

Town of Collingwood Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Update

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Committee of the Whole May 22, 2024



What Are Zoning By-laws (ZBLs)?

- Regulatory tools that control the use of land within a community
- Implement the Official Plan for day-to-day administration
- Contain site-specific requirements
- Legally enforceable and compliance is required prior to issuing building permits
- Two parts:
 - 1. Text (definitions, provisions and standards)
 - 2. Detailed mapping





What Can Be Controlled Through Zoning?

- Use of land and buildings
- Built form/location/number/type of structures
- Lot area/dimensions
- Density/gross floor area
- Height
- Setbacks
- Lot coverage
- Access
- On-site parking
- Limited elements of design
- Confirmation of servicing availability

- Land or unit tenure
- Number of occupants
- Price or affordability*
- Type of end users/occupiers (i.e. cannot discriminate against any person or group of people)
- Vegetation retention/replanting
- Architecture, building materials, construction techniques
- Internal design or fixtures
- Design of streetscapes, landscaping or parks
- Off-site parking





Why Update the Zoning By-law?

- Align with community vision and priorities
- Incorporate new information and background studies
- Improve clarity and ease of use
- Legislatively required within 3 years from approval of a new OP to implement the objectives and policies



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Procurement Process

- 2024 approved budget allocation \$150,000
- Open market Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting support
- RFP posted February 2024
- RFP closed March 2024
- Evaluation process in accordance with procedures
- Successful bidder The Planning Partnership
- Contract executed April 2024





Key Outcomes

- Address evolving legislation and policy
- Conform to 2023 Official Plan
- Facilitate sensitive infill and gentle density
- Apply a lens of innovation
- Support a complete, sustainable community

- Address emerging issues and trends, including housing and climate crises
- Flexibility to recognize existing and new uses
- Simplify and improve clarity



Where you'd like to go



Key Results
How you'll get there



Project Outline - Stage 1

Background Review, Analysis and Issues Identification

- Finalize project plan
- Produce Communication and Consultation Plan/Branding Strategy
- Jurisdictional best practices scan and GAP analysis
- Discussion Papers to form basis of community engagement
- Initial round of consultation
- Stage Outcome Strategic Directions Report





Project Outline – Stage 2

Preparation of Draft ZBL

- Builds on strategic directions from Stage 2
- Draft ZBL content to form a basis for community engagement
- Next round(s) of consultation
- Iterative process, may include more than one draft ZBL
- Stage Outcome Draft New ZBL and Summary Document





Project Outline – Stage 3

ZBL Refinement and Final Enactment

- Builds on Draft New ZBL from Stage 3
- Statutory public meeting to present Final Draft ZBL and Consultation Summary
- Refine documents based on input received
- Stage Outcome Final ZBL for Council approval and final "plain language" summary document





Approximate Timeline

• 12-18 months, additional time for appeals



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