

Official Plan Review

County of Elgin



Elgin County is:

- Comprised of 7 local partner municipalities:
 - Municipality of Bayham
 - Township of Malahide
 - Town of Aylmer
 - Municipality of Central Elgin
 - Township of Southwold
 - Municipality of Dutton Dunwich
 - Municipality of West Elgin
- Has a population of 50,069 (2016 Census)
- Predominately agricultural, but also includes: rural and urban settlements, 85 km of Lake Erie shoreline, and significant natural heritage.

What is an Official Plan?

- ▶ It is a road map for development over the next 20-30 years
- ▶ It is a legal document that is legislated by the [Planning Act](#)
- ▶ All Regions, Counties, and Local Municipalities have an official plan
- ▶ [Elgin County's Official Plan](#) was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on October 9, 2013 and was consolidated in February 2015.

The County Official Plan impacts your communities

- ▶ It protects agriculture
- ▶ It promotes new housing, employment and retail in settlement areas
- ▶ It protects natural heritage
- ▶ It plans for County roads and infrastructure

We update the Official Plan every 5 years

- ▶ That way we can make sure it reflects the needs of our communities
- ▶ To ensure the Official Plan complies with any changes to the [Provincial Policy Statement](#).

Official Plan Review - Items for Consideration

- Provincial Policy Statement changes, 2020
- Other staff considerations:
 - Population and employment projections and land needs assessment for the County
 - Settlement Expansions - define “minor” better; land “swap” considerations for the local level
 - Partial servicing - still require full services, minor infilling and rounding out when partial services available; communal servicing next option; directs the County to work with its local municipalities to assess the long-term impacts
 - Indigenous consultation
 - Climate change and impacts
 - Secondary dwelling units
 - Elgin Natural Heritage Study
 - Sourcewater Protection
 - Condominium types and requirements
 - Severance policies review - consistent criteria for all municipalities; surplus farm dwelling - limitations?
- Other?

We are starting the review process, and we want to hear from you!

- ▶ Visit: www.elgin.ca/officialplanreview
- ▶ Email: opreview@elgin.ca
- ▶ Survey on webpage!
- ▶ Call: 519-631-1460
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- ▶ Deadline: April 15th