

March 10, 2022

The County of Middlesex Official Plan Amendment **NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**Pursuant to Section 17(16) of the Planning Act.

The County of Middlesex is reviewing its Official Plan to ensure that the land use planning policies are current, reflect updated Provincial policy, and reflect changing community needs for the next 25-years.

The Official Plan is a land use planning document that includes a vision, goals, and land use policy directions for the County. The Plan provides a policy framework for topics such as Resource Management, Growth Management, and the provision of Physical Services by dealing with issues of Provincial and County interest. The Official Plan recognizes the planning powers and authorities vested in local municipalities and does not set out detailed local policies. Within Middlesex County, each local municipality has a more detailed local official plan.

A Consultation Draft Official Plan Amendment and all supporting information are available on the County's website <a href="www.middlesex.ca">www.middlesex.ca</a>. This includes proposed changes in the format of a 'track change' document. The Amendment would apply to the entire County and accordingly no key map is provided.

When: Thursday March 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: This meeting is being held virtually through the Zoom webinar tool. For a meeting link and instructions on how to participate, please visit www.middlesex.ca.

If you are unable to participate online, please contact Marcia Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk at 519-434-7321 ext. 2250.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public an opportunity to provide feedback, to ask questions and identify planning issues that should be considered as part of the amendment. Any person may attend the public open house and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment, or submit ideas and feedback for consideration.

As this will be an online meeting, there will be no physical in person attendance.

## Other participation options:

The County encourages any interested parties to submit comments respecting the proposed Official Plan Amendment in writing by email or post at any time prior to April 8, 2022 to the address provided below. A Community Survey is also available online at <a href="https://www.middlesex.ca">www.middlesex.ca</a> or at branches of the Middlesex County Library.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the County of Middlesex on the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Marcia Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk, County of Middlesex, 399 Ridout Street North, London ON N6A 2P1, <a href="mivanic@middlesex.ca">mivanic@middlesex.ca</a>.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Middlesex before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Middlesex before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you have any questions about the proposed official plan amendment, please contact us.

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