Senior Management Team

Policy Planning - Update

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Policy Planning – Priorities

Planning Ecology

- Business continuity and meeting service delivery standards throughout COVID-19, including site visits and ensuring vital stakings are done safely following COVID-19 protocols so projects can proceed.

Enforcement and Compliance

- Refocus enforcement and compliance objectives from our *s.29* (landholdings) to our *s.28* (development regulations) priorities

- Train and deploy newest Enforcement Officer, Julia Pinder, who joined the team at the beginning of September and implement elements of the business case recently approved by SLT.

Planning Policy & Regulation

- Annual Regulation mapping update for end of 2020

- Business continuity and service delivery for Solicitor-Realty Inquiries, submissions to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO); providing input and support to municipal partners in conjunction with DES staff to MCR (Official Plan), Comprehensive Zoning By-laws, and Special Policy Area updates – major, multi-year projects.

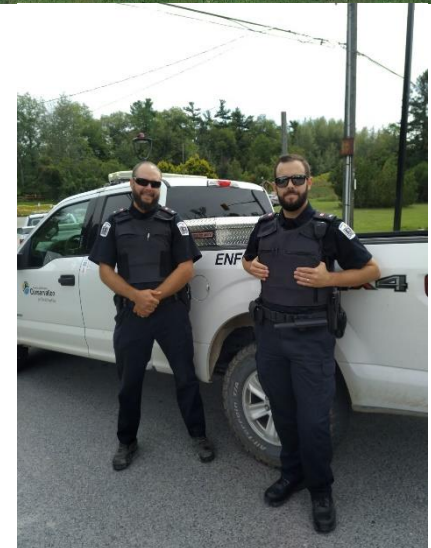# Policy Planning – Challenges

Planning Ecology

- Multiple LPAT processes - despite creativity in finding solutions (3 major hearings settled), some sites/projects will end up in a hearing.

- Navigating increasing number of Minister Zoning Order (MZO) discussions and processes

Enforcement and Compliance

- April 4 to September 13th - prioritized *s. 29* responsibilities, worked every weekend, actively involved with the Covid-19 facility closures, addressing stakeholder complaints, and deployed at Bond Lake throughout summer to assist in curbing the ongoing misuse and illegal activities at that facility

- Stakeholder complaints have increased 61% over the same time last year

- *S. 28* -109 violations issued to date on 82 properties; permit inspections are down 32% over the same period in 2019

Planning Policy and Regulation

- Capacity pressures and time sensitive deadlines due to staff vacancies – Senior Planner, Policy and Manager, Source Protection (Don Ford and CVC staff providing coverage)

Policy Planning – Required Cooperation

DES and PP Strategic Implementation Planning

- Collaborative effort by all business units facilitated by Ecosystem and Climate team

Planning Ecology

- Updates to guidelines and protocols (e.g. internal project review) - input from other business units is key. Great example: Restoration and Infrastructure and Planning Ecology staff have collaborated to produce draft seed mix guideline for implementation on TRCA sites, as well as development projects.

Enforcement and Compliance

- Continuing to foster the important relationships with municipal partnering agencies (e.g., Covid-19 Regional Enforcement Task Force)

Planning Policy and Regulation

- Staff comments on ERO postings and municipal initiatives/MCRs need to be as organized, positioned taking into account the audience, and as direct and non-biased as possible for policy staff to interpret and synthesize within provincial and municipal allotted timeframes

Policy Planning – Heads Up

- September Board Reports:
  - Enforcement and Compliance program review and business case
  - Summary of Provincial Policy Submissions April-Sept
  - GTA West ERO/Preferred Route

- Prioritize CA Act enabling regulations review - communicate information once known

- Proposed amendments to the Director's Technical Rules made under section 107 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 (ERO #019-2219) – due Nov 9th

- Interim arrangement to transition CTC SPR lead from TRCA to CVC

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