



LOCATION: GEORGIAN BAY, ON  
 CLIENT: TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY  
 TYPE: OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW  
 DATE: 2012 - 2014

MHBC undertook an Official Plan Review for the Township of Georgian Bay, resulting in the Township's first new Official Plan in over 20 years. Georgian Bay is a vast municipality with numerous distinct communities, including a variety of coastal and inland waterfront communities, two urban centers, a rural service center and vast rural areas. All of these areas are unique in terms of their character, development constraints, natural heritage considerations and other opportunities, and many of these areas are represented by stake holders and community associations. In order to prepare a new Official Plan that captured the varying nature of the Township, MHBC facilitated an intensive public consultation process that included stakeholder workshops and open houses, meetings with the Township and Planning Committee, public comment summary charts and project update newsletters. Throughout the Official Plan Review process, MHBC also received, reviewed and incorporated hundreds of written comments from residents and stakeholders.

MHBC incorporated a variety of new policies, mapping and concepts into the Official Plan, including a growth management strategy, natural heritage, natural hazard, resource and waterfront character policies, distinct notification requirements for different areas, and Wetland and Fish Habitat mapping, amongst others. The approved Official Plan is a comprehensive and forward thinking document that effectively balances the unique character of the different areas of the Township with natural heritage and hazard considerations, and the ability to effectively and efficiently accommodate appropriate growth

  
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