



OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A NEW OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF BRANT

The Official Plan is the County's long term land use plan. It sets out where and what lands can be used for (low, medium, high density, retail, employment institutional etc.) how they can be developed, how they are connected and interact. It affects how the County will look in the future, how the County and all its neighbourhoods will function, and the manner in which residents live, work and recreate.

The County's review of the Official Plan has culminated in the preparation of a proposed new County of Brant Official Plan (dated June 2010).

The County of Brant Official Plan, 2010 has involved extensive public participation process, analysis of growth forecasts and future land needs, the review and evaluation of existing Official Plan policy, other relevant municipal policies and plans, new Provincial Policy and the Provincial Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The vision and guiding principles of the County of Brant Official Plan, 2010 emphasize more compact mixed use and integrated development, innovative and sustainable urban design, protection and promotion of cultural and natural heritage, moraines, watershed areas, agricultural lands, and more connected useable pedestrian walkways and green spaces.

Council for the County of Brant invites you to attend a Public Meeting to formally adopt the County of Brant Official Plan, 2010 as the County's new Official Plan. Prior to the meeting, the County will host an open house to present the new Official Plan. The date, time and location of the public meeting and open house are set out below:

OPEN HOUSE

Monday July 19th, 2010

**Location: The Paris Fire Administration Building
61 Dundas Street East
Paris, On**

Time: 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday August 4th, 2010

**Location: The Paris Fairgrounds Ex Centre
139 Silver St.,
Paris, On**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Open House is to allow the public an opportunity to see the final version of the Plan. The Statutory Public Meeting is for Council to obtain final input and make any final adjustments.

To view or download a copy of the 2010 Official Plan go to the County website at:

http://www.brant.ca/ourcounty/planning_building/planning/planning_five_year_review_op.shtml

Copies will also be available at the open house and public meeting for viewing and at all County of Brant Municipal Libraries. Copies can be purchased at the County Customer Service Offices for \$65.00 for the text and mapping or \$18.00 per CD after July 8th, 2010.

THE PROCESS

County Council has not yet made a decision on the proposed Official Plan. A report from the County Planning Department which will include a recommendation will be made available to the public in the office of the County Clerk on July 19th, 2010.

People attending the public meeting will be invited to comment on the County of Brant Official Plan, 2010. After considering the County Planning Department report and comments received from the public, County Council will make a decision on the proposed Official Plan.

If adopted by County of Brant Council, the Official Plan must be then submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final approval by the Minister.

Written submissions should be made before the public meeting by mailing or delivering them as follows.

Reference: Official Plan 5 Year Review comments

County of Brant

26 Park Avenue

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Burford, Ontario

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If a person or public body, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the County of Brant before the amending by-law to adopt the Official Plan for the County of Brant, 2010 is passed, the person or public body, is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the County of Brant to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person, or public body, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the County of Brant before the by-law is passed, the person, or public 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.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the County of Brant Council, you must make a written request to the Clerk, County of Brant, 26 Park Avenue, Box 160, Burford, Ontario N0E 1A0.

Further information, comment or questions about the proposed Official Plan 2010 may be directed to the undersigned as follows;

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