



## Media Release

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# Collingwood Official Plan Draft 1 – Released for Public Consultation

*Collingwood, ON* [12 July 2022] – During a Special Council meeting held July 11, 2022, Council endorsed the release of the Collingwood Official Plan Draft 1 (June 2022) for public review and consultation.

[Staff report P2022-23](#) provides the next steps, and summary of the ‘**big moves**’ proposed in the new Official Plan Draft 1, including the following:

- An updated Urban Structure to guide community growth to 2041;
- An updated Natural Heritage System to protect the environment;
- Using land use policies to help address the housing and climate crises;
- Supporting sustainable development through a complete community lens; and
- Promoting sustainable infrastructure to support growth.

The new [Official Plan Draft 1](#) and [associated maps](#) can be reviewed on the [Town's Engage Page](#).

## Public Consultation Opportunities

**Save the date! On August 2, 2022, Community Information and Feedback Session(s)** will be held, including an overview of what this Draft Official Plan sets out for Collingwood, including the ‘**big moves**’ proposed, and comments will be welcomed from participants. Timing and details of these session(s) will be updated on the [Town's Engage Page](#) for this project as soon as available. Written feedback provided in advance of the session(s) via e-mail at [officialplanupdate@collingwood.ca](mailto:officialplanupdate@collingwood.ca) is also welcome. The Official Plan Draft 1 will be circulated to stakeholders on the Town's statutory and courtesy notice lists, as well as to Indigenous Communities with a current or historical interest in the Town of Collingwood's geography for review and input.

Feedback received through this initial consultation period will be compiled by the Town and a revised Official Plan Draft 2 and associated schedules will be prepared for Council's endorsement before the second round of public consultation, through a statutory Open House and Public Meeting (dates TBD) later this year.

You may request to be notified of future consultation opportunities and decisions on the new Collingwood Official Plan by e-mail [officialplanupdate@collingwood.ca](mailto:officialplanupdate@collingwood.ca) or [subscribe to the new Official Plan Updates e-Newsletter](#) on the [Town's Engage Page](#).

## **Background**

The Town began the Official Plan Update project in 2019, with most of the background work occurring in 2020, including community visioning and a public survey. Discussion Papers were prepared, and public consultations were held on a variety of key topics, which are available on the [Town's Engage Page](#) for review. An [Options and Recommendations Report](#) was prepared to capture feedback and guide the next steps in preparing policies. All feedback received to date was considered in the preparation of the new Official Plan Draft 1. The Town welcomes feedback on the [Official Plan Draft 1](#) policies and [associated maps](#) and looks forward to continued conversation with the community on this important project.

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

An official plan is the overall policy framework that guides growth and land use decisions within a municipality. It is a statutory document, with legal effect, required by the province and provides high-level direction on land use planning and built form to a specified time horizon, typically 20 years or beyond. Official plans address the principles of sustainable development and cover considerations related to environmental protection, economic vitality, and social wellbeing, all within the context of complete and healthy communities. The plan is the guide for the Town's growth and directs where, when, and how growth should occur.

The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to review and revise official plans every five to ten years to ensure they are consistent with or conform to applicable Provincial interests, policies, and plans.

For more information and to stay up to date on the Official Plan Update project activities please visit the [Town's Engage Page](#).

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