and mapping.
- The Township Official Plan Schedule A-1 shows general location of employment and residential uses in Study Area. Land use designations will be a key consideration of the Study.
- County staff have confirmed that lands identified in the Township Official Plan as "Future Employment Lands" are not a land use designation and therefore any change in use to consider the lands for residential would not constitute an employment land conversion.

#### Heritage / Archaeological

- The Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment is complete. There were no findings through the study and no recommendations to move to a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment.
- Cultural and built heritage screening has been undertaken. There is 1 property in the Study Area is identified as being of cultural heritage value or interest. Future design will consider the retention of the building.

#### Natural Heritage Features and Buffers

- Field work has been done to identify and categorize natural features and functions. The limits of the natural heritage features have been defined.
- Ecological Land Classification ("ELC") has been prepared and identified 15 different ecosites. The majority of the Study Area consists of agricultural land with natural features associated in wetlands and forested areas. Hedgerows were also evaluated and typed as ecosites.
- GRCA mapping has been reviewed and compared with ELC data. Generally, the wetland boundaries are quite similar to the ELC mapping with some minor discrepancies.
- A site visit with GRCA to confirm wetland boundaries is required as a next step.
- Preliminary mapping has proposed 30 metre buffers to all identified natural features.
   These buffers will be assessed and may be modified to reflect the sensitivity of the feature and/or the nature of adjacent development. Buffers will be measured from the outermost limit of the feature.
- There was discussion on the determination of significant woodlands. Township and County staff advised that In the Urban Area, woodlands are considered to be significant if they exceed 1 hectare in size, per the County Official Plan.

- Species at Risk ("SAR") Screening identified five potential SAR in the Study Area. However, only barn swallows were detected through field work. Additional field work related to barn swallow nesting is to be completed.
- No other species observed are considered to be threatened or endangered.

#### Drainage / Groundwater

- Hydrology information has been updated for new peak flows and flood hazard limits. The
  results of the field work undertaken to date does not represent a significant change from
  the findings of the Nichol 2 Subwatershed Study. There is a modification to the flood
  hazard limits in the southwest corner of the Study Area.
- Drainage areas have been assessed and mapped to provide direction on stormwater management facility locations. It is anticipated that three new facilities will be required to service future development. The existing SWM pond adjacent to the existing commercial lands was sized to accommodate some of the study area through the Nichol 2 Subwatershed Study. LID measures and alternative stormwater management measures will be recommended through the Study process.
- Generally groundwater flows to existing wetlands or the Nichol drain. There are some artesian conditions in the northwest portion of the Study Area but groundwater for the rest of the site is several metres below grade.
- Additional monitoring and infiltration testing is ongoing.

#### **Transportation**

- Background study review is completed.
- Analysis of external road system required.
- Transportation component of the study will seek to:
  - o Establish collector roads through the site to connect to Highway 6 and adjacent streets
  - o Identify location(s) for intersections with Highway 6 in the Study Area and type of intersection
  - o Examine traffic distribution patterns
  - o Recommend improvements to the existing road network, including intersection improvements
  - o Include cross sections of boundary roads and roads through the Study Area
  - o Integrate active transportation measures
- It is noted that the existing McQueen Boulevard is a 26 metre right-of-way. Despite this, it is not expected to be developed as a four lane road and the Study should review the road cross and consider integration of active transportation.

#### Water and Sanitary Services

• Background information is being collected to determine existing capacity in the sanitary system. A pumping station has been identified as a future improvement. Appropriate planning to increase capacity is underway as is a Class EA for the Union Street Pumping Station.

- Replacement of existing municipal wells has been identified to increase water supply in the area is required.
- Water and sewage capacity and demands will be detailed in studies to support the MESP, along with the identification of required phasing of development.

#### 5. Notice of Study Commencement and PIC #1

- PIC#1 is scheduled for June 24. Notice is to be published in Wellington Advertiser and on Connect CW. Township staff provided comment on the notice.
- PIC #1 to be a virtual meeting through Zoom. MHBC to coordinate meeting.
- Presentation material and background reports to be circulated to TAC for review by June 18.
- Department and agency circulation of notice required, as follows:
  - o County and GRCA staff to circulate internally.
  - o Township to provide standard list for circulation. MHBC to circulate notice.
  - o Township staff to circulate to all of Council.

#### 6. Timeline and Next Steps

• The overall timeline included in Terms of Reference was reviewed. No changes to timeline were identified.

#### 7. Discussion on Population and Jobs Forecast

- We discussed that South Fergus is anticipated to see higher densities than existing conditions and will include a higher percentage of multiple dwelling and apartment units. Township staff advised they would like to see a healthy job yield in South Fergus.
- The County's Municipal Comprehensive Review is underway and will provide some direction on allocation of population and jobs. The County and Township will share information related to allocation for input into the Study.
- The PIC will make reference to initial projections for 6,000 people and jobs, subject to further refinement through the Study process. This will also assist in the preliminary analysis related to servicing and transportation.

#### 8. Next Steps

- Wetland Boundary Review with GRCA and R. Bilz to occur after June 2
- MHBC to coordinate TAC Site Walk after wetland boundary review
- County and Township preparing and circulating background information for project team.
- MHBC to coordinate with Township on notice for PIC #1.

### **Next Meeting: Fall 2021**

Meeting Summary Issued: May 31, 2021

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 2 , 202

**Presentation and Summary** 

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# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING # 2





October 7, 2021



# AGENDA – ITEMS TO DISCUSS

- Project Status Update
- Structure Plan
- Design Principles
- Design Vision
- Land Use Typologies
- Land Use Plan Options
- Discussion and Input
- Timing for Second PIC

# PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

### **Milestones Completed**

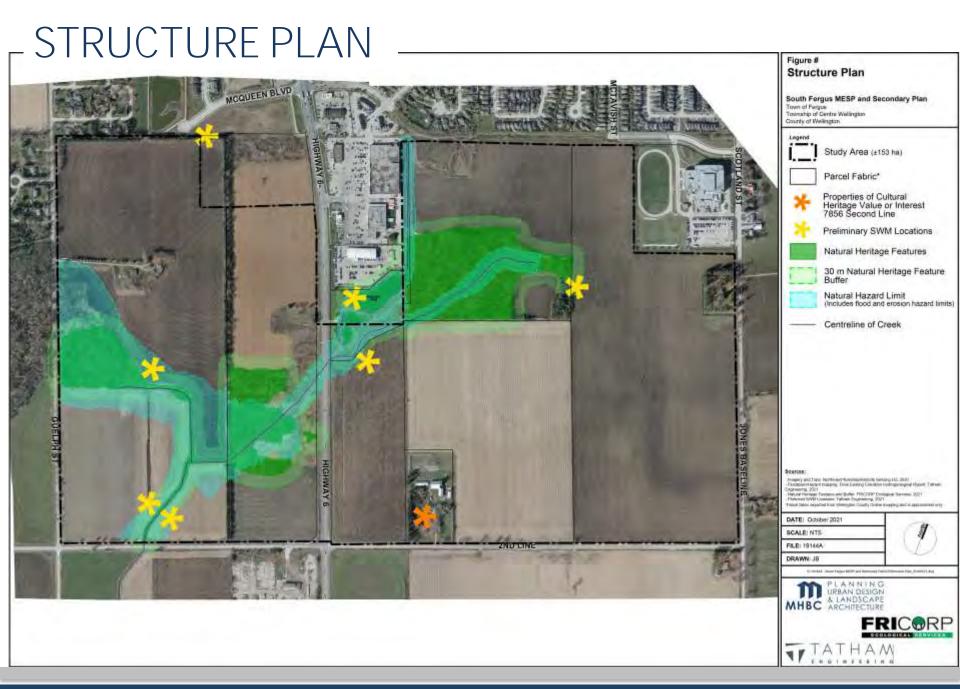
- March 22, 2021 Terms of Reference Approved
- May 26, 2021 Project Kick-off TAC Meeting
- June 24, 2021 First Public Information Centre
- August 31, 2021 Site Walk
- September, 2021 Existing Conditions Report Issued

### **Tasks Underway**

- Impact Assessment & Screening of Management Practices
- Determine Preferred Land Use Plan and Servicing

### **Next Steps**

- Urban Design Guidelines
- Fiscal Impact Assessment
- Traffic Impact Study
- Draft MESP & Secondary Plan



# **DESIGN VISION**

A complete community that provides a gateway and corridor into Fergus with a focus on community connections through protection of natural features, trails and a mix of uses to support the planned growth in South Fergus.



# DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Provide for a complete and active community
- Create a gateway into Fergus and a mixed-use, higher density corridor along Tower Street
- Maintain, restore or, where possible, improve natural heritage features within the Study Area
- Plan for a range of housing options and densities which will contribute to the variety of housing types in Fergus
- Create a well-connected transportation network, including new collector roads and a comprehensive trail network through the Study Area
- Plan to accommodate a range of uses to contribute to the diverse economy
- Ensure an appropriate transition between the existing surrounding rural/agricultural area and the built-up area of Fergus

### **LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL**

- Permitted Uses:
  - Single detached, duplex, semi-detached
  - Street townhouses
  - Second and secondary dwelling units
  - Home businesses
- Density up to 20 units/ ha
- Height Maximum 3 storeys (11m)

#### MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

- Permitted uses:
  - Multiple dwellings, including all types of townhouse, triplex and apartment
  - Care facilities
  - Non-residential supportive uses: Convenience retail, day care, personal services
- Floor Space Ratio 0.6 to 2.0
- Height maximum 6 storeys



#### MIXED USE CORRIDOR

- Permitted uses:
  - A broad range of compatible mix of commercial, retail, institutional and multiple dwelling residential uses, either on the same site or within the same building
- Floor Space Ratio 0.6-2.0
- Height Maximum 8 storeys

#### **GATEWAY COMMERCIAL**

- Permitted uses:
  - Full range of commercial and retail uses
  - Restaurants, health offices / clinics, personal services
  - Offices
  - Multiple dwelling residential above the ground floor of a permitted commercial use
- Floor Space Ratio 0.6-2.0
- Height Maximum 8 storeys
- Active uses at street level such as stores, restaurants and services
- Buildings oriented to the public street
- Parking accommodated underground or to the rear of the development



### **INSTITUTIONAL**

These areas accommodate Institutional uses that are of a neighbourhood or community scale

- Permitted Uses:
- Public and private elementary schools
- Public and private secondary and post-secondary educational facilities
- Long term residential care facilities
- Small-scale libraries, day care centers, and places of worship



#### **PARK & OPEN SPACE**

Park and Open Space areas provide for a comprehensive and connected open space system of parks and trails and a buffer between land uses.

- Permitted Uses:
  - Outdoor Active and Passive Recreation
  - Parks and Playground facilities
  - Trails

#### **NATURAL HERITAGE**

The Natural Heritage Land Use includes wetlands, woodlands, threatened or endangered species habitat, and lands subject to natural hazards or flooding

- Permitted Uses:
  - Conservation activities; forest, fish, and wildlife management
  - Passive recreation activities (i.e. trails)
  - Collector Road crossing of Nichol Drain, subject to environmental study



# DEVELOPABLE AREA



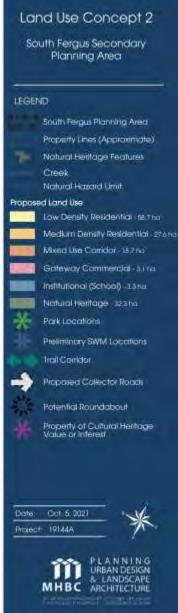
# LAND USE CONCEPT 1 - LOWER DENSITY





# LAND USE CONCEPT 2 - HIGHER DENSITY





# PRELIMINARY UNITS AND POPULATION

Land Use	Units	Estimated Population
Low Density Residential	950 - 975	2,950 – 3,000
Medium Density Residential	300 - 575	700 – 1,350
Mixed Use Corridor	500 - 800	795 – 1,300
Gateway Commercial	250 - 300	400 - 550
TOTAL	2,000 – 2,650	4,845 – 6,200

# INPUT AND DISCUSSION

- Land Use Typologies
- Densities
- Collector Road Network
- Park Locations and Trail Network
- School Site

# **NEXT STEPS**

- Preferred Land Use Concept
- Second Public Information Centre
- Prepare Urban Design Guidelines
- Prepare Fiscal Impact Assessment
- Draft MESP & Secondary Plan

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Technical Advisory Committee**

### South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan

Meeting Date: October 6, 2021

**Attendees:** GRCA - Laura Warner

Township - Brett Salmon, Colin Baker

County - Meagan Ferris

Project Team - Dave Aston, Emily Elliott, Daniel Twigger, Michael Cullip, Rod Bilz

### 1. Project Status Update

- Milestones completed since first TAC Meeting include:
  - o First PIC #1
  - o Site Walk with TAC
  - o Existing Conditions Report
- The Impact Assessment and Screening of Management Practices is underway.
- Land use options have been prepared for discussion and determination of a 'Preferred Plan'. Once the Preferred Plan has been determined, the fiscal impact assessment, design guidelines and servicing strategy will be prepared.

