



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSES

5-Year Review of Wellington County Official Plan

PURSUANT to Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, the Corporation of the County of Wellington will hold three public Open Houses regarding a proposed amendment to the Wellington County Official Plan as a result of the Official Plan 5-Year Review (Official Plan Amendment 81). Open Houses will be held as follows:

Thursday, September 6, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Fergus Sportsplex, 550 Belsyde Avenue, Fergus

Monday, September 10, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Rockmosa Community Centre, 74 Christie Street, Rockwood

Wednesday, September 12, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Harriston Public Library, 88 Mill Street, Harriston

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT is to revise the Official Plan to ensure that it addresses provincial policy and plans, and areas of concern or interest identified through the 5-Year Review. The proposed amendment would add or amend policies and/or schedules related to:

- New policies and schedules to conform with the Greenbelt Plan;
- Provincial legislation updates – key changes include:
 - complete applications and pre-consultation;
 - Exterior design matters relating to Site Plan control; and
 - removal of municipal planning authority over alternative and renewable energy systems.
- Rural industrial and highway commercial policies in the Rural System;
- Cultural heritage resource policies:
 - expanded policy direction about cultural heritage landscapes; and
 - additional wording on mitigation measures in Heritage Impact Assessments.
- Settlement boundary corrections;
- Environmental policies and mapping – key changes include:
 - Greenlands System natural features and natural hazards map updates;
 - change the area criterion for significant woodlands from 10ha to 4ha in the Rural System, and from 10 ha to 1ha in the Urban System;
 - policies about restoration, enhancement, and stewardship; and
 - identification and protection of the Paris and Galt moraines.
- Expand and refine mineral aggregate resource area mapping;
- Wording changes that reflect the definition of “infrastructure” in the Provincial Policy Statement and County Official Plan; and
- Other changes of a technical or housekeeping nature.

THE SUBJECT PROPERTY is the County of Wellington, and therefore a key map is not provided with this notice.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSES is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and discuss the draft amendment with County Planning staff. The public is also welcome to raise and discuss other planning policy topics not included in the draft amendment. Comment forms will be available for written input. There will be no formal presentations.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FORMAL ORAL PRESENTATION will be provided at a formal Public Meeting to be held at a later date. Written submissions will be accepted any time up to Council adoption of the amendment. Send your comments by e-mail to OPA81@wellington.ca or by regular mail addressed to Mark Paoli, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department, at the address below.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT and display materials will be available for your review at the Open Houses. Prior to the Open Houses you may obtain a copy of the draft amendment as follows:

- Download a copy of the draft amendment at: www.county.wellington.on.ca/en/business/fiveyearreview.asp
- Obtain paper copies of the draft amendment in person from the Planning and Development Department during regular business hours at the address below or call 519.837.2600 x 2160 and we will mail it to you.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE ADOPTION of the proposed official plan amendment or of the refusal of a request to amend the Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the County of Wellington (address below).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make an oral presentation at a public meeting or a written submission to the County of Wellington before the proposed amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board. Also, the person or body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For additional information about the 5-Year Review please contact Mark Paoli at 519.837.2600 x 2120 or visit the County website at www.county.wellington.on.ca/en/business/fiveyearreview.asp.

Dated at the City of Guelph this 9th day of August, 2012.

Donna Bryce, Clerk
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ALTERNATE FORMATS OF THIS NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

