



Rideau Lakes

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TAKE NOTICE THAT The Township of Rideau Lake will hold Statutory **Open Houses** and a **Public Meeting** for the **Official Plan Update** as follows:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Statutory Open Houses	September 21, 2021*	12:30PM – 1:30PM	Elgin Municipal Complex 47 Main Street, Elgin
		2:00PM – 3:00PM	
		3:30PM – 4:30PM	
		5:00PM – 6:00PM	
		6:30PM – 7:30PM	
Virtual Open House	September 22, 2021*	10:00AM – 11:30AM	Online**
Statutory Public Meeting	October 4, 2021	5:30PM	Online***

*Pre-registration is required to attend all in person and virtual **open houses**. All in person sessions will require the wearing of face masks while indoors, the practicing of physical distancing and adherence of all Public Health requirements.

** Via online video platform to be confirmed via pre-registration

*****PUBLIC MEETING** –no in-person attendance at this meeting is permitted. In an effort to curb possible transmission of COVID-19, the **Public Meeting** will be live streamed at <http://video.isilive.ca/rideaulakes/live.html>. You are encouraged to submit the written feedback prior to the scheduled meeting to the Clerk at mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca. Additionally, if you wish to provide comments during the live stream of the **Public Meeting** you are encouraged to do so to mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca.

THE PURPOSE of the **Open Houses** will be to give the public an informal opportunity to review and ask questions of Township staff regarding draft official plan policies prepared as part of the **Official Plan Update**. Staff will be available at each **Open House** to provide information on the draft Official Plan policies via a brief presentation and answer additional questions for the balance of the **Open House** based on your pre-registered scheduled time slot.

THE PURPOSE of the **Public Meeting** will be for Council to hear and consider public comments related to the proposed draft Official Plan policies prepared as part of the **Official Plan Update** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may attend and make representation at the **Open House** and/or **Public Meeting** and/or make written submissions, either in support of, or in opposition to, all or parts of the proposed official plan policies. Written submissions will be accepted up to the date of adoption but are encouraged to be received prior to SEPTEMBER 20th, 2021.

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW AND THE DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN POLICIES:

The Official Plan Update is an exciting project that will explore and update the policy framework that guides growth and physical change across the Township of Rideau Lakes into the future. With the background work and substantial public consultations completed in 2019 and 2020, this stage of the project offers further opportunities to provide feedback on the final set of proposed official plan policies.

The proposed updates to the Official Plan focus on permitting more flexible residential growth, greater environmental protections for sensitive water features, climate change, water quality monitoring, aging in place, affordable housing targets, and healthy communities. The draft official plan policies are intended to:

- Have regard to matters of provincial interest, demonstrate consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), conform to the Official Plan policies of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, incorporate good planning principles, take into account the community's vision for the future, and reflect regional circumstances;
- Integrate best practices and innovative approaches where possible and improve the readability and user friendliness of the Official Plan Update document;

- Comply with requirements for additional residential unit permissions, source water protection, climate change policies required to be in a municipal OP;
- Provide more flexibility for residential development through tiny home dwellings, secondary suites, and an additional consent provision;
- As the draft official plan policies would apply to the Township of Rideau Lakes in its entirety, no key map is attached to this notice.

APPEALS AND NOTICE OF DECISION

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Rideau Lakes to the Ontario Lands Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Rideau Lakes before the proposed official plan 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 Township of Rideau Lakes before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Lands Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact the Township of Rideau Lakes by contacting the Manager of Development Services by email at bmulhern@rideaulakes.ca or by mail addressed to 1439 County Road 8, Delta, ON, K0E 1G0

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Rideau Lakes on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Township of Rideau Lakes by contacting the Manager of Development Services by email at bmulhern@rideaulakes.ca or by mail addressed to 1439 County Road 8, Delta, ON, K0E 1G0. Please include your name and mailing address in the correspondence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION including copies of the draft official plan policies and related background information are available for review online at <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/grow/plans-programs/official-plan> and at the Township of Rideau Lakes. Should you need assistance, please contact Brittany Mulhern, Manager of Development Services, 613-928-2251 ext. 244 or bmulhern@rideaulakes.ca during regular office hours, 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

DATED at the Township of Rideau Lakes this 19th day of August, 2021