### 2. Structure Plan

- A Structure Plan was prepared as part of the Existing Conditions Study. This plan includes identification of constraints such as natural heritage features, natural hazards; potential stormwater management pond locations and potential collector road connections and alignments.
- The Structure Plan has informed the design consideration for the land use concepts.

### 3. Design Vision and Principles

- The vision for the Secondary Plan area is a well-connected and complete community that will accommodate a range of residential building types and densities as well as employment opportunities.
- Design principles will be detailed in the Urban Design Guidelines prepared through the MESP and Secondary Plan process. The design principles will:
  - o Provide for a complete and active community
  - o Create a gateway into Fergus and a mixed-use, higher density corridor along Tower Street
  - o Maintain, restore or, where possible, improve natural heritage features within the Study Area
  - o Plan for a range of housing options and densities which will contribute to the variety of housing types in Fergus

- o Create a well-connected transportation network, including new collector roads and a comprehensive trail network through the Study Area
- o Plan to accommodate a range of employment and commercial uses to contribute to the diverse economy
- o Ensure an appropriate transition between the existing surrounding rural/agricultural area and the built-up area of Fergus
- These key principles will assist in determining the land use allocation.

### 4. Land Use Typologies

- Land Use Typologies for the Secondary Plan were presented and included:
  - o Low Density Residential
  - o Medium Density Residential
  - o Mixed Use Corridor
  - o Gateway Commercial
  - o Institutional neighbourhood or community scale institutional uses
  - o Parks and Open Space
  - o Natural Heritage
- These land uses may be refined through the process to determine the preferred land use plan.

### 5. Land Use Plan Options

- The developable area was reviewed and confirmed it excludes natural heritage features and natural hazard limits as well as a 30m buffer from Natural Heritage Features. There is also one structure identified on the concepts as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- Two land use plan options were presented, including a lower density and a higher density approach. Both concepts include higher density and a range of uses along Highway 6, the extension of McQueen Boulevard and lands for a new elementary school.
- Both options include a Collector Road Network which incorporates a connection to Highway 6 and a roundabout at the Highway 6 and 2<sup>nd</sup> line intersection. Local roads are to be determined through future plan of subdivision applications.
- Both options also include an integrated trail network, potential park locations and preliminary stormwater management facilities.
- A preliminary estimated population for the Secondary Plan Area was discussed and is anticipated to be over 6,000 people.

### 6. Discussion and Input on Land Use Options

### Land Use Concept

- Township and County staff preferred the higher density concept.
- Township staff noted that the Secondary Plan Area has an opportunity for transit-ready density.
- Township staff recommended consideration of allowing small-scale commercial and retail uses (i.e. live-work) in residential designations through the Secondary Plan policies.

### **Employment**

• The need to include employment uses is a priority for Township Council.

- Township staff confirmed that a business park should have an area of 5 acres, permit small manufacturing and prohibit outdoor storage.
- Employment uses or a business park to be included in the preferred concepts.

### Transportation

- Township staff was generally supportive of the proposed Collector Road network, preferring the curvilinear approach from a traffic calming perspective.
- Township supported the use of roundabouts at collector road intersections and the intersection at Highway 6 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Line.
- Walkability was considered to be a key consideration in the Preferred Concept and Secondary Plan policies.
- Township staff recommended including cycling and pedestrian network in the Secondary Plan.
- Consideration of connections to the high school and future elementary school are to be incorporated in the Secondary Plan.

### Servicing

- A sanitary outlet and watermain will need to be extended to Guelph Street. This could be accommodated through a servicing corridor/trail connection or the extension of McQueen to Guelph. It was discussed that the servicing corridor was preferred to avoid extending McQueen adjacent to existing homes along Guelph Street.
- The Transportation Impact Study and Secondary Plan were recommended to include traffic calming measures and considerations of policies regarding access to collector roads for residential uses.
- Township staff recommended considering the servicing strategy in regard to the Township EA related to the Union Street Waste Wastewater Pumping Station.

### Parks and Trails

- Township Community Services Department to confirm preferred approach with respect to parkland allocation (i.e. size and type of parks).
- The preferred concept will show conceptual park locations. The Secondary Plan will refine park locations and include policies related to size.

### Urban Rural Transition

- County staff recommended considering policies related to ensuring an appropriate transition to rural uses outside of the Secondary Plan Area.
- Suggested measures include landscape strip, dual fronting uses, street trees, and/or greater setbacks.

### County Municipal Comprehensive Review Process

- The preferred land use plan and updated population and assumptions to be provided to County to assist in MCR process.
- County staff advised that through the MCR process, existing settlement areas and the urban. structure across the County would be examined based on land needs.
- County staff to provide information related to employment projections.

### 7. Next Steps

- The immediate next step is the preparation of a preferred land use plan. This will be used to inform the MESP and impact assessment.
- The preferred land use concept will be circulated to County and Township staff for final feedback prior to completing Impact Assessment and Draft Secondary Plan.

# **Next Meeting: December 2021**

Meeting Summary Issued: November 25, 2021

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 3

March 10, 2022

Presentation and Summary

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# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING # 3

March 10, 2022







# **AGENDA**

- Introduction
- Project Status Update
- Identify Alternatives and Determine Preferred Land Use Plan and Stormwater Management and Servicing Approach
- Population and Employment Density Analysis
- Draft Secondary Plan Land Use Designations
- Discussion and Input

# INTRODUCTION

# **Project Team**



Planning, Cultural Heritage, Urban Design, Project Management



**Environmental** 



**Engineering** 



**Financial** 



Archaeology

# **Technical Advisory Committee**



Township of Centre Wellington



Wellington County



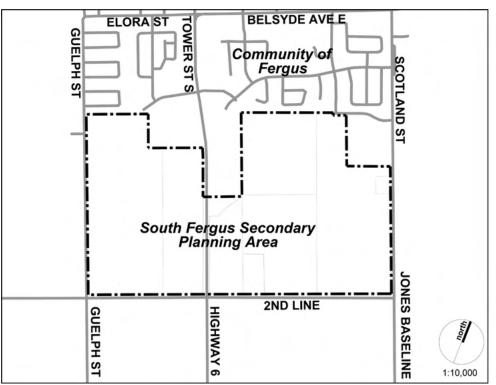
Grand River
Conservation Authority

# **STUDY PURPOSE**

The purpose of the South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) and Secondary Plan is to guide the development of the remaining designated greenfield lands in South Fergus.

