NOTICE OF DECISION With Respect to an Official Plan Subsection 17(35) and 21 of the Planning Act

The Town of New Tecumseth Official Plan was previously adopted by the Town of New Tecumseth By-law No. 2018-121 and subsequently approved by County of Simcoe Council on June 25, 2021, as per CCW 2019-242, except for a Non-Decision that was placed on lands identified as Urban Residential land use designation within Beeton. A subsequent decision was made by County of Simcoe Council on the date noted above to approve the Urban Residential land use designation within Beeton in the Town of New Tecumseth Official Plan as per Schedule 3 to item CCW 2021-261.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan

It is a legislative requirement under Section 26 (1) of the Planning Act, for the council of a municipality to revise their official plan as required every 10 years to ensure that it: conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them, has regard to the matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with policy statements issued under Section 3 (1) of the Planning Act. This constitutes the provincial plan conformity exercise identified in Section 26 (2.1) of the Planning Act. As such, the County of Simcoe is the approval authority for local municipal official plans as per Section 17 of the Planning Act.

This decision is consistent with policy statements issued under the Planning Act and conforms with Provincial and County plans. To view the information related to Item CCW 2021-261, visit https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/localofficial-plan-approvals. A hardcopy of Item CCW 2021-261 will be made available for viewing upon request to the Clerk's Department (contact information noted below).

Public Input in the form of oral and written submissions were received from the public and agencies. The effect of any comments and associated modifications to the Official Plan are included in Schedule 3 to the associated staff report (CCW 2021-242). The County is satisfied that these comments were considered and/or addressed to the greatest extent possible prior to approval of the Town's new Official Plan.

When and How to File an Appeal

Any appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal must be filed with the Clerk of the County of Simcoe no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, shown above as the Last Date of Appeal.

An appeal may only be made on the basis that the part of the decision to which the notice of appeal relates is inconsistent with a policy statement, fails to conform with or conflicts with a provincial plan, or in the case of the official plan of a lower-tier municipality, fails to conform with the upper-tier municipality's official plan.

The notice of appeal should be sent to the attention of John Daly, County Clerk, at the address shown below and it must:

- (1) set out the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies;
- (2) set out the reasons for the request for the appeal:
- (3) include a completed Tribunal Appeal Form (A1); and,
- (4) be accompanied by the fee charged under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act 2021 in the amount of \$1,100.00, payable by certified cheque to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

Please refer to the Tribunal website for the Appellant Form (A1) and more information on filing an appeal (https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/).

Who Can File an Appeal

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the County of Simcoe to the Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an 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 group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was

adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

When the Decision is Final

The decision of the County of Simcoe is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal (please refer to the Last Date of Appeal noted above).

Getting Additional Information

Additional Information about the application is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the County of Simcoe at the address noted below, from the office of the municipality noted above, or by contacting the County of Simcoe Planning Department at (705) 726-9300.

Mailing Address for Filing a Notice of Appeal

County Clerk County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6

Attention:	John Daly, County Clerk
Telephone:	(705) 726-9300 - Ext. 1623