

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING (VIRTUAL)
COUNTY OF SIMCOE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW PHASE 1 – GROWTH MANAGEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Simcoe will hold an Open House and Public Meeting (Virtual) pursuant to subsection 17(15) and 17(16) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, regarding a proposed first phase growth management amendment to the County of Simcoe Official Plan as a result of the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) exercise under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

OPEN HOUSE

The Open House is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 between 4:30pm – 6:00pm**, and will be held virtually via ZOOM. The session will include a presentation by Hemson Consulting and following there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions of clarification or make comments. Pre-registration is required through Eventbrite (<https://simcoe-county-mcr.eventbrite.ca>) by no later than noon on Friday, June 17th, 2022.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** and will be held virtually via ZOOM. To participate in the meeting by providing a five-minute pre-recorded video presentation or a five-minute live virtual presentation, pre-registration is required by no later than noon on Friday, June 24th, 2022. To pre-register please refer to the following instructions <https://www.simcoe.ca/publicmeeting>

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

This proposed first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment (OPA) has been prepared in association with the County's MCR to bring the County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan, *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* (Growth Plan) (*Office Consolidation 2020*), ensure that it has appropriate regard for matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2020*. The Growth Plan now requires that the County plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by the year 2051.

This proposed OPA represents the first of multiple amendments to the existing County Official Plan that will establish where and how growth is to occur in the County to 2051 that will, among other matters:

- Establish a hierarchy of settlement areas;
- Identify population and employment forecasts to the year 2051 for each local municipality;
- Establish alternative density and intensification targets;
- Identify greenfield area land needs (in developable hectares) to accommodate future community (residential) uses and employment lands in local municipalities, as required;
- Identify settlement area boundary expansion criteria, secondary planning requirements, and phasing policies;

- Add or modify growth-related definitions, such as strategic growth areas, rural settlements, complete communities; and,
- Identify planned major transit station areas and protected major transit station areas.

The first phase growth management OPA applies to the whole of the County of Simcoe and therefore, a key map is not provided with this Notice.

NOTE: Other than identifying Major Transit Station Areas in the Town of Innisfil and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, this amendment does not specifically identify future development lands, as this will occur as necessary through future phases of the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING is to present the proposed first phase growth management OPA being put forward for consideration as a result of the County's MCR exercise under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, and give an opportunity for the public to provide input.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may watch the Statutory Public Meeting on the County's YouTube channel and:

- participate by providing a **written submission**; should you want your written comments included in the published agenda for the Public Meeting, they may be sent to the attention of the County Clerk by email clerks@simcoe.ca or via regular mail to County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L9N 1X6, by no later than noon on Friday, June 24th, 2022, and/or
- participate by providing a **five-minute pre-recorded video presentation** to provide comment on the first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment (OPA) as part of the MCR; you are required to pre-register no later than Friday, June 24, 2022 at noon; or
- participate by providing a **five-minute live virtual presentation** at the meeting using the guidelines set out below to provide comment on the first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment (OPA) as part of the MCR; you are required to pre-register no later than Friday, June 24, 2022 at noon. In order to participate virtually you will require a camera enabled device (computer/tablet) and a reliable high-speed internet connection.

To pre-register please refer to the following instructions
<https://www.simcoe.ca/publicmeeting>

NOTE: The County is specifically looking for your input on the first phase growth management OPA at this time. There will be opportunity through future statutory Open Houses and Public Meetings regarding additional County OPAs to address settlement area boundary expansions, natural heritage systems, agricultural lands, climate change, and watershed management, for the public to provide comment on these matters as it relates to specific properties, and in general.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION A copy of the proposed OPA and additional information is available at <https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/public-meetings>

NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed OPA, you must make a written request to the County Clerk, County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26 West, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6 or email clerks@simcoe.ca. Such requests must include the name and mailing address/email address to which such notice should be sent.

NOTE: The approval authority for adopted County of Simcoe Official Plan Amendments is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions of the public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Simcoe before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Simcoe before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless in the opinion of the Tribunal there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Notice of Collection, Use and Disclosure

All Personal Information is collected and will be used to support Council in their deliberations and decision making, and by staff, about the first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment, in accordance with sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act* and disclosed in full, including names, opinions, addresses and email, to any other persons requesting access to these records, or published as part of a public agenda; all information submitted to the County is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Questions about this notice of collection should be directed to the County Clerk's Office (705) 726-9300, Ext. 1623.

DATED at Midhurst this 2nd day of June, 2022.

John Daly, County Clerk
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