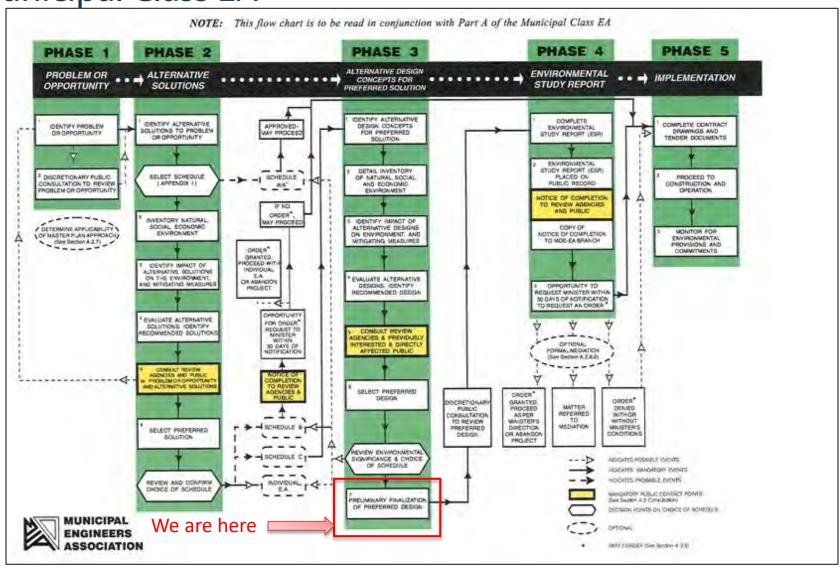
The Secondary Plan will establish the land use designations and policy framework to be included in the Township Official Plan.

The MESP integrates infrastructure requirements for existing and future land use with environmental assessment planning principles.



# STUDY PROCESS

# Municipal Class EA



# **STUDY PROCESS**

Background
Review
&
Existing
Conditions

OMASSESSMENT

Assessment
&
Screening of
Management
Practices

Preliminary
Land Use Plan
and Secondary
Plan Policies
&
Stormwater
Management
and Servicing
Approach

Finalize
SECONDARY
Plan

# **IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

# **Considerations for Alternative Designs:**

- Natural heritage feature delineation and buffers
- Stormwater management pond locations
- Collector road network
- Allocation of density
- Employment and commercial uses
- Scale and location of land uses
- Parkland requirements and distribution, including trail alignments

# **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

# **Summary Evaluation Criteria to Determine Preferred Land Use Plan:**

- Natural Environment
  - Natural Features
  - Groundwater Resources
  - Surface Drainage
  - Species at Risk
- Socio-Economic
  - Land Use Policy
  - Existing and Approved Land Uses
  - Community connectivity and recreational opportunities
- Cultural Environment
  - Archaeological
  - Built Heritage
- Transportation
- Municipal Services
- Financial

# **ALTERNATIVE DESIGN CONCEPTS**

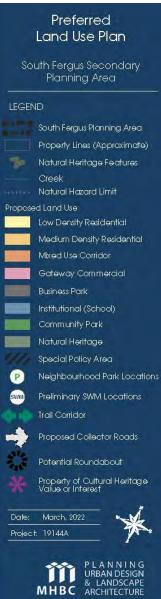
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ROAD NETWORK	Street	Street	
	One connection to Scotland Street	One connection to Scotland Street	One connection to Scotland Street
	Two new connections to Second Line	Two new connections to Second Line	One new connection to Second Line
	Extension of McQueen to Second Line and Scotland Street	Extension of McQueen to Second Line and Scotland Street	Extension of McQueen to Guelph Street and Scotland Street
HIGHWAY 6 CORRIDOR	Mixed Use Corridor	Mixed Use Corridor	Mixed Use Corridor
HIGHWAY 6 & SECOND LINE	Mixed Use Corridor	Gateway commercial at northwest quadrant	Gateway commercial at northwest and northeast quadrants
OTHER			Provision for employment uses

The following were fixed in each of the land use scenarios:

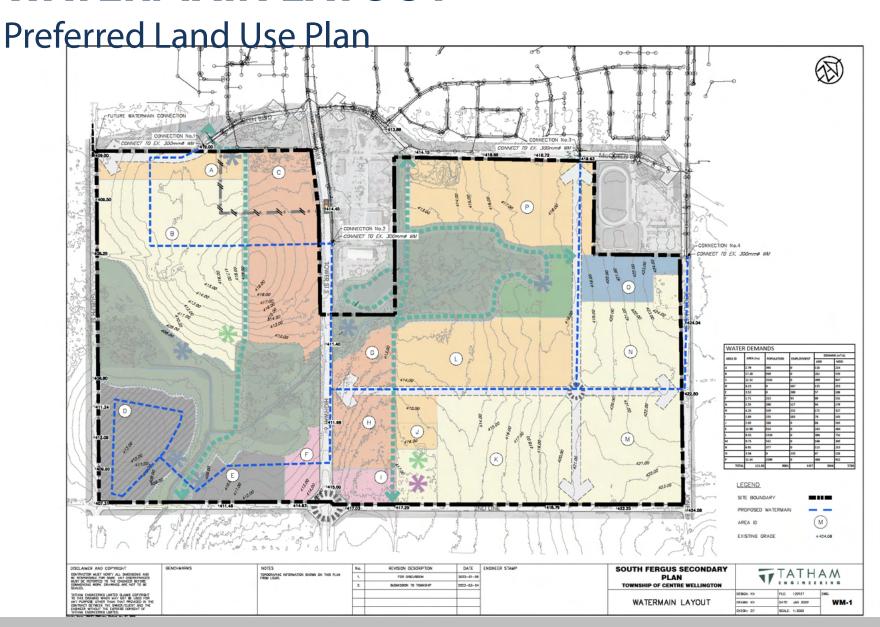
- Natural features and buffers
- Stormwater management facility locations

