

Summary of proposed Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning Application by CMP

In response to questions raised about the proposed rezoning application by Calabogie Motorsports Park (CMP) last year, your NLA prepared this short **preliminary and unofficial** summary of the application based on information currently available. More information will be made available at the time that the Township requests public input and all finalized consultant reports are made public.

Process: *The initial application was received in Jan 2010. In response, Peer review studies were requested of the consultant reports prepared by the applicant including a peer review or the sound study. Once staff feels they have all the information they will present everything to Council, a public meeting on the application will be advertised and there will be an opportunity for public comment at that time. After the public input, Council will deliberate and consider/vote on the application.*

Current zoning

The current official plan dealing with CMP is RU-E15 (rural exception) is essentially as follows: motor sports track limited to seating facilities for 125 spectators with no major spectator events and no professional races. Sound levels to not exceed MOE guidelines of 45 dBA for Norway Lake.

Special events: *permitted to request a permit up to four times a year for a "special event" that waives the regular noise bylaw limit of 45 dBA but no greater than 65 dBA peak noise allowed. Hours of operation are also extended. Each permit covers up to a four day period. In a change made in 2010, Council must now approve any request for a special event permit (previously it was the CAO). Special events are of interest to NLA as according to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer special events and motorcycle races are the two areas that have prompted the most complaints.*

The proposed Official Plan Amendment includes the following:

The prohibition on hosting major spectator events and professional racing is deleted.

Two prohibitions specified regarding track permitted uses: drag racing and demolition events. (compared to the ban on major spectator events and professional racing currently)

Maximum seating area increased to 3,000 from 125 – grandstand proposed to be built

The request includes a change from RU-E15 to Tourist Commercial. All tourism related commercial uses to be permitted including hotels, restaurants, retail, resort, banquet hall, place of entertainment

Proposed also to permit active recreational uses on trails including ATV's and snowmobiles

No change to compliance with existing MOE noise guidelines NPC 205 and 232 currently in place (i.e. the 45 DBA sound level for Norway Lake remains the same)

No change to special events provisions