

TOWN OF LAKESHORE 5-YEAR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE & STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING



PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 AND 26 OF THE PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED), YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL PLAN.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

The purpose of the Virtual Open House is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed Official Plan.

DATE: Files will be posted from October 16, 2020 to November 16, 2020

LOCATION: Town's website: www.lakeshore.ca, then click **Business and Development, Planning and Development, Official Plan, Official Plan Review Page**

FORMAT: Review the materials at your own pace and provide comments and questions through the comment form by email or regular mail.

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING (File: OPA-3-2015)

The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments to Council on the proposed new Official Plan (September 2020), and for Council to consider the feedback prior to adopting the new Official Plan.

DATE: November 17, 2020

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Municipal Office, 419 Notre Dame Street, Belle River, ON NOR 1A0

FORMAT: Council Meeting: As this will be an electronic public meeting where there will be no physical in person attendance at Town Hall, due to COVID-19, there will be opportunities provided to watch the meeting live www.lakeshore.ca and provide input electronically or by written correspondence, prior to a decision being made.

INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS AND DELEGATES ARE ASKED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm:

During such a time any person who wishes to attend this Public Meeting electronically and /or speak at this meeting, you will need to register as a delegation for the meeting. Please provide your contact information (name, address, email and phone number) to Legislative and Legal Services, via email, to Brianna Coughlin, Manager of Legislative Services, at bcoughlin@lakeshore.ca or phone 519-728-2700, ext. 235, no later than the deadline of 24 hours prior to the date and time of the scheduled meeting. Attendees/Delegates will be contacted directly with registration details prior to the meeting.

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

The Official Plan is a statement of goals, objectives and policies intended to guide future land use and growth within the Town to build sustainable communities and protect natural and agricultural resources. The policies of the Plan are designed to promote the public interest in the future development of the Town, reduce uncertainty relating to future development, and to provide a basis for the Zoning By-law and other land use controls.

WHY HAS THE OFFICIAL PLAN BEEN UPDATED?

Ontario's *Planning Act* requires municipalities to conduct an Official Plan Review every five years. The Town's current Official Plan was approved in November 2010, which consolidated and replaced the Official Plans of the former municipalities. The Official Plan review ensures that the Official Plan is consistent with the latest Provincial policies, the County of Essex Official Plan (2014), and supports new community objectives and priorities in managing growth and change.

Written Submissions

If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to provide comments, please submit your comments in writing to: c/o **Kim Darroch, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Development Services**, 419 Notre Dame Street, Belle River, ON NOR 1A0, or by email to: kdarroch@lakeshore.ca. Please indicate your name, mailing address and phone number.

APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN: Upon adoption of the Official Plan by Town Council, the Plan will be forwarded to the County of Essex for approval. As such, this proposed Official Plan is not subject to appeal until approved by the County.

APPEALS AND NOTICE OF DECISION: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Lakeshore before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Essex (the approval authority) to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT).

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the LPAT unless, in the opinion of the LPAT, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption by Council on the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to Town of Lakeshore by contacting **Kim Darroch, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Development Services**, 419 Notre Dame Street, Belle River, ON NOR 1A0, or by email to: kdarroch@lakeshore.ca. Please include your name and mailing address in the correspondence.

PLEASE NOTE: Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

MORE INFORMATION: For further information on the 5-Year Official Plan Review, please contact **Kim Darroch, B.A.(Hons.), M.P.L., MCIP, RPP, Manager of Development Services**, at 519-728-2700, ext. 245 or kdarroch@lakeshore.ca

NOTICE DATED: October 16, 2020.