



Region of Waterloo

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PROPOSED NEW REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO

Date Notice Issued: June 29, 2009

In accordance with Section 17(23) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended, this letter shall comprise the “Notice of Adoption” in respect of the proposed new Regional Official Plan. At its meeting held on June 16, 2009, Regional Council passed By-law No. 09-025 adopting the proposed new Regional Official Plan. A copy of Regional By-law No. 09-025 is attached hereto.

Purpose and Effect:

The Regional Official Plan is a legal document that contains the goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct land-use changes and their effects on the cultural, social, economic and natural environment within the regional community. The Region’s current Official Plan was approved by the Province in 1995. The proposed new Regional Official Plan will replace the current Official Plan and provide the framework for directing growth and change in Waterloo Region to the year 2029. Once approved, all Regional and Area Municipal public works, Area Municipal official plans and land use related zoning by-laws, and all future development must conform to the Regional Official Plan.

The proposed new Regional Official Plan seeks to guide future development in Waterloo Region in a more sustainable and liveable manner. A key objective of the proposed Plan is to implement a Planned Community Structure based on a system of nodes, corridors, and other development areas connected by a network of roads, transit routes, cycling paths and pedestrian connections. This Planned Community Structure will provide the basis for decision-making on a wide range of issues, including land-use and transportation planning, environmental protection, cultural heritage, economic development and priorities for strategic infrastructure investments.

The proposed new Plan will implement the Regional Growth Management Strategy, including the establishment of a Countryside Line to contain urban growth and better protect the region’s valuable farmlands and unique natural areas. The Plan also provides for the implementation of a rapid transit system to help reduce auto use, improve air quality and create a more transit-oriented community. The Plan incorporates many of the policies of the former Regional Official Policies Plan as well as the broad direction set out in the Region’s Corporate Strategic Plan.

The proposed new Plan was prepared in conformity and/or consistency with a range of new Provincial policies and legislation including the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, the *Places to Grow Act, 2005*, S.O. 2005, c.13 and Growth Plan, the *Greenbelt Act, 2005*, S.O. 2005, c.1 and Greenbelt Plan, the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, S.O. 2002, c.32, the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006, c.22 and updates to the Provincial Policy Statement and the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13

Public Access to Information

Copies of the proposed new Regional Official Plan are available for public inspection at the following location:

Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Planning Housing and Community Services Department
150 Frederick Street, 8th Floor
Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4J3
Tel. (519) 575-4532 Fax (519) 575-4449

Public access to the proposed new Regional Official Plan is also available online on the Region's website at: <http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca>. Click under the "Living Here" tab and follow the links to the "New Regional Official Plan".

Approval Process:

The proposed new Regional Official Plan has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final approval. If you wish to be notified of the Ministry's decision in respect of the proposed new Regional Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Ministry at the following address:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Mr. Dwayne Evans, MCIP, RPP
Planner
Municipal Service Office – Western
659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor
London, Ontario N6E 1L3
Tel. (519) 873-4020
Toll Free 1-800-265-4736
Fax (519) 873-4018

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the Ministry's decision if a written request to be notified of the decision is made directly to the Ministry as noted above.

Additional Information

Further information about the proposed new Regional Official Plan may be obtained from:

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