



NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF PERTH OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Section 26(3)(b) of Planning Act

To: Prescribed Persons/Public Bodies/Interested Parties

TAKE NOTICE THAT The Town of Perth has initiated a review of its Official Plan and will hold a Special Public Meeting under Section 26(3)(b) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, to introduce the project to the public, discuss possible revisions that may be required and provide the public with an opportunity to submit written comments.

TAKE NOTICE THAT You are invited to participate in this special public meeting for the Official Plan Review and learn more about this important project and how you can participate in the review and update of the Town's Official Plan.

AND FURTHER, TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Town of Perth will hold a **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING ON:**

Date: June 27th, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 80 Gore Street E, Town of Perth

WHAT IS A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING? You are entitled to attend this special public meeting, or you may be represented by counsel or an agent to provide information, comment, and/or ask questions about this initiative. The Town encourages written comments to be submitted prior to or following the special public meeting. To ensure that your comments are clearly understood and received prior to Council making a decision, you are encouraged to **submit written comments by July 31, 2023**. Providing your written comments by this date will ensure that your points are reflected as part of the public record and included in the pending "Perth Official Plan Review and Update - Issues and Options Report".

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN? The Town of Perth Official Plan is the primary policy document that guides the growth and development within the Town. It contains goals, objectives, and policies which provide direction on how and where the Town is to grow, along with specific policies related to the management of natural heritage features and natural hazard features. The Town's current Official Plan was approved in 2000.

WHY ARE WE REVIEWING OUR OFFICIAL PLAN? The purpose of the Official Plan Review is to update the policies to conform to Provincial planning legislation, including the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and the County of Lanark Sustainable Communities Official Plan, as well as to consider recent changes to the Planning Act and include comments by the public and agencies.

The Planning Act requires that municipalities update their Official Plan at least 10 years after first approval and then every five years after that. As the Town continues to develop and change, it is important to check the effectiveness of the Official Plan to ensure its collective vision is being realized and to improve and enhance our policies to help the Town achieve its strategic goals and objectives.

WHY YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT? The Official Plan affects everyone in the Town of Perth. Your vision and input are important for the Town to undertake a truly effective review of its Official Plan. Public consultation provides the opportunity for residents to participate in shaping the future vision and direction of the Town.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL is to begin the public consultation of possible changes that may be required to the Official Plan. It is intended to provide an initial opportunity for the public to offer comments regarding any issue or matter that should be considered during the Official Plan Review process and to provide input to areas of the current Official Plan that should be changed or addressed differently in the Updated Official Plan. Please note that there will be ongoing opportunities to participate in this process. Understanding this, Council will be providing a 30+ day opportunity for **written comments from the public, until July 31, 2023.**

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Additional information regarding the Official Plan Review and Update project is available for inspection online at Perth.ca/OfficialPlan.

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

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