

North Huron Official Plan Review

January 17, 2022



Basis for Review

- North Huron Official Plan (OP) adopted in 2004, reviewed and updated in 2013
- Planning Act requires review of OP within 5 Years
- Recent updates to Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and County Official Plan (2021)
- Opportunity to update policies and mapping to better reflect current and future land use priorities

Process

- At a minimum the following must be held:
 - a) a special meeting of Council at the beginning of the process to discuss revisions to the OP that may be required
 - b) open house on the draft OP amendment;
 - c) a public meeting on the draft OP amendment.

Key Milestones

Milestone	Details	Approx. Date
Special Public Meeting of Council	To discuss revisions to OP that may be required	February
Draft Amendment Presented	First draft of amendment to be presented and public open houses scheduled	March
Public Open Houses	To provide consultation with members of the public on proposed amendments	April
Draft Amendment Presented	Second draft of amendment in response to consultation with agencies, public, landowners, community groups	June
Public Meeting	To consider adoption of Amendment by North Huron Council	August
Approval of Amendment at Huron County Council	Local Official Plans are subject to approval from Huron County Council	September, October

Consultation Approach

- Consultation with key community groups, including but not limited to:
 - Wingham BIA, Chamber of Commerce
 - Blyth BIA, Festival Theatre
 - Agricultural Groups
 - Amish Community
 - Additional community groups as interested is expressed
- Consultation with key agencies (ex. MVCA)
- Consultation with key Township Staff

Consultation Approach

- Consultation with landowners
 - Letters to landowners with proposed mapping changes,
 - Hosting of drop-in times, scheduling of site visits as needed
- Consultation with public
 - Open Houses , Public Meetings
 - Drop-in times as needed
- Consultation approach dependent on evolving public health situation, anticipate online open houses or at larger venues if conditions permit

Communications Strategy

- Providing regular updates to the public via a project page on Huron County Connects
 - Supplemented by connections to Township Website and Township social media
- Letters to landowners with mapping amendments
- Consultation meetings with community groups
- Drop-in time offers for individuals to discuss specific matters



Huron County Connects

Working Together to Keep You Connected.
Participate in projects and learn about activities, strategies and initiatives that are important to you, so you can easily have your say and make a difference in your community!

[Register to Participate!](#)

Have your say!

HEART TO HOME

Huron Heart to Home
Working together to prevent and address homelessness in Huron County.

Budget 2022

Join us as we work through this year's budget cycle!

County Road Intersection Improvements

Have your say on improvement options at intersections in Blyth and Exeter.

Next Steps

- Provide direction to staff to commence review of OP
- Schedule Public Meeting to discuss revisions to OP that may be required
 - Recommended to be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022
- Notice of Public Meeting published
- Inform agencies and key community groups of process

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council commence a review of the Township of North Huron Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act and that a special meeting of Council, open to the public, be held February 24, 2022 to discuss revisions to the Official Plan that may be required.