



NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Collingwood Council passed By-law No. 2023-095 on **December 11, 2023** under Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*. By-law No. 2023-095 is a by-law to adopt a new 2023 Official Plan for the Town of Collingwood and to repeal the 2004 Town of Collingwood Official Plan.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose of the [new 2023 Official Plan](#) is to manage and direct long-term growth and land use change in the Town of Collingwood to the year 2051. The effect of the Plan is to provide a strategic and comprehensive framework to guide decisions about sustainable development and infrastructure investment with the goal of supporting a creating healthy, thriving, resilient, and complete community. The Plan is structured to manage change in a way that contributes to Collingwood's reputation as a successful and desirable place to live, work, play, and invest. The Official Plan achieves these goals by providing objectives and policies related to: managing growth, improving transportation systems, facilitating economic development, enhancing housing affordability, protecting natural heritage and cultural features, recognizing the importance of a thriving downtown, promoting climate resiliency, and supporting and building on the strengths of the community. Further, the Plan contains policies that implement legislation, regulation and policies from the Provincial and County levels while addressing local priorities and the unique Collingwood context. Although this Plan presents a long-range framework, it is also a dynamic document that is designed to respond to changing circumstances over time.

The 2023 Official Plan is intended to conform with the County of Simcoe Official Plan and relevant Provincial Plans, be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, and have regard to matters of provincial interest.

The 2023 Official Plan applies to all lands within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Collingwood and therefore no key map is provided.

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

The new 2023 Official Plan was developed through a process of in-depth community and stakeholder engagement as well as the completion of background discussion papers and reports. Public consultation on the 2023 Official Plan was undertaken in accordance with or exceeding the requirements of the *Planning Act*. Prior to the adoption of the 2023 Official Plan, two statutory Open Houses and a Public Meeting were held on October 4 and 17, 2023 respectively. The Town of Collingwood received numerous written and oral submissions on 2023 Official Plan. All submissions were given full consideration and incorporated into the Plan where appropriate. Consultation on the Plan is summarized in [Staff Report 2023-32](#), including the effect of public, agency, approval authority, and Indigenous commentary on the decision. A comprehensive record of engagement can be found at: engage.collingwood.ca/official-plan.

APPROVAL PROCESS AND NOTICE

The approval authority for the 2023 Official Plan is the County of Simcoe. The Plan will be forwarded along with the municipal record to the County for consideration of approval. The County may decide to approve, modify and approve as modified, or refuse to approve parts or all of the adopted Plan.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the County of Simcoe if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the County.

Contact: Attention: County Clerk, County of Simcoe, Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6 or email: clerks@simcoe.ca

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the County of Simcoe regarding the 2023 Official Plan to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an

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unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. Global appeals of the Plan are prohibited under the *Planning Act*. For more information on appeal rights and processes, contact the County at the above noted address/email or phone (705) 726-9300.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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By appointment Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The 2023 Official Plan, as well as background and supporting documentation, is available to the public for review online at engage.collingwood.ca/official-plan or may be accessed at the address above.