



**COUNTY OF WELLINGTON
NOTICE
Open House
and Public Meeting**



TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended, the County of Wellington will hold an Open House and Public Meeting to discuss proposed:

Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No.131 – Rural Growth and Policy Updates

THE LAND SUBJECT to the proposed amendment is the entire County of Wellington with specific changes applicable to the Town of Erin and the Township of Puslinch. For convenience, a key map of specific lands in the Township of Puslinch is provided below.

THE PURPOSE and effect of the proposed County OPA No.131 is to align the rural area policies with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) and complete Rural Phase 3B of the Official Plan Review. Key proposals in this amendment include:

County-wide

- Aligning the Rural System policies with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement.
- Housekeeping and clarifying changes related to employment area conversions and rural growth.

Puslinch

- Changing the rural residential severance date to May 1, 2025, as it applies to the Secondary Agricultural Areas of Puslinch.
- Expanding the secondary urban centre boundary of Aberfoyle and assigning appropriate land use designations.
- Making sufficient rural employment lands available in Puslinch.

Erin

- Making changes to re-allocate a portion of the Town of Erin’s projected rural residential growth to 2051 (120 households and a population of 300) to the Township of Puslinch.

OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

The Open House will be an opportunity to discuss OPA No.131, to ask questions of County Staff and identify additional planning issues that should be considered. The Public Meeting will be an opportunity to make formal submissions to the County of Wellington Planning Committee on proposed OPA No.131. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

OPEN HOUSE		PUBLIC MEETING	
Date	February 5, 2026	Date	February 12, 2026
Time	6:30 pm	Time	11:00 am
Format	Online	Format	In Person
How to Participate	To participate in the online Open House please register through the link provided on the project webpage: www.wellington.ca/planwell To participate in the Open House by phone, you do not need to register and can join by calling the following number: Dial +1 647 558 0588 followed by the Webinar ID: 696 2124 9583	How to Participate	To participate in the Public Meeting registration is not required.
		Location	The meeting will be held at the following location: County Council Chambers Administration Centre 74 Woolwich Street Guelph ON N1H 3T9

Written Submissions

Please send any written submissions to the County of Wellington Planning and Development Department by email at planwell@wellington.ca or by mail to the attention of Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning to the address below no later than **February 19, 2026** to be considered in the planning report. Please refer to file **No. OP-2020-01-05** when responding.

IF A PERSON or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Wellington to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Wellington before the proposed 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 the County of Wellington before the proposed 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 Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS

In accordance with Section 17 (36.5) of the *Planning Act* there is no appeal of a decision where the Minister is the approval authority.

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 Mr. Aldo Salis, Director of the Wellington County Planning and Development Department (address below).

PLEASE BE ADVISED any verbal or written comment/objection submitted to the County of Wellington regarding this application, which is being processed under the *Planning Act*, may be made public as part of the process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information about the details of the amendment, including mapping, is available for review on the County of Wellington website: www.wellington.ca/planwell.

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Planning and Development Department
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74 Woolwich Street
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Dated at the City of Guelph
this 9th day of January, 2026

Aldo L. Salis, MCIP, RPP
Director Planning and Development Department
County of Wellington

KEY MAP Proposed Site Specific Puslinch Changes

