

NOTICE OF STATUTORY SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL (VIRTUAL)

COUNTY OF SIMCOE MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW (MCR)

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Simcoe will hold a Special Meeting of Council (Virtual) pursuant to Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, for the purposes of discussing the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) exercise and the review of its Official Plan.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM

The MCR applies to the whole of the County of Simcoe and therefore, a key map is not provided with this Notice.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW (MCR) is to update the County Official Plan to bring it into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan, *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Office Consolidation 2020)*, ensure that it has appropriate regard for matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2020*. The County's current Official Plan was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on December 26, 2016, and is a long-range planning document that sets out policy to guide growth, land use planning and development approvals in the County to the year 2031. The current Official Plan was approved prior to the current Growth Plan and current *Provincial Policy Statement* being in place. The Growth Plan now requires that the County plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by 2051.

The MCR will involve the preparation of topic-specific technical reports and recommendations to address:

- growth management;
- employment;
- refinements to the provincial natural heritage system;
- refinements to the provincial agricultural land base;
- climate change; and
- watershed management.

The County is engaging the Province, Local Area Municipalities, Indigenous communities, County Council, Conservation Authorities, the public and other stakeholders, to obtain input on the MCR. The updated Official Plan when adopted will establish the overall pattern of development and environmental management in the County and sets the stage for more detailed local planning. The MCR applies to the 16 Local Area Municipalities in the County, and excludes the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, both of which are separated Cities.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL is to discuss the MCR process and to assist in determining for Council, the public, and the Province as the Approval Authority, the updates that may be required to the County Official Plan under

Section 26 of the *Planning Act* to bring it into conformity with the provincial Growth Plan. It is an introductory public meeting intended to provide an opportunity for interested parties to offer comments on the revisions that may be required to the Official Plan during the MCR process. Any revisions that Council feels are necessary will be subsequently introduced through section 17 of the Planning Act.

This Special Meeting of Council is the first of the statutory meetings to be held in relation to the MCR and will include an overview presentation by the County's MCR consultant. Throughout the MCR process there will be additional opportunities for the public to review draft documents and to provide comments to Council and staff, including an Open House and Statutory Public Meeting under section 17 of the Planning Act that will occur prior to County Council considering the adoption of any proposed new County Official Plan or Official Plan Amendment(s).

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may watch the Special Meeting of Council on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/CountyofSimcoe/live>) and:

- participate by providing a **written submission**; should you want your written comments included in the published agenda for the Special Meeting, they may be sent to the attention of the County Clerk by email clerks@simcoe.ca or via regular mail to County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L9N 1X6, by no later than noon on Friday, May 28th, 2021, and/or
- participate by providing a **5 minute pre-recorded video presentation** to highlight the key messages regarding revisions that may be required to the Official Plan as part of the MCR; you are required to pre-register no later than Friday, June 4, 2021 at noon; or
- participate by providing a five-minute live virtual presentation at the meeting using the guidelines set out below regarding revisions that may be required to the Official Plan as part of the MCR; you are required to pre-register no later than Friday, June 4, 2021 at noon. In order to participate virtually you will require a camera enabled device (computer/tablet) and a reliable high-speed internet connection. Refer to the following instructions <https://www.simcoe.ca/publicmeeting>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the Municipal Comprehensive Review project is available for viewing on the County of Simcoe website at <https://www.simcoe.ca/mcr>

If you wish to be placed on the interested parties list to receive notification of future community consultation events and other matters related to the Municipal Comprehensive Review, please visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/mcr> and click the "SUBSCRIBE HERE" button to enter your contact information to receive future project updates by email. Alternatively, you can make a written request for future project updates by submitting a letter to the County Planning Department, County of Simcoe, Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario, L9N 1X6.

Notice of Collection, Use and Disclosure

All Personal Information is collected and will be used to support Council in their deliberations and decision making, and by staff, about what revisions may be required to the plan, in accordance with sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act and disclosed in full, including names, opinions, addresses and email, to any other persons requesting access to these records, or published as part of a public agenda; all information submitted to the

County is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Questions about this notice of collection should be directed to the County Clerk's Office (705) 726-9300, Ext. 1623.

DATED at Midhurst this 29th day of April, 2021.

John Daly, County Clerk
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