

TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

OPA #8 TO THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS OFFICIAL PLAN

OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 19/20, 2022



PURPOSE OF OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

- Section 26 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O 1990* requires that Council review and update its Official Plan no less frequently than 10 years after it comes into effect. The Township's current Official Plan (OP) was approved on December 17, 2012.
- The purpose of the review is to ensure that the OP is:
 1. Consistent with Provincial Plans;
 2. Has regard for matters of provincial interest;
 3. Is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement; and
 4. Conforms to the Lanark County Sustainable Communities Official Plan.
- The OP Review and Update process also provides Council with an opportunity to update its Official Plan so that it better reflects the Township's development goals.

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS TO DATE

- To date the following elements of the work plan have been completed:
 - Review of the PPS (2020) & Lanark County SCOP (2012) compared to existing Lanark Highlands Official Plan
 - Consultation with government agencies, local municipalities, school boards, indigenous communities regarding need to update official plan to reflect their interests
 - Special Public Meeting on June 29, 2021 to introduce the project to the public and solicit their comments - encouraging public comment on OP update
 - Issues and Options Report to Council October 12, 2021 summarizing the findings and comments received
 - Draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) #8 to implement the direction given on the Issues & Options Report August 2, 2022
 - Circulation of draft OPA #8 to government agencies, local municipalities, school boards, indigenous communities for their review and comment

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON OPA #8

- The Public Open House is intended to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the proposed Official Plan Amendment #8 intended to update the Lanark Highlands Official Plan prior to the formal Public Meeting on September 27, 2022.
- The Open House is an informal environment where the public should feel free to ask questions and seek clarification on the various elements of OPA #8.

ELEMENTS OF OPA #8 TO LANARK HIGHLANDS OFFICIAL PLAN (I)

- There are numerous changes proposed to the Lanark Highlands Official Plan through OPA #8. These include:
 1. Recognition of the Anishinaabe Peoples as the first inhabitants of the Township and the duty to consult Indigenous communities on issues related to natural and cultural heritage matters.
 2. Policies related to climate change and enhanced stormwater management policies.
 3. Policies enabling Additional Residential Units (ARUs) and affordable housing.
 4. Policies encouraging economic diversification and land use compatibility
 5. Policies that reflect Lanark County's Approval Authority role along with growth projection figures.
 6. Policies supportive of communal sanitary systems.
 7. Policies clarifying the regulations regarding waterfront development.
 8. Enhanced policies on mineral aggregates and range of permitted uses.

ELEMENTS OF OPA #8 TO LANARK HIGHLANDS OFFICIAL PLAN (2)

9. Policies acknowledging Township's Emergency Management Program.
10. Policies recognizing the Township's parks and recreation amenities and active transportation.
11. Expanded range of permitted agricultural uses and recognition of locally significant agricultural lands.
12. Clarification of policies requiring a hydrogeological assessments.
13. New natural heritage system mapping and wildfire.
14. Recognition of natural corridors and linkages as wildlife habitat.
15. Clarifying policies related to Environmental Impact Statements, home occupations, complete applications
16. Introduction of Cluster Lot Development policies.
17. New Land Use Schedules – A (Land Use), B (Constraints), & C (Natural Heritage)
18. General administrative changes, including introduction of definitions.

PLANNING PROCESS GOING FORWARD

- Public Meeting held on September 27, 2022, to present the OPA #8 to the public and receive comments or answer questions.
- Public are encouraged to provide any comments they have on the draft OPA #8, by September 30th
- Planning report presented to Council in October, summarizing the agency comment and public comments received on OPA #8 and recommendation on any changes to the draft OPA #8.
- The revised OPA #8 presented to Council for adoption (November).
- Adopted OPA #8 to be forwarded to Lanark County for final approval (December).
- Following final approval by Lanark County there will be a public notice with a 20-day appeal period for those who are opposed to the approval of OPA #8.
- Appeals received will be forwarded to the Local Appeals Tribunal (LAT) for final determination.

THANK YOU!

- Questions????
- Remember – Comments requested prior to September 30th.