



## Special Meeting of County Council/Public Notice – County of Elgin Official Plan Review

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Corporation of the County of Elgin will hold a Special Meeting of Council to discuss revisions that may be required to the Elgin County Official Plan. This meeting is required under the provisions of Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

An Official Plan is a legal statutory planning document required by the province that describes the County's land-use strategy. The County of Elgin's Official Plan includes the vision, goals and policy directions of the County, as established by the community, and provides guidance for land use planning decisions in the County; including: locations for settlement areas, agricultural lands, and natural heritage; when and in what order parts of our communities will grow; and protection for agricultural, mineral and environmental resources.

The purpose of an Official Plan 5-Year Review update is to ensure that the community vision/values, directions, policies and actions in the Plan reflect changes and meet the needs of the community for the future, and to review for consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement.

A public meeting will be held to discuss potential revisions to the County of Elgin Official Plan. The County is required to update their Official Plan at least every five years, in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act. Your insights and input will help inform and shape the new Plan.

ANY PERSON is invited to attend the special meeting and make oral representation. The special meeting will be held on:

<b>Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021</b>
<b>Time: 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Place: This will be a virtual meeting broadcast on the County's Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/elgincountyadmin">www.facebook.com/elgincountyadmin</a></b>

You may provide comments at the public meeting by phone or on-line via WebEx. Only those that register will be permitted to participate during the meeting.

**To register, send your request via email no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.**

Phone requests to join the meeting by phone may be made to:

(519) 631-1460 ext.183

Please include your first and last name, phone number, home address with postal code, and any prepared speaking notes.

### **Tell Us What You Think**

We are interested to hear your comments and thoughts. You can provide input in several ways.

### **1) REVIEWING OFFICIAL PLAN MATERIALS**

As the Official Plan Review progresses, documents and materials will be made available on the County's website for review [www.elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview](https://www.elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview).

2) PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments about the Official Plan Review may be submitted via email to [opreview@elgin.ca](mailto:opreview@elgin.ca)

or by mail at:

Official Plan Review, County of Elgin  
450 Sunset Drive  
St. Thomas, ON. N5R 5V1

3) COMPLETE THE SURVEY

A survey will be posted on the County of Elgin’s Official Plan Review webpage. This survey will gather your thoughts on community priorities and vision for the County.

4) PARTICIPATE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

This is the first meeting before Council regarding the Official Plan Review. There will be additional opportunities for comment throughout the review process. Please see the **Official Plan Review** webpage ([www.elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview](http://www.elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview)) for more details and to see where we are at in the process.

To register or for further information:

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website: <a href="http://www.elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview">www.elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview</a>

*If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Elgin to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Elgin before the proposed official plan or official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to County of Elgin before the proposed official plan or official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.*

