



## **Notice of Open House Official Plan Review for the Township of Oro-Medonte**

The Township of Oro-Medonte has initiated the process to update its Official Plan pursuant to Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, as amended.

### **What is an Official Plan?**

An Official Plan is a municipal policy document that guides decisions on land use and development. It sets out the vision, goals, and objectives for the municipality, provides broad direction on matters such as growth management, infrastructure, protecting natural resources, employment lands, housing, natural hazards, parks, and the public realm, and maps out land use designations across the Township. The Township's Official Plan must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the County of Simcoe Official Plan, and other provincial plans and strategies, such as the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. Council's decisions on planning applications must conform to the Official Plan.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the new Official Plan is to address the requirements of the Planning Act. This Act requires municipalities to conduct an Official Plan Review every five years and to address Provincial plans, policies and matters of Provincial interest. The Official Plan Review is a Township-wide initiative affecting all lands within the Township of Oro-Medonte.

The Township's current Official Plan was originally approved in 1997 and revised in 2007. The new Official Plan will replace the current Official Plan.

Since the Township's current Official Plan was adopted in 1997 (and amended several times since then), there have been significant changes to planning policy at the Provincial and County levels including: release of two (2) new Growth Plans (July 1, 2017 and May 16, 2019), Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan (August 28, 2020), a new Provincial Policy Statement (May 1, 2020), South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the County of Simcoe adopted its most recent Official Plan in December 2016. The Township's current Official Plan needs to be reviewed to ensure conformity to Provincial and County policies, and it also needs to reflect local community objectives, growth and demographic change, and up-to-date principles of good planning.

### **What will the new Official Plan include?**

The scope of Oro-Medonte's current Official Plan Review (OPR) process will consist of a conformity exercise to update the current Official Plan policies to address Provincial and County policies. More details regarding the scope of this conformity exercise and how the Township's Review will integrate with the County of Simcoe's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) will be discussed at the Open House. A further review of Oro-Medonte's Official Plan will be completed after the County of Simcoe has completed the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the County of Simcoe Official Plan. A Zoning By-law Review will be initiated by Township staff immediately following Council's adoption of the Official Plan. The new Zoning By-law must conform to the new Official Plan. These updated review documents may impact the zoning of your property and you will have the opportunity to have your say in the Zoning By-law Review once initiated.

**Open House: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (There is a Presentation scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and informal Question & Answer sessions will be held prior to and following the Presentation)**

Due to the evolving public health situation (COVID-19), the Township will livestream the Open House over the internet for public viewing and participation. Please refer to the Township's website ([oro-medonte.ca](http://oro-medonte.ca)) for Open House viewing and participation information.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide members of the public with information about the process for the Official Plan Review.

A Statutory Open House and Public Meeting required under Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act* will also be scheduled in the coming months with Notice being provided in accordance with under the Planning Act regulations.

**Lands Affected:**

The land to which the proposed Official Plan will apply generally includes all land within the limits of the Township of Oro-Medonte. For this reason, no map of the subject lands has been provided with this notice.

**Additional Information:**

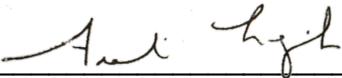
Additional information and materials about the proposed Official Plan Review will be available on May 2, 2022 on the Township's website [www.oro-medonte.ca/opr](http://www.oro-medonte.ca/opr)

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Visit the Township of Oro-Medonte website for updates, to provide comments to the Township, and to learn more about the key planning issues. Get on our mailing list by sending us your email at [officialplanreview@oro-medonte.ca](mailto:officialplanreview@oro-medonte.ca)

Plan to attend scheduled Open Houses and Public Meetings, notices of these meetings will be posted on the Township website. Follow us on Facebook (OroMedonte) and Twitter (@TwpOroMedonte) for updates on the project and other Township News.

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022



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