

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW
COUNTY OF OXFORD

pursuant to Section 26(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

COUNTY OF OXFORD

P.O. Box 1614, 21 Reeve Street
Woodstock ON N4S 7Y3 (519) 539-9800

DATE: August 31, 2021

Purpose and Effect

The County of Oxford is initiating a review of the Official Plan. The Planning Act, RSO 1990, requires that a municipality revise its Official Plan as required to ensure that it conforms with Provincial Plans, or does not conflict with them, has regard to matters of Provincial interest and is consistent with Provincial Policy Statements.

The Planning Act requires that Council hold a special meeting, open to the public, to discuss the revisions that may be required. This meeting will serve to formally initiate the current Official Plan review process, which is anticipated to be comprised of a number of phases. The geographic scope of the review includes all lands within the County of Oxford.

There have been a number of legislative and policy changes (e.g. Planning Act, 2020 Provincial Policy Statement etc.), which it is expected may require revisions to a number of the current Official Plan policies. A range of policy areas are anticipated to require review and potential updates as part of this process, including, but not necessary limited to, agriculture, natural heritage resources, community and urban design, housing, cultural resources, transportation and infrastructure, implementation measures etc.

Other areas for review may be identified through public and stakeholder input and further Planning staff review. The need for and specific nature of any proposed policy revisions will be determined as the County proceeds through the review process. Opportunities for public input on any proposed policy revisions that may arise from this review will be provided at future stages in the process.

Special Public Meeting

The County of Oxford will be holding a special meeting of Council, open to the public, to discuss the revisions that may be required as part of the County's Official Plan Review on:

Date: Wednesday, October 13th, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Place: Oxford County Administration Building, Council Chambers,
1st Floor, 21 Reeve St, 1st Floor, Woodstock, ON N4S 3G1**

AND Via Live Stream

www.oxfordcounty.ca/livestream

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and to help prevent the spread of the virus, Oxford County Council will be providing opportunities to participate in the meeting both in-person, physically distanced, at the Oxford County Administration Building, as well as the ability to participate electronically.

We welcome your comments and request they be submitted in writing to planning@oxfordcounty.ca. All written comments received will be read aloud for Council's consideration. Comments received may become part of the public agenda.

If you wish to participate in either the in-person or virtual public meeting, we ask that you please register ahead of time by contacting the Clerk's office at 519 539 9800 ext 3910 or clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca. Requests to participate in the meeting must be received by **Friday, October 8th, 2021**. Details on participation in the meeting will be provided upon registration.

Please contact the Clerk's Department if you require an alternate format or communication support with at least 7 days' notice prior to the meeting, at 519 539 9800 ext 3910 or by e-mail at clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca.

A copy of the Planning staff report, providing an overview of the proposed Official Plan review process and matters to be considered will be available as of Friday, October 8th, 2021 on Oxford County's website at: https://www.oxfordcounty.ca/Business-in-Oxford/Planning-and-DevelopmentOfficial-Plan#review or for viewing at the Oxford County Community Planning Office, 21 Reeve St, Woodstock, between 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

If you have any questions or require additional information, or if you would like to stay informed as the review and update of the Official Plan proceeds please contact April Nix, Development Planner - Policy, Ext. 519-539-9800 ext. 3208. Written comments may be forwarded to the address below or emailed to opupdate@oxfordcounty.ca. Please reference "County Official Plan Review" in all correspondence.

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