

**NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING (VIRTUAL)
CONCERNING PROPOSED COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

for

Age-Friendly Policies within the County of Simcoe Official Plan

TAKE NOTICE that County Council for the County of Simcoe will hold a Virtual Public Meeting to consider a proposed amendment to the County of Simcoe Official Plan, pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM

County Initiated; Age-Friendly Policy Update

County File No. SC-OPA-1902

The proposed Official Plan Amendment applies to the whole of the County of Simcoe and as such, no key map has been provided with this notice.

THE PURPOSE of the County initiated amendment is to implement new policies within the County Official Plan that recognize the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) concept as an initiative that falls within the County's mandate and in support of our aging population.

The County of Simcoe adopted a Positive Aging Strategy in 2017 that provides the framework for the County's age-friendly principles. An Age Friendly Community is a place that encourages "active aging" by optimizing opportunities for health participation and security in order to enhance the quality of life as people age. The proposed amendment to the County of Simcoe Official Plan encourages planning for complete communities including the provision of housing and services for meeting the needs of older persons by adding a new section 4.10 specific to Age-Friendly Planning, new definitions, and enhanced policies and objectives throughout the Plan.

THE EFFECT of the amendment will be to incorporate age-friendly principles into a regional policy framework and to assist our local municipalities in introducing land-use policies which recognize the needs for people of all ages and abilities.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may make written and/or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment. You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the County Clerk in advance of the Public Meeting, referencing County File No. SC-OPA-1902. Should you wish to speak at the virtual public meeting you are required to pre-register no later than November 23, 2020 at noon. Those who have registered will be required to speak via ZOOM. In order to participate in a ZOOM meeting you will require a camera enabled device (computer/tablet) and a reliable high speed internet connection.

The approval authority for County of Simcoe Official Plan amendments is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions of the public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Simcoe before the proposed official plan amendment 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 County of Simcoe before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless in the opinion of the Tribunal there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OR REFUSAL if you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk's Department, County of Simcoe, Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario, L9N 1X6 or email same to clerks@simcoe.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for viewing on the County of Simcoe website at

<https://www.simcoe.ca/Planning/Pages/PublicMeetingsCOPA.aspx>

DATED at Midhurst this 29th day of October, 2020.

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