

December 20, 2024

The County of Middlesex is currently considering updates to its Official Plan and is seeking your input on this either in writing or by attending a special Public Meeting of County Council on **Tuesday January 14th, 2025** at 3:00 pm.

The County's Official Plan is a municipal policy document created under the Planning Act that sets out a land use policy vision based on long-term goals and objectives. The Plan provides a policy framework for topics such as resource management, growth management, and the provision of physical services by dealing with issues of Provincial and County interest. The Official Plan recognizes the planning powers and authorities vested in local municipalities and does not set out detailed local policies.

An electronic copy of the current County Official Plan is available at www.middlesex.ca.

The Ontario government has recently implemented a new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) aimed at guiding land use planning and development across the province. The PPS requires that planning authorities keep their Official Plans up-to-date with it to ensure that they provide clear, reasonable and attainable policies to protect Provincial interests and facilitate suitable development. As such, the County is considering updates to the County's Official Plan to bring it into conformity with the policies of the new PPS, update population and housing projections based on Ministry of Finance projections, implement the land use recommendations of the Attainable Housing Review, among other matters.

This is a hybrid meeting and you may participate in-person at 399 Ridout Street North, London, Ontario or virtually using Zoom. For instructions on how to attend and participate virtually please visit www.middlesex.ca

The purpose of the Special Public Meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to discuss the revisions that may be required to the Official Plan. Any person may attend the meeting and/or make written or verbal representation or submit ideas and feedback for consideration.

Should Council direct staff to undertake the update of the County Official Plan, there will be additional opportunities for consultation and engagement throughout the duration of the of the Official Plan Update process.

If you have any questions about the Update to the County of Middlesex Official Plan, please contact me.

Regards,

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