



## **YOU'RE INVITED!** ...TO COMMENT ON THE REVIEW & UPDATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEAFORD OFFICIAL PLAN

### **What is an Official Plan?**

An Official Plan describes the Municipal Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community. An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and, the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

The Planning Act of Ontario requires that our Municipality consider the need to revisit the Official Plan every 5 years and it is now time to proceed with an update. The Act requires that the Municipality hold a public meeting to obtain input on the revisions to the plan that may be required.

You can visit <https://www.ontario.ca/document/citizens-guide-land-use-planning/official-plans> for more information about Official Plans.

### **How Can You Get Involved?**

The Municipality is looking for public input on the type and scope of revisions to the Plan to be considered as part of the upcoming review. It is our intention that this input will be obtained through your written and verbal comments & via discussions to occur at a special public council meeting to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (as below). **Staff encourage you to contact us if you'd like to comment or if you wish to be added to the mailing list to receive future notices.**

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT ON AN OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Municipality of Meaford will hold a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at approximately 5:00 pm. The meeting will occur electronically, broadcast via the Municipality of Meaford YouTube channel. Those wishing to speak at the meeting must register with the Clerk by noon on May 17<sup>th</sup> and can speak via telephone or internet. Further details will be provided at the time of registration.**

THE PURPOSE of the Special Meeting of Council is to discuss revisions that may be required to the Municipality of Meaford Official Plan following its comprehensive review and to obtain comment from the Public on these matters. Staff have generated a preliminary list of items for consideration which is available at [www.meaford.ca/OPReview](http://www.meaford.ca/OPReview) . The current Official Plan can be viewed on the website at [www.meaford.ca/OP](http://www.meaford.ca/OP) or in person at the Municipal Office during usual business hours.

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