North Huron Official Plan Review

Special Meeting of Council

(under section 26 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990)

February 24, 2022





Purpose of Meeting

Special Meeting of Council to discuss revisions to the OP that may be required:

- Provide public with information on the review of the North Huron Official Plan (OP);
- Receive community feedback on possible revisions to OP;
 and
- Discuss relevant trends influencing development, growth and resource protection which may be addressed through the OP.

Purpose of Official Plan

- Policy document with direction for land use
- Statement of vision and goals of community for growth, development and resource protection
- Contains land use designations across Township
- Policies and goals for each designation outlining permitted uses and land division direction
- Provides direction for implementation in Zoning Bylaw

Basis for Review

- North Huron Official Plan (OP) adopted in 2004, reviewed and updated in 2013
- Planning Act requires review of OP every 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

Anticipated Outcomes of Review

- Implement provincial and upper-tier planning policies:
 - Planning Act
 - Provincial Policy Statement (2020)
 - Huron County Official Plan (2021)
- Ensure policies align with community's vision for growth and development
- Ensure policies reflect current and future local trends in North Huron

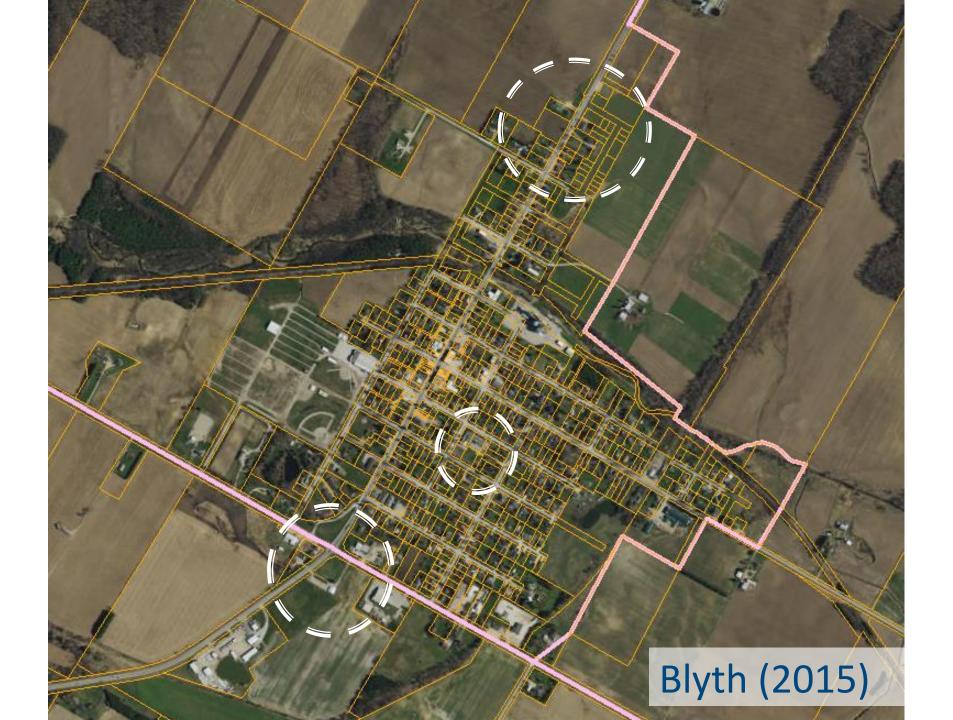
Agriculture

- On-farm diversified agricultural uses, opportunities for wineries and agri-tourism
- Additional Residential Unit (ARU) direction
- Updates to MDS (Minimum Distance Separation) implementation
 - Eg. Shift cemeteries from Type B (double distance) to Type A (single distance) land uses

Natural Environment

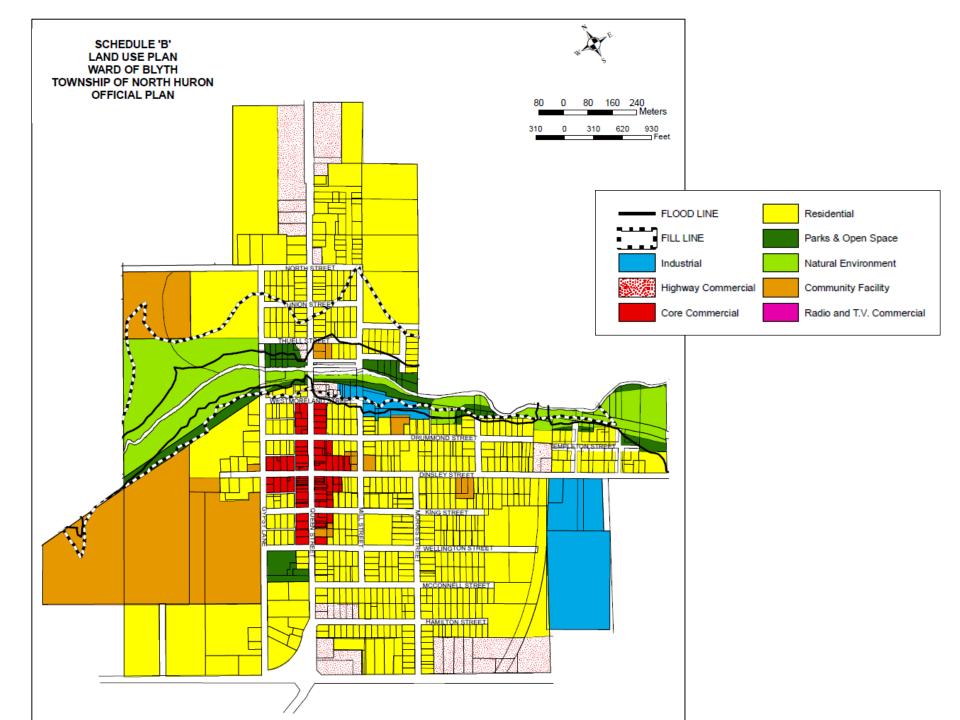
- update mapping and designations to reflect latest information (eg. natural environment update and hazardous lands/floodplain)
- policies to recognize stewardship of landowners

