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County hosts virtual Public Information Sessions as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review

Growth Management and Land Needs Assessment

Midhurst/ September 24, 2021 – Throughout October, the County of Simcoe is hosting a number of virtual Public Information Sessions to support the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process. This collaborative approach is mandated to help bring the Official Plan (OP) into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan, *A Place to Grow: Growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Office Consolidation 2020)*, assisting in establishing the overall pattern of development and land resource management in the County and sets the stage for more detailed local planning.

The first of these sessions will contribute to the process of determining how much growth can be accommodated in the existing settlement areas within the County and whether additional land is needed for residential and employment area purposes to the 2051 planning horizon.

The sessions will take place on October 5, 2021 and run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m. Both will be hosted via Zoom and will include identical presentations by Hemson Consulting. Following each presentation, there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and/or make comments which will be recorded.

Additional sessions regarding climate change, watershed management, along with provincial Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System mapping refinements will take place later in October. For further details on the Public Information Sessions or to review materials related to these sessions, visit the County's [MCR project webpage](#).

EVENT: Municipal Comprehensive Review Public Information Sessions – Land Needs Assessment and Growth Management

Where: Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

When: Tuesday, October 5, 2021
1:30 to 3 p.m. ~ 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Register: This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit <https://simcoemcr-oct5.eventbrite.ca> and select the session that best suits your schedule. Please register once per household, business or organization.

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