

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

Section 17 & 26 of Planning Act

To: Prescribed Persons/Public Bodies/Interested Parties

TAKE NOTICE that an **Open House** will be held on **Jan. 29, 2025**, and a **Public Meeting** will be held on **Feb. 4, 2025**, in order to consider the following:

 Official Plan Amendment (OPA 18), a Town initiated amendment to update the Town of Perth Official Plan under Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2024).

The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and discuss proposed Official Plan policy and mapping updates with the Town's Planning Consultant. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to provide formal comments or ask questions regarding the proposed Official Plan policy and map updates to the Town Council prior to their consideration of the adoption of the Official Plan amendment.

All interested parties are invited to participate in the following:

In-Person Open House

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025

Council Chambers, Perth Town Hall 80 Gore Street East, Perth, ON K7H 1H9

Time: 2-4 p.m.

6-7 p.m.

In-Person Public Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025

Council Chambers, Perth Town Hall 80 Gore Street East, Perth, ON K7H 1H9

Time: 5:30 p.m.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The Official Plan is Council's commitment to Town residents, containing the goals, objectives and policies intended to guide land use development and conservation over a 30-year time horizon. The Official Plan manages and directs physical development within the context of social, economic, built and natural environment matters.

The *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan be updated 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 Town Official Plan must also conform with the Lanark County Official Plan.

A summary of proposed areas for policy and mapping updates to the Official Plan is available on the Town's website together with background studies. These include policies related to: Indigenous acknowledgement, climate change, natural heritage features, affordable housing, residential intensification policies, to name a few. The Official Plan update also includes the replacement of the existing land use schedules with new, more accurate schedules covering land use, transportation, constraints and natural heritage features.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The update to the Official Plan will affect all lands within the municipal boundary of Town of Perth. Accordingly, no key map is provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Additional information regarding the Official Plan Review and Update project is available for inspection online at:

Perth.ca/OfficialPlan

If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of The Corporation of the Town of Perth to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Town of Perth before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Town of Perth 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 do so.

Personal information contained in written comments, collected pursuant to the *Planning Act*, will be used for the purposes of that Act and will be part of the public record. Questions should be directed to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at the institution conducting the procedures under the Act.

For additional information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Dated at Town of Perth this 2nd day of January 2025