



COUNTY OF SIMCOE

MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

Municipal Comprehensive Review Public Information Sessions October 2021

The County is undertaking a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) in accordance with the Provincial Growth Plan, *A Place to Grow: Growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. The MCR is a specific planning process used to bring an upper- or single-tier municipality Official Plan (OP) into conformity with the Growth Plan. It establishes the overall pattern of development and land resource management in the County and sets the stage for more detailed local planning. The MCR will apply to the 16 Local Area Municipalities in the County, and excludes the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, both of which are separated Cities.

Land Needs Assessment and Growth Management

A key component of the work being undertaken is a Land Needs Assessment to determine how much growth can be accommodated in the existing settlement areas and whether additional land is needed for residential and employment area purposes to the 2051 planning horizon. Two public presentations are planned:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

1:30 – 3:00 pm

4:00 – 5:30 pm

*****UPDATE***** Due to considerable interest in the above-noted public information sessions, we have added a third session on October 5th, 2021 from 10:00-11:30am and have capped the registration for the two afternoon sessions.

Please register once per household or organization through Eventbrite (<https://simcoemcr-oct5.eventbrite.ca>). All three sessions will be hosted using Zoom and will include the same presentation by Hemson Consulting. Following this presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions of clarification or make comments. Materials related to these sessions will be posted to the County's MCR project webpage (www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/mcr) on **Friday, October 1, 2021**. A link to the Zoom meeting you have registered for will be sent the day before the session.

Technical Study Sessions

The MCR also includes a review of provincial policies and plans on the following matters. The product of the review will be the preparation of topic-specific technical reports and recommendations to address:

- refinements to the provincial Natural Heritage System mapping;
- refinements to the provincial Agricultural System mapping;
- climate change; and
- watershed management.

For a description of each topic, please see the MCR project webpage (www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/mcr)

At this time, topic specific public information sessions are planned on **Monday, October 18** and **Tuesday, October 19, 2021** at various times:

Session	Monday, October 18	Tuesday, October 19
10:00 – 11:30 am	Natural Heritage System	Agricultural System
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Watershed Management	Climate Change
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Climate Change	Watershed Management
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Agricultural System	Natural Heritage System

Please register once per household or organization through Eventbrite (<https://simcoemcr-oct18-19.eventbrite.ca>) for the topic, date and time that best suits your schedule. Both sessions for each topic will be hosted using Zoom and will include the same presentation by the applicable MCR technical consultant. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions of clarification or make comments. Materials related to each of the technical information sessions will be posted to the County's MCR project webpage (www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/mcr) on **Thursday, October 14, 2021**. A link to the Zoom meeting you have registered for will be sent the day before the session.

All of the public MCR information sessions to be held on **October 5th, 18th and 19th, 2021** will be recorded and posted to the County's MCR project webpage, therefore publicly available. By participating in these information sessions you are acknowledging the public nature of these sessions and the collection, use and disclosure of your image and opinions.

Notice of Collection, Use and Disclosure

All information collected, used and disclosed by the County of Simcoe is governed by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("MFIPPA"), and to support the MCR decision making, as per Section 26 of the Planning Act and for the purpose of collecting opinions about the MCR. Subject to exceptions under MFIPPA, information may be disclosed in full, including your name, email and opinions/questions/comments. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Greg Marek, Manager of Planning by phone at 705-726-9300 x1362 or Dan Amadio, Manager of Planning by phone at 705-726-9300 x1005.

Information sessions for the Indigenous communities and County Council on the Land Needs Assessment, Growth Management, Natural Heritage System, Agricultural System, Climate Change and Watershed Management will also be held in October 2021. Details will be posted to the MCR project webpage when confirmed.