



Perth County  

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**New Official Plan**

**Stage 1:**

**Public Open  
House**

**May 2019**



# Agenda

1. Purpose of Open House
2. What is an Official Plan?
3. Why is an Official Plan Review Needed?
4. Process and Public Engagement
5. Vision & Goal-Setting
6. Next Steps



# Purpose of Open House

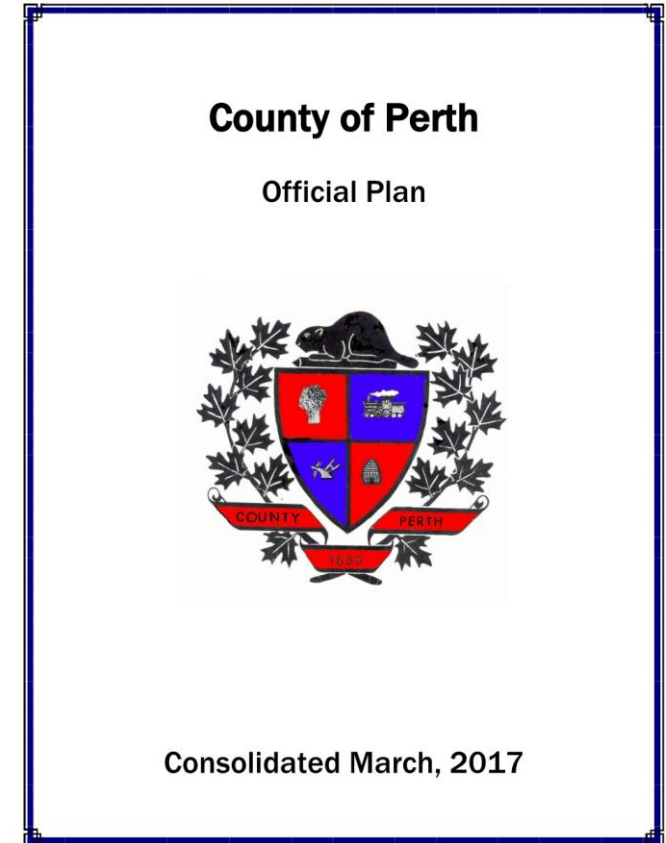
- We are seeking your input on key issues and to help develop a Vision for the New Official Plan
- We also need your input on the key issues and to:
  - *Listen*
  - *Engage*
  - *Share*
  - *Question*

# What is an Official Plan?

- Main document to manage growth in the County
  - *20-year time horizon*
- Includes:
  - *A Vision as well as Goals and Objectives*
  - *General and specific land use policies*
  - *Land Use Schedule (or maps)*

# What is an Official Plan?

- Current Official Plan approved in 1999
  - *Applies to the entire County with the exception of local OP's for Listowel, Mitchell and Milverton*



# Why is an Official Plan Review Needed?

- To implement other recent Provincial policy and legislation
- To consider Perth's Natural Heritage Systems Study
- Consolidate the local Official Plans for the **three serviced urban areas** of Listowel, Milverton and Mitchell

# Process and Public Engagement



# Process and Public Engagement

- Sessions were held with SFG, stakeholder groups, and the public
- Two public outreach booths (Aug & Sept 2018)
- Statutory Public Meeting (Sept 2018)
- 137 Responses to the Survey (hard copy and online)





# Next Steps

- PNHSS Public Open Houses (2) - dates TBD
- Finalize Draft Issues and Options Report
- Present Final Draft Issues and Options Report to County Council
- **Complete Stage 1 (Summer 2019)**

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**Begin Stage 2: Drafting of the Official Plan**



# Vision & Goal-Setting

# Developing a Vision

- A **vision** is an aspirational statement that identifies what is important to the community both now and in the future
- Sets the **tone** for guiding land use policy development
- Represents the **underlying values** in Perth County



**Safe**   **Innovative**  
**Engaging**   **Natural**  
**Agricultural-based**  
**Family-oriented**



# Identification of Issues



# Defining Goals

Help us develop goals for the **four overarching categories** that will contribute toward a healthy, prosperous and sustainable Perth County.

**Agriculture**

**Housing**

**Natural Heritage /  
Environment**

**Transportation**

# Identifying Issues

**Agriculture**

Housing

Natural Heritage

Transportation

- **Over 90%** of the County is classified as Prime Agricultural Land
- **Protection of Prime Agricultural Land** is emphasized in both the Provincial and Municipal policy
- Diversifying range of agricultural uses, where appropriate

# Identifying Issues

Agriculture  
**Housing**

Natural Heritage  
Transportation

- *Stronger demand for **larger variety of housing types and sizes** to meet diverse range of needs and workers*
- **Affordable** housing
- *Conformity to the **Ten-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan** for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Mary's (2014-2024)*

# Identifying Issues

Agriculture

Housing

**Natural Heritage**

Transportation

- *Emphasis on the **protection, preservation, enhancement** and **improvement** of County's natural resource features and areas*
- *Perth County Natural Heritage Systems Study (2019) and Forest Conservation By-law*

# Identifying Issues

Agriculture

Housing

Natural Heritage

**Transportation**

- An effective **transportation network** is critical in supporting complete and healthy communities
- Movement of **goods and people**
- County's Community Transportation Coordinator Project (currently underway)



# Thank-you!

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