

Official Plan Update Project



New County Official Plan Project Launch Open House

July 2017

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Welcome!

This is the kick-off to the County's new Official Plan (OP). Over the next several months we will be working toward creating a new OP, replacing the existing Plan which has been in effect since 1994.

What is an Official Plan?

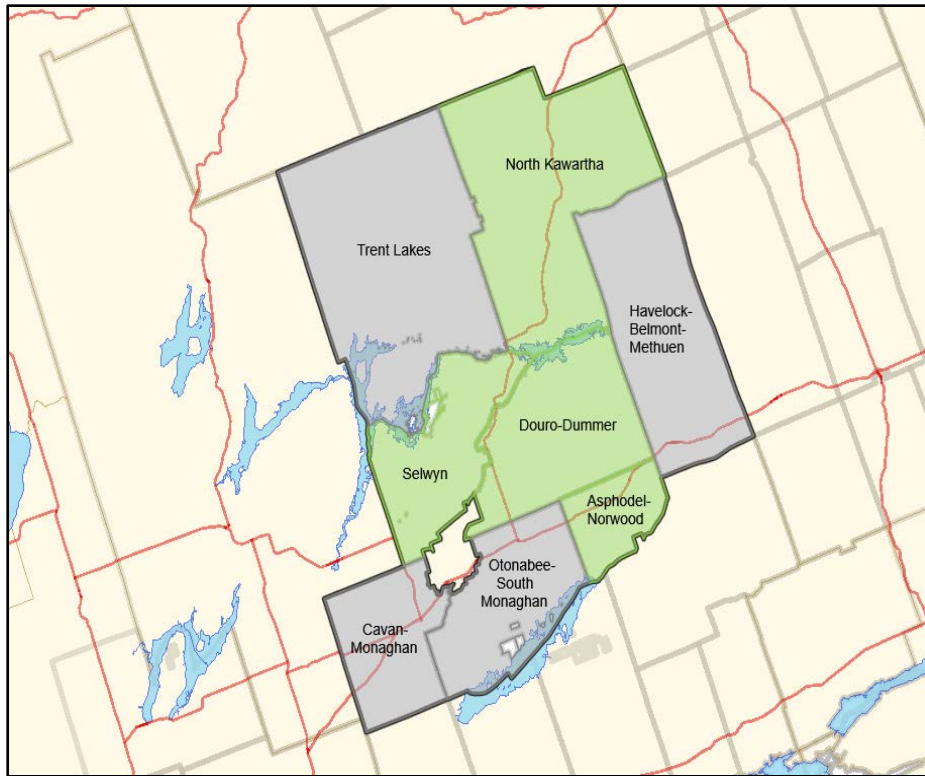
- An Official Plan is a land use planning document that guides and shapes development by identifying where and under what circumstances specific types of land uses can be located. It is used to ensure that future planning and development appropriately balances social, economic and environmental interests of the community.

What is a Zoning By-law?

- A Zoning By-law regulates the use of land and controls how each property in the municipality can be used. More specifically, it regulates:
- the types of buildings such as townhouses, manufacturing or retail stores that are permitted
- where buildings and structures can locate on a property
- the lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights, setbacks from the street and other such regulations

This project deals with the Official Plan only. Once the new Official Plan is approved, the local municipalities that have their policies contained in the Plan will then update their Zoning by-laws.

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- The County OP provides general policy for all 8 municipalities
- It also provides more detailed Local planning policy for North Kawartha, Selwyn, Douro-Dummer and Asphodel-Norwood at present (shown in green)
- Trent Lakes has requested to be added to this list

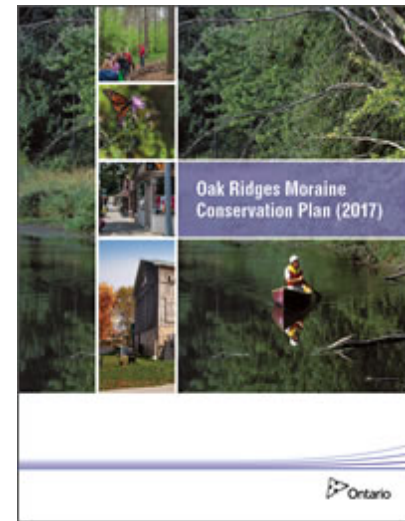
Satisfying Provincial Requirements

The Planning Act is provincial legislation governing planning in Ontario. It requires all Official Plans to address and comply/conform with Provincial policies.

