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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Laura Stone, Planning Consultant
Date: June 24, 2026
Subject: County of Peterborough Watershed Plan Equivalent Update

Recommendation:

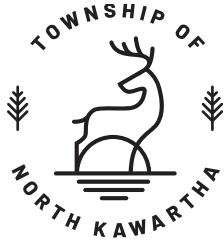
That Council receives this report.

Background:

The County of Peterborough set up a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the review of a Watershed Plan Equivalent in November of 2024 to review and comment on the Watershed Plan created by consultant Onterris (formerly Montrose Environmental). The goal of the TAC is to create planning and management recommendations based on the information provided by Onterris, as well as provide visions and goals, characterize existing heritage and water resources and guidance for identifying components of Water Resource Systems and Natural Heritage Systems in policy and mapping.

The key considerations for which guidance is provided in the Watershed Plan include:

1. Protection of surface and groundwater quantity;
2. Protection of surface and groundwater quality;
3. Natural hazards;
4. Managing stressors exacerbated by climate change;
5. Maintaining interconnections between natural heritage and water features/areas and systems, recognizing the benefits of green infrastructure;
6. Assessing cumulative impacts of land use changes; and
7. Analysis of land use and management scenarios.



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In addition to member municipalities and area First Nations, local Conservation Authorities are members of the Technical Advisory Committee and have provided extensive input to the document.

The final Watershed Plan was presented to County Council on June 24, 2026 and the next steps will be to implement the document into the County's Official Plan, work on sub watershed studies in growth areas and continue to collect data, monitor and fill in gaps in information in partnership with local municipalities, Conservation Authorities and First Nations, as well as other qualified and interested parties.

Given the lack of technical information via field work or modelling for the 5 tertiary watersheds in the County of Peterborough, this document serves to provide guidelines and policies that broadly protect the watershed features located within the Township's jurisdiction

Financial Implications:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A