# PREFERRED LAND USE PLAN





# **WATERMAIN LAYOUT**



# **SANITARY DRAINAGE PLAN**

Preferred Land Use Plan



# **STORM DRAINAGE PLAN & LAYOUT**

Preferred Land Use Plan



# **ANTICIPATED POPULATION AND JOBS**

# Preferred Land Use Plan

LAND USE DESIGNATION	UNITS	ESTIMATED POPULATION
Low Density Residential	864	2,674
Medium Density Residential	807	1,946
Mixed Use Commercial	1,106	1,765
Gateway Commercial	158	252
TOTAL	2,935	6,637
DENSITY	60 persons per hectare	

LAND USE DESIGNATION		ESTIMATED JOBS
Employment		238
Institutional		20
Mixed Use Commercial		57
Gateway Commercial		60
	TOTAL	375 jobs

# Preferred Land Use Plan

### LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

- Permitted Uses:
  - Single detached, duplex, semi-detached
  - Street townhouses
  - Second and secondary dwelling units
  - Home businesses
  - Non-residential supportive uses: Convenience retail, day care, personal services
- Density Minimum 20 units/ ha
- Height Maximum 3 storeys (11m)

### MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

- Permitted uses:
  - Multiple dwellings, including all types of townhouse, triplex and apartment
  - Care facilities
  - Non-residential supportive uses: Convenience retail, day care, personal services
- Floor Space Ratio 0.6 to 2.0
- Height Maximum 6 storeys



# Preferred Land Use Plan

### MIXED USE CORRIDOR

- Permitted uses:
  - Broad range of commercial uses, including: commercial, retail, office, institutional
  - Multiple dwelling residential uses, either on the same site or within the same building
- Floor Space Ratio 0.6-2.0
- Height Maximum 8 storeys
- Urban design policies

### **GATEWAY COMMERCIAL**

- Permitted uses:
  - Full range of commercial and retail uses, including: restaurants, health offices / clinics, personal services, offices
  - Multiple dwelling residential above the ground floor of a permitted commercial use
- Floor Space Ratio 0.6-2.0
- Height Maximum 8 storeys
- Active uses at street level such as stores, restaurants and services
- Urban design policies



# Preferred Land Use Plan

### **INSTITUTIONAL**

These areas accommodate Institutional uses that are of a neighbourhood or community scale

- Permitted uses include:
  - Elementary, secondary, post-secondary schools
  - Long term residential care facilities
  - Small-scale libraries, day care centres, and places of worship

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## **BUSINESS PARK**

Permitted uses:

- A range of prestigious employment uses including: office uses, light manufacturing, warehousing, research and development
- Complementary uses including: convenience commercial, financial institutions, medical services, fitness centres
- No outdoor storage
- High standard of urban design
- Special Policy applicable to lands to northeast of Second Line and Guelph Street permitting residential uses where, through an MCR, additional employment lands are identified.





# Preferred Land Use Plan

### **PARK & OPEN SPACE**

Park and Open Space areas provide for a comprehensive and connected open space system of parks and trails and a buffer between land uses

- Permitted Uses:
  - Outdoor Active and Passive Recreation
  - Parks and Playground facilities
  - Trails

### **NATURAL HERITAGE**

The Natural Heritage Land Use includes wetlands, woodlands, threatened or endangered species habitat, and lands subject to natural hazards or flooding

- Permitted Uses:
  - Conservation activities; forest, fish, and wildlife management
  - Passive recreation activities (i.e. trails)



# **DISCUSSION AND INPUT**

- Preferred Land Use Plan
- Servicing and Stormwater Management Strategy
- Collector Road Network
- County Official Plan Review Process
- Public Information Centre #2
- Timing

# **NEXT STEPS**

- Public Information Centre #2
- Prepare draft MESP and Secondary Plan and circulate for agency review
- Finalize and submit MESP and Secondary Plan
- MESP and Secondary Plan considered by Township Committee of the Whole

# **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Technical Advisory Committee South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan Meeting Date: March 10, 2022

**Attendees:** Township - Brett Salmon, Colin Baker

County – Aldo Salis, Sarah Wilhelm

GRCA - Laura Warner

Project Team – Dave Aston, Emily Elliott, Daniel Twigger, Michael Cullip

### 1. Project Status Update

- The milestones completed since the previous TAC Meeting (October 6, 2021), include:
  - o Developed and assessed alternative land use options to determine preferred land use plan
  - o Prepared a preliminary servicing approach for the preferred land use plan
  - o Prepared population and employment density estimates
  - o Prepared draft Secondary Plan policies
- The MESP and Secondary Plan Report is underway, including the Fiscal Impact Assessment, Design Guidelines and Master Servicing Plan.
- MHBC provided a presentation (attached) that addressed the following:

### **Development and Assessment of Alternatives**

- The alternatives were based on the previously prepared Structure Plan. Many of the Secondary Plan details were 'fixed', including: the extent of natural features, buffers and floodplains, the general location of stormwater management facilities and components of the collector road network.
- Analysis of each alternative was based on the following considerations: natural environment, socioeconomic; cultural environment, transportation, municipal services and financial.
- Certain aspects of the evaluation were consistent in all alternatives, for example there were no archaeological constraints and one property of cultural heritage value or interest.
- The MESP and Secondary Plan Report will provide a complete discussion of the evaluation criteria, including how they were considered in the preferred option.
- Three options were considered in determining the preferred land use plan. These options included a lower density option (Option 1) and two higher density options (Options 2 and 3).
- The most significant variations in terms of alternative scenarios related to allocation of density, distribution of land uses, scale and intensity of uses, and parkland requirements.
- To achieve a higher density within the Study Area, Options 2 and 3 assessed a different land use mix and intensity of uses within the lands along Highway 6 that are planned to function as a Mixed Use Corridor.
- Employment uses were included in one of the higher density alternatives (Option 3).
- The 'Do Nothing' approach was considered, however, given that the Secondary Plan Area is identified as a future development area in the Official Plan it will not be considered as an option.

