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ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

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Notice of Public Meeting

Concerning a Proposed Official Plan Amendment for a Five-Year Review of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Official Plan

Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, cP. 13., S. 17(15)(d)

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) has been undertaking a five-year review of its Official Plan. After ongoing community consultation and revisions to Official Plan policies and mapping, Council of the Township of ACW has scheduled a final public meeting for the purpose of gathering public input before they may consider adopting the draft version of the document.

You are invited to participate in an [online](#) Public Meeting on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. During this time, the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council will be considering the Official Plan amendment.

The Proposed Changes

A number of policy and mapping changes are proposed in the Official Plan amendment as a result of the Official Plan Review. Key proposed changes include:

- Implementing Maitland Valley Conservation Authority's (MVCA) Flood Hazard data set into the mapping;
- Introducing policies which allow for additional residential units on properties within the Agriculture and Village/Hamlet designations;
- Amending permitted uses in the Agriculture designation to allow for greater on-farm diversification;
- Revising economic development policies to provide a stronger community focus;
- Implementing a climate change lens throughout the Official Plan;
- Implementing source water protection policies;
- Updating and correcting land use designation mapping;
- Clarifying development standards within settlement areas;
- Defining full-service access along the lakeshore;
- Providing compatibility criteria within the Airport designation;
- Outlining considerations for site plan control; and
- Stipulating requirements of a complete planning application.

If approved, these changes will apply across the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

Learn More

Further information regarding the Official Plan Review can be found at <https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/official-plan-review-2021>. Questions may be directed to the Planner Celina Whaling-Rae at cwhalingrae@huroncounty.ca or by phoning 519-524-8394 extension 3.

Have Your Say

Comments and opinions submitted on the Official Plan Review, including the originator's name and address, become part of the public record, and may be viewed by the general public and may be published in a planning report and Council agenda.

1. You can submit comments, objections or concerns by mail (address above) or email to clerk@acwtownship.ca
2. You can speak during the online public meeting. *Individuals are strongly encouraged to submit their comments prior to the meeting for consideration.



How to Access the Public Meeting

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Public Meeting will be held in electronic format.

You are entitled to attend this public meeting electronically to express your views about this Official Plan Review, or you may be represented by counsel for that purpose.

For information on how to participate in the Public Meeting, please visit the municipal website at <https://www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes>. Details on participating in the electronic meeting will be provided when the agenda is published at the end of the business day the Friday before the meeting. If you have any questions regarding how to participate in the meeting, please contact the municipal office at 519-524-4669.

Stay Informed

If you would like to be notified of the decision of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh on the proposed Official Plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh at clerk@acwtownship.ca or by mail to the municipal address above. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing if the decision of this application is appealed.

Your Rights

If the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopts the Amendment, the Record of the Clerk will be sent to Huron County Council for approval. The final decision is with Huron County Council. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the County of Huron to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Huron to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh 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.

If you are receiving this notice because you are the owner of property in the area of the amendment that contains seven or more residential units, you must also post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents of your property.

For more information, please visit the OLT website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/>.

Privacy Disclosure

As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and will be disclosed/made available by the Township to such persons as the Township deems appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

