

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE ELGIN COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

Pursuant to Section 17(23) of the Planning Act

TAKE NOTICE THAT on May 14, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin passed By-law No. 24-17, adopting the County of Elgin Official Plan (2024).

Purpose & Effect of the Official Plan

The Elgin County Official Plan is the County's statement of land use policy passed under the authority of the Planning Act, and its purpose is to:

- a) Establish a county-wide planning framework for managing growth and land use, and addressing planning issues of county-wide importance and scope until 2044;
- b) Provide direction for the responsible management of the natural environment and natural resources, including the County's agricultural land base;
- c) Ensure that planning in the County occurs in an orderly and logical manner that supports the creation of healthy, liveable, and vibrant communities;
- d) Provide direction to local municipalities in the preparation of their own official plans, zoning by-laws, and other planning documents, as well as local infrastructure decisions; and
- e) Ensure a consistent approach to the review of all applications under the Planning Act at both the County and local levels.

Where to Access More Information

To obtain a copy of the adopted official plan, please visit: www.engageelgin.ca/officialplanreview.

Alternatively, you can view a copy of the adopted official plan during normal business hours at the County Administration Offices located at: 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON

Written & Oral Submissions

Public consultation on the adoption was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. The County received written and oral submissions on the adoption. All submissions were given full consideration.

Decision by Minister & Notice of Decision

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the new County Official Plan under Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act. Any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the Minister's decision regarding this Official Plan if a written request containing the person's or public body's address is made to the Minister.

Requests to receive the Notice of Decision should be sent to:

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659 Exeter Rd, 2nd Floor
London, ON N6E 1L3

Or by email at: david.stubbs@ontario.ca

Dated at the County of Elgin May 28, 2024