

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment for a Five-Year Review of the South Huron Official Plan

The Municipality of South Huron has initiated a review of its Official Plan. After ongoing community consultation and revisions to Official Plan policies and mapping, the Council of South Huron has scheduled a public meeting to gather public input before they may consider adopting the draft amendment.

The South Huron Community is invited to participate in a Public Meeting on Monday, December 16 at 5:00pm at Town Hall, 322 Main Street South, Exeter, Municipality of South Huron. During this time the Municipality of South Huron will be considering the Official Plan amendment under Sections 17 & 26 of the Planning Act.

Purpose and Effect

A municipal Official Plan provides high level direction as to where and how development shall occur within the Municipality. It is comprised of a policy document and land use designation mapping. The Planning Act requires municipalities to undertake periodic reviews of Official Plans to ensure it remains consistent with applicable planning policies and continues to meet the needs of the community. The proposed Official Plan Amendment seeks to approve changes proposed by staff, Council and the public as a part of this review.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment.

IF you wish to be notified of the decision regarding the proposed official plan amendment you must make a written request to the Municipality of South Huron.

IF a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of South Huron before the decisions of the Municipality, 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 Municipality of South Huron before the decision, 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 Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

The Proposed Changes:

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

- Revising the current policies to manage projected growth and it's impacts on social, environmental and economic matters;
- Modifying settlement area boundaries across the municipality;
- Implementing policy changes in accordance with updated provincial planning legislation;
- Introducing policies for the Greater Grand Bend area that considers cross-border growth planning;
- Updating mapping for urban settlement, agricultural, and natural environment areas;
- Including a Land Acknowledgement in the document;
- Providing direction for energy projects proposed on agricultural lands; and

If approved, these changes would apply across the Municipality of South Huron

Have Your Say:

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation, either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment.

- 1. You may submit comments, objections, or concerns by email to op@southhuron.ca or by mail to the Municipal office.
- 2. You may speak during the public meeting. Individuals are encouraged to submit their comments before the meeting for consideration.

We encourage written comments to be submitted by **December 2, 2024**.

For More Information:

Further information regarding the Official Plan Review including your appeal rights, please see the Municipal website – www.southhuron.ca or contact the Municipality.

Dated at the Municipality of South Huron this 25th day of November, 2024

Alex Wolfe