



Douro Locals &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

## Re: New County Official Plan - Report Available

**New County Official Plan** <NewCountyOP@ptbocounty.ca>

Tue, May 6, 2025 at 4:11 PM

To: Douro Locals <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon,

The Council agenda was published on Friday, and due to my schedule and other pressing commitments I was unable to get the agenda link out until yesterday afternoon. **That said, the redline revisions have proposed no changes to the agricultural mapping since it was originally adopted in 2022.** I am happy to include these comments in our submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,  
Keziah

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**From:** Douro Locals <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 6, 2025 2:34 PM  
**To:** New County Official Plan <NewCountyOP@ptbocounty.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: New County Official Plan - Report Available

Hi Keziah:  
 Thank you for the update.

Why was this sent to us with so little notice? We can no longer get on the County Agenda to provide a delegation to County Council regarding our research into the Prime Agricultural mapping in our Township, and how our local Official Plan appears to have been heavily (and maybe solely) influenced by [Planscape](#), whose Senior Associate Margaret Walton is the Chair of [Ontario Farm Land Trust](#).

This is a similar situation to the comments that were made by the delegation during the OP Public Session ([March 5th Regular Meeting](#)) regarding Kawartha Land Trust and their influence on Kawarthas, Naturally Connected mapping - that the influence by Land Trust's ([Kawartha Land Trust](#) and Ontario Farm Land Trust) on land use policy and mapping at the municipal level has serious implications in that agricultural land will be devalued, removing property rights from landowners in how they use their land, and increasing the potential for Farm Land trust to be able to purchase cheaper land in the future.

Members of Ontario Farm Land trust ([REDACTED] both on the Corporate registry) also sat in TAC meetings as members of "the agricultural community", their affiliation with Ontario Farm Land Trust was NOT publicly disclosed in TAC minutes (attached), while local landowners were not permitted to attend the staff-only meetings, causing serious questions about transparent "public consultation" and how much of the Peterborough County Official plan was influenced by NGO's instead of the needs of the communities they are supposed to serve.

We will be sending these comments, among others to MMAH. This also needs to be addressed before Council is unknowingly implicated by passing these recommendations. These are serious conflict of interest concerns that need to be highlighted immediately.

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On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 5:08 PM New County Official Plan <NewCountyOP@ptbocounty.ca> wrote:

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you have requested to be kept informed of updates relating to the new County Official Plan.

A report has been published on the next Council agenda which relates to the new Official Plan.

Should Council support the recommendation, all comments received throughout the consultation period held earlier this year, together with the report, revised Official Plan and other supporting documentation will be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The report can be found on the May 7<sup>th</sup> County Council agenda at the following link:  
<https://peterboroughcounty.civicweb.net/document/322250/>

Sincerely,

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