

Notice of Adoption of an Official Plan by the Corporation of the County of Perth

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth passed By-law No. 4003-2024, which is a Confirmatory By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting held on October 17, 2024. At the Regular Council meeting Council passed by resolution to adopt a new Official Plan for the County of Perth under the provisions of Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The 2024 County Official Plan ensures a vision for Perth County and a comprehensive strategy reflective of provincial policy updates and current community priorities and values. The 2024 County Official Plan is supportive of building community, ensuring environmental health, and informed land use decisions within the County.

The 2024 County Official Plan will replace the March 2024 Consolidation of the 1999 County Official Plan and those of its Lower-Tier municipalities, including: the January 2011 Consolidation of the 2010 Official Plan for the Listowel Ward in the Municipality of North Perth; the February 2020 Consolidation of the 2009 Official Plan for the Mitchell Ward in the Municipality of West Perth; and, the April 2015 Consolidation of the 1985 Village of Milverton Official Plan. The 2024 County Official Plan will act as an overall guidance document to ensure consistent policy implementation across the County and provide a clear planning framework that is easier to navigate.

Adoption of the 2024 County Official Plan concludes the County's municipal comprehensive review exercise which has been built upon extensive community engagement. The Plan has regard for matters of provincial interest and is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024. The Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth considered oral and written comments from members of the public, which resulted in numerous iterations to the 2024 County Official Plan text and schedules prior to its adoption.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the 2024 County Official Plan. The 2024 County Official Plan does not come into effect until the day after the Minister has issued a decision. Pursuant to Section 17(36.5) of the *Planning Act*, the Minister's decision is final as there is no appeal in respect of a decision of the approval authority where the approval authority is the Minister. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the Ministry's decision if a written request to be notified of the decision is made directly to County Staff or the Ministry at the following address:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Municipal Service Office – Western
659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor
London, Ontario N6E 1L3
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A copy of the 2024 County Official Plan, together with supporting studies and background information, is available at perthcounty.ca/NewOP. A hard copy of the 2024 County Official Plan is available for review at 1 Huron Street, Stratford during normal office hours.

DATED AT THE CITY OF STRATFORD THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

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