### **Overview of Preferred Land Use Plan**

- The intent is to focus intensification along the Highway 6 Corridor and establish a gateway to Fergus. This includes Gateway Commercial lands at the intersection of Highway 6 and Second Line and a Mixed Use Corridor along Highway 6.
- A Community Park has been incorporated, per Township's previous comments. The Community Park is located adjacent to the future elementary school and has been sized to accommodate two soccer fields.
- The cultural heritage structure is identified and designated Low Density Residential. There is a neighbourhood park to the rear and a trail to the west to create an area that recognizes the heritage structure
- The Urban Design Guidelines will include direction on traffic calming for Collector Roads. Specific traffic calming on the Collector Road segment between the school and the park will be recommended.
- Employment uses are accommodated through the Gateway Commercial and Mixed Use Corridor lands as well as a Business Park on the west side of the plan. A special policy is proposed for a portion of the Business Park to allow for consideration of residential land uses, subject to additional employment lands being added within the Township, through a Municipal Comprehensive Review.
- The Natural Heritage designation, as confirmed by the GRCA, is delineated and includes features, floodplains and associated buffers.
- The preferred land use plan is based on 60 persons per hectare
- The intention for Mixed Use Corridor and Gateway Commercial is to allow a maximum Floor Space Ratio of 2.0 and a maximum height of 8 storeys. Within the Mixed Use Corridor, residential uses would be permitted as 'standalone' whereas within the Gateway Commercial designation, residential uses would be permitted above the ground floor of a mixed-use building.
- The Business Park is intended to include uses like light manufacturing, research and development and not permit heavy manufacturing. The comment was made that there are no existing designations as proposed and the Secondary Plan will establish the policy framework.

### Infrastructure – Servicing and Transportation

- The servicing strategy has been prepared based on preferred land use scenario:
  - o Water servicing is a 'looped' system
  - o Sanitary drainage has two phases based on existing conditions. Lands to the south of the natural area drain to a pumping station which pumps back up to the forcemain for the Union Street facility.
  - o The preferred location for new stormwater management facilities were identified.
- A forcemain is shown within the Natural Heritage designation. However, this forcemain is proposed within the buffer area as opposed to the natural feature. The final report will include a detail and impact analysis related to the location of this forcemain.
  - o A preferred Collector Road network has been prepared.
  - o Local road or minor collector connections to the external road network are anticipated on Guelph Street and Second Line. No additional connections to Scotland Street or Highway 6 are planned.
- Design considerations will address residential development along Scotland Street and Second Line, including the use of partial window streets. No driveways or rear yards with fencing will be permitted along these streets.

- An additional connection to Highway 6 on the east is not planned due to concerns related to distances to other intersections and MTO requirements.
- A new east/west corridor across the west side of the Study Area is not planned. To the west of Guelph Street is a large wetland so a future Collector Road connection is not anticipated.
- The transportation system is being reviewed as part of the final Report. This review includes recommendations related to upgrades to the current system required to accommodate the planned development. All identified intersection and associated improvements to 2039 and 2049 will be identified in the final report.
- Cross sections for collector roads and local roads in the Study Area will also be prepared as part of this review.

### TAC Comments Preferred Land Use Plan

- The mix of land use mix is generally acceptable. Consideration of higher density employment or additional employment lands was suggested.
- It was suggested to consider incorporating policies in the Mixed Use Corridor designation requiring a minimum percentage of commercial floor area within the designation.
- The land use designation for lands to the north of the Loblaw property and south of McQueen Boulevard should be reviewed and confirmed as part of the Secondary Plan.
- The elementary school should be designated Low Density Residential, as the Township does not have an Institutional designation. The location of the proposed school was not raised as a concern.
- The Urban Design Guidelines should include consideration of the urban to rural transition along Second Line and Scotland Street.
- There may be an opportunity to include higher density uses at northwest corner of Scotland Street and Second Line
- Comments regarding the proposed Special Policy within the Business Park designation are to be provided and further discussed with the County. County staff understood the objective but would like to further discuss the policy implementation.
- An engineering discussion is to occur to assess matters related to: overall servicing strategy and assumptions, capacity of existing infrastructure, location of pumping station(s), and update on Union St pumping station.

### 2. County Municipal Comprehensive Review

- The County needs to consider the Business Park and Mixed Use Corridor designations through the MCR process in order to accurately forecast the anticipated number of jobs.
- The County's Land Needs Assessment is anticipated to be available to the public within the next month.
- The preferred land use plan and draft Secondary Plan to be provided to Watson and Associates for consideration in the MCR.
- MHBC to coordinate a follow-up discussion with County and Township staff.

### 3. Public Information Centre

- The second Public Information Centre is planned for late March or early April.
- The purpose of PIC2 is to describe alternatives, evaluation criteria and present preferred land use scenario and servicing strategy.
- Draft Notice of PIC2 will be circulated to TAC for review and comment.

• The notice will be issued approximately 20 days in advance of meeting. It will be posted on Connect CW and in Wellington Advisor for two weeks.

Meeting Summary Issued: March 11, 2022

**TAC Presentation Attached** 

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 4

May 4, 2023

Presentation and Summary

SOUTH FERGUS
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AND
SECONDARY PLAN



# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4, 2023







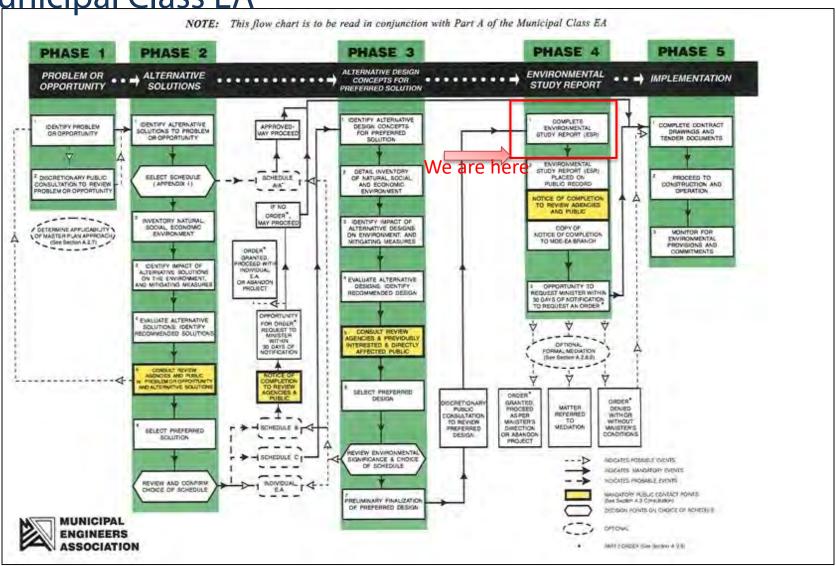


### **AGENDA**

- Project Status Update
- Review Preferred Land Use Plan
- Servicing Strategy Overview
- Stormwater Management Strategy Overview
- Transportation
- Draft Secondary Plan
- Next Steps and Timing