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Below are 3 Provincial documents that apply to Peterborough County and their policies must be incorporated into the new Official Plan.

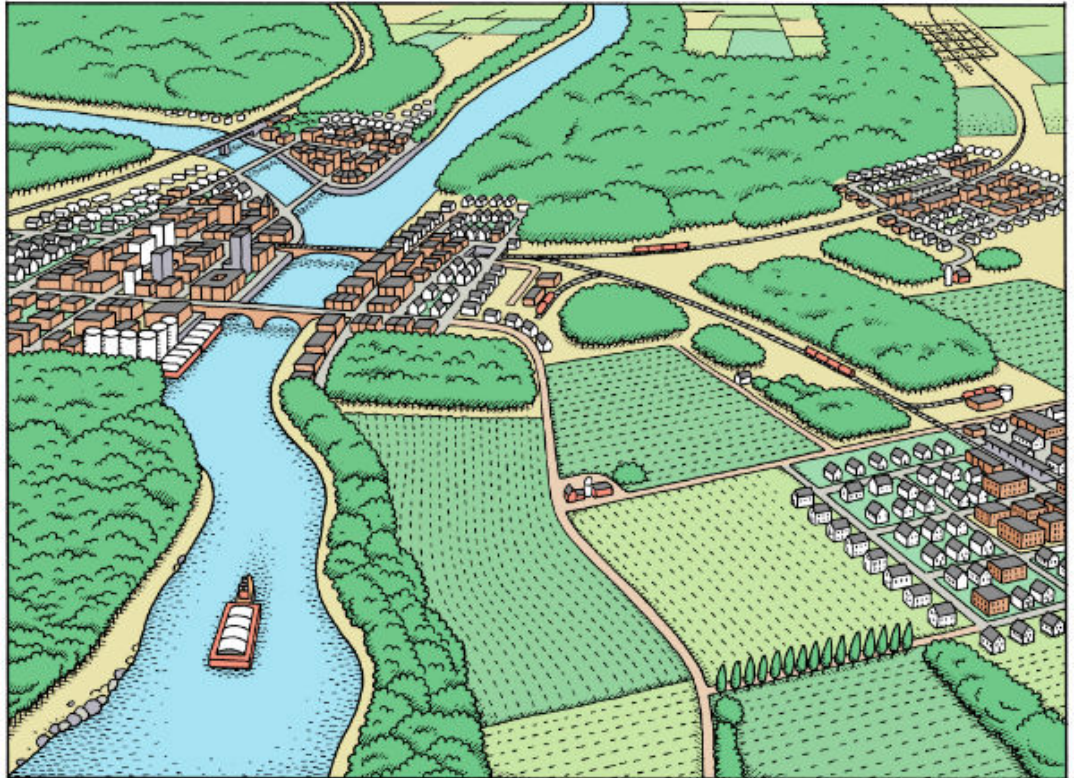


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An Official Plan consists of several “themes”, for example:

- Economic Development and Employment
- Environment
- Built Form and Density
- Agriculture/Rural Area
- Natural Resources
- Climate Change
- Transportation corridors and modes



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Balancing Act

The Official Plan then tries to balance these themes and ensure all interests are suitably reflected



Official Plan Components

Generally speaking, an Official Plan consists of three parts:

Policies that describe specific uses that are allowed in each designation, and criteria for evaluating specific types of applications or developments (new plans of subdivision, for example)

Schedules (or maps) of all lands in the municipality, with colours or patterns used to identify each land use designation to which the corresponding policies will apply

Appendices which provide further information, add clarification and are contained in the document for ease of reference

Official Plan Project Process

There are 4 stages to reach final approval from the Province. Each stage contains several steps. The 4 stages are:

Stage 1 – Project Launch, Background Review, Preliminary Consultation

Stage 2 – Draft Official Plan, Agency Consultation and Review

Stage 3 – Formal Public Consultation, Final Draft, Adoption

Stage 4 – Post Adoption, Provincial Approval



Public Consultation Strategy

Open Houses

Informal meetings

Formal Public Meeting

Print material including
news releases

Social media

Surveys

Website content

<https://www.ptbocounty.ca/en/index.aspx>



What we ask of you today

- Please read through the story boards
- Review the land use schedules
- County and Township Staff are here to answer your questions and hear your ideas
- Fill out a comment form
- Please get involved and stay informed!

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Thank you for coming today!

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