

# OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

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The Official Plan is a technical document that provides the framework for our vision of our community for the coming years and guides the Municipality in its land use management moving forward.

It describes Council's policies on how land should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community.

It affords some flexibility in policy interpretation by Council and Planning Staff during the decision-making process and is implemented by the Zoning By-law, Subdivision and Site Plan Control, capital budgets, other by-laws and municipal activities.

To address changing circumstances over time, Official Plans are to be updated – every 10 years following a new Official Plan and every 5 years thereafter.

The last update of Meaford's Official Plan was 2013.

This review was initially scheduled for 2020 following approval of the 2019 County plan, but was delayed due to Covid-19.

An Official Plan is always a forward-facing policy document and does not retroactively apply to development applications that are currently underway.

## General Relationship of Planning Policies and Tools