### STUDY PROCESS

Municipal Class EA



### **STUDY PROCESS**

Background
Review
&
Existing
Conditions

O Impact
Assessment
&
Screening of
Management
Practices

Preliminary
Land Use Plan
and Secondary
Plan Policies
&
Stormwater
Management
and Servicing
Approach

Finalize
Secondary
Plan

### PREFERRED LAND USE PLAN

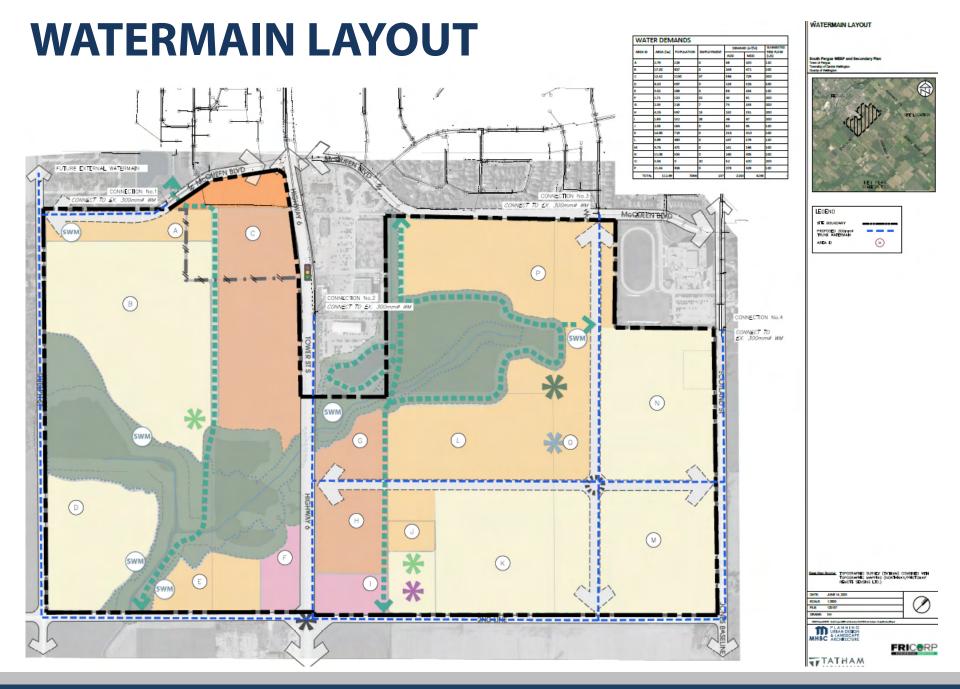


### PREFERRED LAND USE PLAN

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Medium Density Residential	871	2,100
Mixed Use Commercial	1,106	1,765
Gateway Commercial	158	252
TOTAL	3,088	7,066
DENSITY TARGET	60 persons per hectare	

LAND USE DESIGNATION	ESTIMATED JOBS
Mixed Use Commercial	57
Gateway Commercial	60
Future School Site	20
TOTAL	<b>137 jobs</b>

## **SANITARY DRAINAGE** FLOW AREAS **PLAN** CONVECT TO EXISTING MH AT MICROLEN BLVD AND MILES ON DOWN LEGENO POSED GRAVITY SENER PROM SAN PUMP STATION TO SYST Note: Proposed pump station location for further discussion



**DRAINAGE PLAN** LEGEND IX Text SOUTH FERGUS SECONDARY PLAN AREA OVERLAND FLOW DIRECTION FERGUS CATCHMENT BOUNDARY WETLANDS CATCHMENT ID CURVE NUMBER / IMPERVIOUS FRACTION CATCHMENT AREA STREAMFLOW MONITORING WESTMINSTER SUBCINISION SWW POND LOCATION POINT OF INTEREST CULVERTS CULVET 1: 3.02m X 1.82m BOX CULVERT CULVERT 2: 1.2mø CSP CULVERT 3: 3.0m X 2.0m BOX CULVERT 4: 0.55mø & 0.6mø HDPE CULVERT 5: TO BE DETERMINED CULVERT 6: TO BE DETERMINED CULVERT 7: TO BE DETERMINED CULVERT 8: 0.45mø CSP CULVERT 9: 0.45mø CSP SW1 CULVERT 8

### **TRANSPORTATION**



### **BIOLOGICAL MONITORING**



### **SECONDARY PLAN**



- Lands Outside of Policy Area PA1-16 to be Redesignated
  - 1. Lands to be redesignated from Highway Commercial with Special Policy Area PA1-12 to Medium Density Residential
  - 2. Lands to be redesignated from Highway Commercial with Special Policy Area PAT-12 to Mixed Use Corridor
  - 3. Lands to be redesignated from Highway Commercial with Special Policy Area PA1-12 to Low Density Residential

### **NEXT STEPS AND TIMING DISCUSSION**

- TAC Meeting May 4, 2023
- Circulation to departments and agencies
- PIC 3 May 16, 2023
- Final Submission
- Township Council
- Notice of Study Completion

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Technical Advisory Committee South Fergus Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan Meeting Date: May 5, 2023

Attendees: Township - Brett Salmon, Mariana Iglesias, Ray Kirtz (Triton Engineering), Dustin Lyttle (Triton Engineering)
County – Sarah Wilhelm
GRCA - Laura Warner, Jessica Conroy
Project Team – Dave Aston, Emily Elliott, Daniel Twigger, Michael Cullip

#### 1. Project Status Update

- The Class EA process is nearing completion.
- Phase 5 of the EA Process (Implementation) is to occur through individual Plan of Subdivision applications.
- Next steps include final PIC, public meeting and Council consideration.

#### 2. Preferred Land Use Plan

- The Preferred Land Use Plan is largely the same as presented at the last TAC Meeting, with the exception of the southwest corner which has been changed from Business Park to Low Rise Residential
- The target density is 60 units per hectare which results in approximately 3,000 units, 7,000 people and 137 jobs.

