

**Report to Council**

Re: Update on Official Plan Update Planning-2025-01

From: Christina Coulter

Date: January 21, 2025

Re: County of Peterborough Official Plan

**Recommendation:**

That the Planning-2025-01 Report, dated January 21, 2025, regarding the County of Peterborough Official Plan Update be received.

**Overview:**

The County of Peterborough has prepared a [new Official Plan](#) to set the vision and direction for growth and development to the year 2051. The Council of the County of Peterborough adopted the new Official Plan, with some amendments, at its meeting on June 29, 2022. This new Official Plan does not come into effect until it receives approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Township of Douro-Dummer supported the adoption of the new Official Plan at the Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2022 with the following Resolution:

**Resolution Number 208-2022**

Moved by: Councillor Landsmann

Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That the report, dated June 21, 2022, regarding the County Official Plan Project be received and that Council send a letter of support to the County of Peterborough in regards to the draft County Official Plan that was presented to County Council on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, along with the amendments that County Council passed at the same meeting.

Carried

The new County Official Plan was formally submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval on July 11, 2022. On June 21, 2023, the Official Plan was posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for a period of 60 days for review and comment.

On September 6, 2024, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requested that the County re-visit aspects of the Official Plan to ensure alignment of local land-use planning policies and interests with the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

In October 2024, the new [Provincial Planning Statement \(PPS, 2024\)](#) took effect. This Statement replaced both the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and the 2019 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Since the adopted Official Plan was heavily influenced by the Growth Plan, it is now out of date with the in-effect legislation (PPS, 2024).

Due to legislative changes since the time the new Official Plan was originally adopted, County Planning Staff presented Report PPW 2024-24 regarding Official Plan Red-Line Revision Process to County Council on December 18, 2024 and a copy is attached to this Report. County Council Resolution No. 277-2024 directed Staff to proceed with public and First Nations consultation on proposed Provincial Planning Statement

revisions to the new Official Plan and that staff bring a report back for consideration at the conclusion of the consultation process.

The County has begun the consultation process and is now seeking feedback on proposed modifications to the Plan which would bring it into conformity with the PPS, 2024. Additional information regarding the process is available on the County's website at: <https://www.ptbocounty.ca/en/growing/redline-revised-op.aspx>.

The County's Communications Department will be posting information regarding the consultation process to their social media accounts and have requested that any posts also be shared through the Township's social media accounts.

Township Planning Staff have updated the [Township Official Plan webpage](#) to advise of the proposed redline revisions to the adopted Official Plan and provided links to the County website on this page: <https://www.dourodummer.ca/en/planning-and-development/official-plan.aspx>.

### **Conclusion:**

At this time, the County is only proposing changes to policies which would bring the adopted Official Plan into alignment with the PPS, 2024. No additional or site/property specific changes will be considered. Furthermore, no mapping changes are being made at this time. Only those sections highlighted in red in the [Redline Revised Version of the new Official Plan](#) are being considered.

The County's website indicates that comments on the Redline Revised Version of the new Official Plan are now being accepted either via email to [newcountyop@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:newcountyop@ptbocounty.ca), or by mailing hard copy written comments to the Planning Department at 470 Water Street, Peterborough, ON, K9H 3M3.

A virtual public Open House and a Public Meeting will be held to allow the public with an opportunity to provide input on the proposed changes. Dates will be forthcoming for these meetings.

The commenting period will remain open until after the holding of a public meeting. Once the public meeting has been held, the commenting period will close. At this time a public meeting date has not been set. Notice of Public Meeting will be provided in accordance with the Planning Act, with a minimum of 20 days notice being provided.

Once a public meeting has been held, all comments will be reviewed and considered. A report outlining public, agency and First Nation comments will then be presented to County Council. With Council's support, the Redline OP (and any supported changes as a result of consultation) will be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for their consideration and approval.

**Financial Impact:** N/A

	<p><b>Service Modernization and Innovation</b></p> <p>Modernizing, refining and innovating services for residents is essential to effectively meet the needs of our community, enhance our operational efficiency, and ensure we remain adaptable in a rapidly changing world.</p>
	<p><b>Business Attraction, Expansion, and Retention</b></p> <p>Business attraction, expansion, and retention is vital for the economic health and sustainability of our Township, such as job creation, tax revenue, investing in innovation, maintaining our quality of life, and supporting community stability.</p>
	<p><b>Infrastructure Renewal</b></p> <p>Infrastructure renewal is a critical investment for our Township as it will ensure our adherence to health and safety, economic development, investment attraction, environmental sustainability, quality of life, public confidence, and regional competitiveness.</p>

**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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