

Notice of Open House and Public Meeting

PROPOSED NIAGARA OFFICIAL PLAN

Niagara Region has prepared a new proposed Niagara Official Plan, and will hold an open house and public meeting, pursuant to subsection 17.5 and 17.6 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

It will be held virtually. The purpose of the open house is to present the new proposed Niagara Official Plan and give an opportunity to ask questions.

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

It will be held virtually as part of a Special Regional Council Meeting. The purpose of the public meeting is to present the new proposed Niagara Official Plan and give an opportunity for the public to provide input.

PURPOSE OF THE NIAGARA OFFICIAL PLAN

The proposed Niagara Official Plan will shape the physical, economic and social development of the region over the next 30 years. It sets out objectives and policies that will, among other matters:

- Identify how and where growth will happen
- Help protect Niagara's natural environment and address our changing climate
- Ensure Niagara has an adequate and diverse supply of housing
- Plan for our future infrastructure needs and ensure they're properly funded
- Create the right conditions to attract and retain jobs in Niagara

As the proposed Niagara Official Plan will apply to the entire Niagara Region planning area, a location map has not been provided. Consultation has taken place on background work and draft policy. A final proposed Niagara Official Plan will be available for review and comment at niagararegion.ca/official-plan from the date of this notice.

HOW TO REGISTER TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE INPUT

Register to attend the April 7 open house at niagararegion.ca/official-plan. To provide input orally at the April 28 public meeting, please pre-register with the Regional Clerk at clerk@niagararegion.ca before 9 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022. For more information, visit niagararegion.ca/government/council/speakingatcouncil.

Due to efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect all individuals, Council Chamber at Regional Headquarters will not be open to the public to attend meetings until further notice. To view a live-stream meeting proceeding, without the ability to provide oral submissions, please visit niagararegion.ca/government/council.

To provide written input, please either mail your comments to the Office of the Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Ontario, L2V 4T7 or email clerk@niagararegion.ca by 9 a.m. on Friday April 22, 2022. If you are not able to attend, or would like more information, including information on appeal rights, you can provide input or ask questions to makingourmark@niagararegion.ca. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, Ontario, L2V 4T7, or email clerk@niagararegion.ca. Such requests must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to participate in meetings or events, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. Special accessibility accommodations and materials in alternate formats can be arranged by contacting Niagara Region's **Accessibility Advisory Coordinator** at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca.

Any personal information is collected under the authority of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 and may be used in an appendix of a staff report, published in the meeting agenda, delegation list and/or the minutes of the public meeting and made part of the public record. Niagara Region collects this information for the purposes of making informed decisions on the relevant issues and to notify interested parties of Council's decisions. It may also be used to serve notice of an Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Information collected, used and disclosed is in accordance the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)**. Questions about this collection and disclosure should be directed to the Access & Privacy Office at 905-980-6000 ext 3779 or FOI@niagararegion.ca.

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