#### 3. Sanitary Drainage

- The proposal is to take catchment Area P (northeast) and drain it to the existing sanitary sewer on McQueen Boulevard and extend services to existing pumping station on Tower Street.
- The Township requested if/when details on design are available to have a better understanding of the population to be directed to existing infrastructure.
- There was a discussion on options to remove the proposed sewage pumping station. It was discussed that the challenge with this option is that excessively deep sewers would be required as they would need to go under Nichol Drain No. 2 with sufficient cover.
- Triton Engineering (for the Township) advised that they would review options and determine if another alternative should be pursued. This includes an option to approach and adjacent landowner.
- Ultimately, the discussion was that the Township's preferred option is a gravity sewer.
- A follow-up meeting with engineering staff and the project team will be coordinated to consider alternatives and potential solution.
- For the purpose of the PIC, a note will be added to the Sanitary Drainage figure to indicate that alternatives for the sewage pumping station are still being explored.

#### 4. Watermain Layout

- It is proposed that new watermains will connect at existing connection points surrounding the development (Scotland, Tower, McQueen Boulevard and a future connection on Guelph).
- Phasing will be required to align with well construction.
- No concerns were raised with the proposed watermain layout.

#### 5. Storm Drainage

- The Storm Drainage Plan contemplates draining Area P (northeast) to the exiting stormwater management pond, constructed for the existing commercial development on Tower Street.
- It was confirmed that the existing pond for Area P was designed to include these lands. It was agreed that analysis to confirm functionality of the pond and level of sedimentation may be required at detailed design stage.
- An additional water quality pond is required for development of the remaining lands on the east side of Tower Street. The wetland will provide quantity control.
- Stormwater management on the west side of Tower Street includes a planned new stormwater management facility and three stormwater management ponds. At detailed design alternative options such as underground storage and LIDs may be explored. Design criteria and treatment and control expectations are set out in the MESP.
- External improvements include roadside ditch improvements on Guelph Street.
- The stormwater management design was prepared on a watershed basis. By providing necessary control on west side, the plan over controls flows that drain under the culvert. At each key points in the study area a hydrograph was used to ensure peak flows are not increased.
- It was confirmed that the external Catchment Area 201 was modelled based on existing conditions.
- It was confirmed that Nichol Drain 13 may require further assessment at the detailed design stage to confirm the ability to accommodate flows and to confirm the size of the culvert crossing at Guelph Street.
- The Township requested that the Geomorphic Assessment be updated to include a statement that Nichol Drain 2 can handle the proposed flows.
- The GRCA confirmed that comments are forthcoming.
- No concerns were raised with the proposed storm drainage strategy.

#### 6. Transportation

- Transportation Plan identifies where improvements are required and when, based on intersection improvements and queue operations. Improvements identified include:
  - o The widening Highway 6 to a four-lane road with two lanes in each direction.
  - o A signal at the intersection of Second Line and Tower Street (Highway 6), subject to MTO review and approval. The transportation study examined an opportunity for roundabout at this location, but given the volume of traffic the recommendation is for standard signal. This intersection is being studied by MTO as well who will ultimately determine the traffic controls for the intersection. A copy of the Transportation Plan is to be circulated to the MTO.
  - o Turn lanes at entrance to commercial plaza, traffic signals and turn lanes at Highway 6.
- The remaining boundary road intersections will operate adequately under stop control.
- County staff requested consideration of the intersection of Belsyde Avenue and Scotland Street in Transportation Plan.

- Township staff noted that that the Transportation Plan identifies local roads as having a right-of-way width of 18.5 metres. This should be revised to 18 metres.
- No concerns were raised with the proposed Transportation Plan.

#### 7. Biological Monitoring

- No changes to the boundaries of any natural heritage features have been made as the feature delineation was confirmed with GRCA previously and floodplain limits were confirmed through Existing Conditions Study.
- The Environmental Impact Study identifies a number of Biological Monitoring Locations. These are where monitoring is recommended to be continued as input to future development applications.
- The preferred land use plan includes utilization of the hedgerow on the west side of Study Area as trail, which will allow for preservation of hedgerow as feature. In some areas roads will need to extend though the hedgerow to allow for access to the blocks along Tower Street.
- GRCA staff advised that comments are forthcoming. GRCA review will be focussed on wetlands and natural hazards.
- It was discussed that future Plan of Subdivision applications will include a detailed analysis of the features, including confirmation of the feature limits and buffers. It was acknowledged that, the Township may require a peer review of those future detailed EIS reports.
- The County shared a number of comments, which will be provided in writing, including:
  - o Confirmation of whether existing wetlands will be used as stormwater management facilities. It was confirmed that stormwater management facilities will be constructed outside of wetlands. Water will be sent into the wetlands and attenuate flows. Existing wetlands are not intended to be altered. The stormwater management plan is consistent with the intent in the Nichol Drain No. 2 Subwatershed Study.
  - o The County enquired as to the intended ownership of trails and noted that the terms trails and passive recreation should be included in the policy framework. Further discussions regarding ownership of the trails may be required through the Plan of Subdivision stage. The County noted that there is an error on Figure 14 of the MESP which needs to be revised. There are several trails identified as "Existing Off-Road Trails (County), which are not County trails.
  - o The County noted that a 30 metre buffer to the natural heritage features is identified in MESP and asked if that there is intended to be flexibility with the buffer. It was confirmed that the MESP and Secondary Plan provides direction on what is permitted within the buffer and further direction to the subdivision process.
  - o The County requested consideration of language regarding restoration and enhancement of natural features in the draft Secondary Plan. The comment will be considered and it was confirmed that there are currently no buffers to the natural heritage features. The provision of buffers is considered to be an enhancement to the features.

#### 8. Secondary Plan

- The proposed land use designations flows out from the land use plan. In addition, there are three sites outside of the Study Area proposed to be redesignated. These lands are the former Loblaw's Site that were designated prior to the Secondary Plan process but where development did not proceed. Including these lands in the proposed amendment results in an appropriate designation.
- County staff requested minor revisions to the Secondary Plan mapping and text. Formal comments will be provided in writing.

• Township shared comments regarding employment lands and requested further consideration related to employment lands in the southwest corner and the approach to a special policy. Further discussions are to occur. It was recognized that additional land will be considered through the County's Growth Management Strategy that is better suited for future employment.

#### 9. Next steps

- Comments from TAC will be circulated by the end of May.
- The PIC has been scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- A working meeting to review sanitary drainage will be coordinated following the PIC. This will include consideration of County comments.
- Final submission to Township of MESP to be filed in early June, depending on scope of comments.
- The timing of the public meeting for the Official Plan Amendment is targeted for June with Council approval following in July or August.
- The public meeting will be for the combined Official Plan Amendment and MESP. The amendment would be municipally lead as opposed to landowner lead.

Meeting Summary Issued: May 25, 2023

**TAC Presentation Attached**