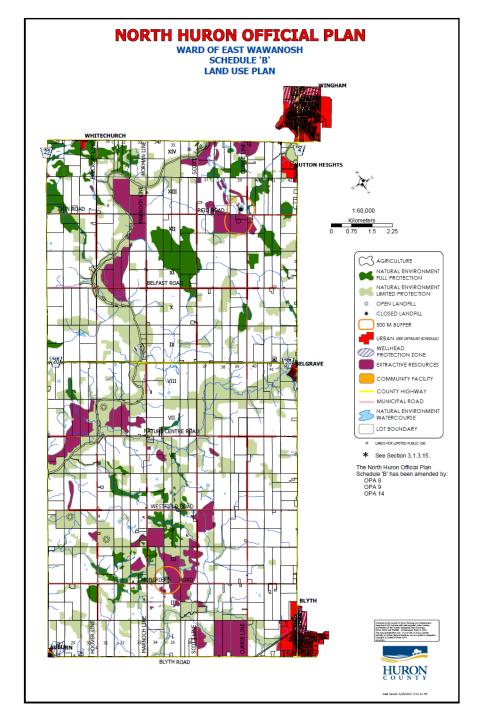
- Urban Settlement Areas
 - Calculate land availability for different land uses
 - Growth allocation, intensification and affordable housing targets
 - Encourage a mix of housing forms to meet demand
 - Additional dwelling unit direction
 - Natural hazard (ex. floodplain) mapping updates
 - Encourage development of active transportation infrastructure





South Wingham (2020)







RESIDENTIAL INTENSIFICATION GUIDELINES

A FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN IN HURON COUNTY



Additional Residential Units Guide

Best Practices for Adding More Units to Your Home

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Community-Wide

- update source water protection policies
- accessibility and universal design
- cultural heritage and community improvement policies
- update economic development policies to be consistent with local initiatives
- policies to address climate change adaptation (ex. walkable communities)

- Mineral Aggregate Resources
 - aggregate recycling

- Implementation
 - updates to site plan control
 - duty to consult with indigenous communities

Public Consultation Approach

- Open houses and public meetings
 - Method of delivery to be determined based on public health guidelines
 - Accommodations to be made for individuals without digital access for in-person consultations
- Drop-in times and site visits as needed for mapping changes
- Meetings with key community groups
- Updates to project page on Huron County Connects

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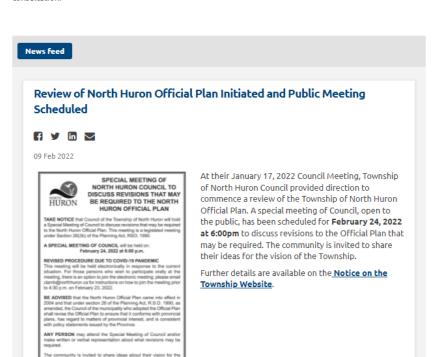
Township and the policy direction to manage future land use and growth. Persons withing to participate in the planning process are strongly encouraged to send their comments or questions via email, mail or telephone to Hanna Holman, Planner, and Holman Bhoman Planner, or to Carson Lamb. Clerk, at

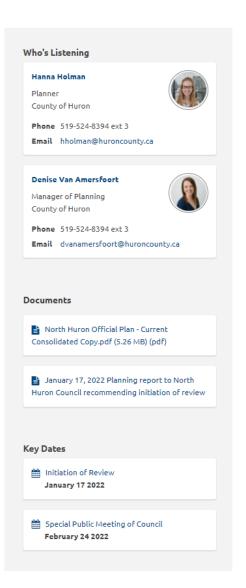


The Township of North Huron is in the process of reviewing the North Huron Official Plan. The Official Plan is a strategic policy document that guides the long-term vision for growth and development of communities, as well as the protection of key resources.

The current Official Plan was adopted in 2004 following extensive community consultation, the plan was further updated in 2013. We're reviewing the existing Official Plan to ensure it is reflective of the vision of community and policy directives at the County and Provincial levels.

Stay tuned to this page to learn about project milestones and updates, including opportunities for public consultation.





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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

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council direct staff to:

- Evaluate any community requests for suggested policy and designation (mapping) changes received through the consultation process; and
- 2. Draft policy and mapping changes to meet the requirements of Section 26 of the Planning Act, in addition to other potential revisions.

The first draft of the proposed amendment will be provided for Council review at a future meeting.