



Notice of a Special Council Meeting

County of Bruce Official Plan Review (Section 26, the Planning Act, 1990)

You're Invited: An ONLINE COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **October 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM** for the purposes of discussing the County's review of its Official Plan.

The review of the Official Plan applies to the whole of the County of Bruce.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW (OPR) is to update the County Official Plan to ensure that it has appropriate regard for matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

The County's current Official Plan was last updated on June 21, 2010, as approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). The County's Official Plan is a long-range planning document that sets out policy to guide growth, land use planning and development approvals in the County to the year 2046. The current Official Plan was approved prior to the current Provincial Policy Statement.

The OPR is being informed by eight background reports (discussion papers) that address the following:

- Good growth;
- Supply and mix of homes;
- Business;
- Complete communities;
- Natural legacy;
- Agriculture;
- Cultural heritage; and
- Connecting.

The County is engaging the Province, Local Area Municipalities, Indigenous communities, County Council, Conservation Authorities, the public and other stakeholders, to obtain input on the Official Plan Review. When adopted, the updated Official Plan will establish a comprehensive policy framework to manage growth and change within the County to the year 2046. The County's Official Plan applies to each of the eight Local Area Municipalities.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL is to discuss the Official Plan Review process and assist in identifying updates that may be required to the County Official Plan. It is an introductory public meeting intended to provide an opportunity for interested parties to offer comments.

Any revisions that Council feels are necessary will be subsequently introduced through section 17 of the Planning Act. This Special Meeting of Council is the first of the statutory meetings to be held in relation to the Official Plan Review and will include an overview presentation by WSP Global Inc, the County's project consultant.

Throughout the Official Plan Review process there will be additional opportunities for the public to review draft documents and to provide comments to Council and staff, including an Open House and Statutory Public Meeting prior to County Council considering the adoption of any proposed new County Official Plan or Official Plan Amendment(s).

Learn More: Information relating to the project is available for viewing on the County of Bruce website for this project at www.planthebruce.ca.

Have your Say: Comments and opinions submitted on these matters, including the originator's name and address, become part of the public record, may be viewed by the general public and may be published in a Planning Report and Council Agenda.

You can submit comments by email to publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca or by mail (address below).

Comments received by 4:30 pm on October 13, 2021, will be included in the published agenda.

Comments received after that time but before the end of the Special Council Meeting will be provided to Council for its consideration.

You can participate in the meeting by telephone or Microsoft Teams. Please call 226-909-5515 or email as above to make a request and obtain information about connecting to the meeting.

How to access the special council meeting

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

The agenda and a video will be publicly livestreamed from the County of Bruce website. Following the meeting, a video will be posted to the same site. You can access the agenda and the livestream at this link:

<https://brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes>

Stay informed

To receive email notifications of future meetings and other matters related to the OPR, please visit www.planthebruce.ca and register by entering your contact information. Alternatively, you can make a written request for future project updates by submitting a letter to:

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