



NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS FIVE YEAR COUNTY OF RENFREW OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW (AMENDMENT #25)

PURSUANT TO THE *PLANNING ACT*, TAKE NOTICE THAT THE COUNTY OF RENFREW WILL BE HOLDING OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE FIVE YEAR REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW OFFICIAL PLAN

The County of Renfrew is updating its Official Plan. An official plan is a policy document that guides the physical growth, use of land and development of a community.

The Ontario *Planning Act* requires an official plan to be reviewed and updated at five year intervals to ensure it meets the needs of the community, has regard to provincial interests (e.g., protecting ecological systems, conservation of mineral aggregate resources, appropriate locations of growth and development), and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The proposed updated Official Plan affects all lands within the County and therefore a location map is not provided.

The five year review of the County of Renfrew Official Plan will eventually result in changes to the Official Plan by way of an amendment to the document (Official Plan Amendment No. 25 is the assigned number for this purpose). The County of Renfrew is responsible for preparing and adopting Official Plan Amendment No. 25 and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is responsible for approval of the amendment. A draft of the highlighted and strikethrough version of the proposed updated April 2016 Official Plan (including all map schedules) has been prepared for discussion purposes and is available on the County of Renfrew website at

<http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/departments/development-and-property/planning-and-land-division/official-plans-and-amendments/>

A copy can also be viewed at the County of Renfrew Administration Building located at 9 International Drive in Pembroke, or at any local municipal office.

To engage, inform and seek input from County residents on the proposed changes to the Official Plan, a series of six open houses and public meetings have been scheduled that will follow the format below:

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (OPEN HOUSE) – County staff will be available to meet, speak, and answer questions one-on-one with residents.

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING) – The meeting will begin with a presentation by County Staff on the Official Plan and the proposed changes. After the presentation any persons may provide oral submissions regarding the proposed changes. (It is requested that oral submissions be no more than 5 minutes.)

OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS – DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1) **Monday, August 8, 2016** – Royal Canadian Legion Cobden Branch #550, 43A Main Street, Cobden Ontario
- 2) **Wednesday, August 10, 2016** – Royal Canadian Legion Eganville Branch #353, 57 Veterans Way, Eganville Ontario
- 3) **Thursday, August 11, 2016** – Township of McNab/Braeside Municipal Office, 2508 Russett Drive, Arnprior Ontario
- 4) **Monday, August 15, 2016** – Community Hall, 574 Mill Street, Calabogie Ontario
- 5) **Tuesday, August 16, 2016** – Chalk River & Area Lions Hall, 11 Kellett Street, Chalk River Ontario
- 6) **Wednesday, August 17, 2016** – Paul J. Yakabuski Community Centre, 65 Arena Road, Barry's Bay Ontario

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the County of Renfrew before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the County of Renfrew 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 Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or the public body as a party.

Written comments can also be submitted at any time before the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment by emailing them to officialplan@countyofrenfrew.on.ca or by writing to us at:

County of Renfrew Planning Division
9 International Drive
Pembroke ON K8A 6W5

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, or if you require further information, please make a written request to the email or mailing address noted above.

NOTE: All comments and submissions received will become part of the public record.