



THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

MIDLAND'S PROPOSED NEW OFFICIAL PLAN (February 2019)

In accordance with Section 17 and Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c.P.13, as amended, you are invited to attend an Open House and Statutory Public Meeting to ask questions and provide comments on Midland's proposed new Official Plan (February 2019). The proposed new Official Plan articulates Midland's vision to the planning horizon of 2031 and has been developed through an extended public engagement and consultation process.

OPEN HOUSE

The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed new Official Plan (February 2019) with representatives from the Town and the Consulting Team. There will be no formal presentation given.

The Town is providing an Open House on:

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

3:30 to 5 p.m. & 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Town Hall, Council Chambers

575 Dominion Avenue

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments to Council on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2019) and for Council to consider the feedback prior to adopting the new Official Plan.

The Statutory Public Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, April 16th, 2019

6:00 p.m.

North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre Community Hall - 527 Len Self Blvd

WHY HAS A NEW OFFICIAL PLAN BEEN PREPARED?

The Official Plan is a statutory document that sets out land use policy to guide growth, land use planning and development approvals in Midland. The *Planning Act* requires that municipalities revise their Official Plans no less frequently than every five years and every ten years for a new official plan. The Town's current Official Plan was adopted in 2002. The Town initiated this Official Plan Review project in 2015, which included policy, research, analysis, studies, staff reports and community feedback on a range of topics.

The proposed new Official Plan project was undertaken to clarify Midland's local vision for the future, as well as to conform to Simcoe County's Official Plan. The plan directs growth in Midland based on the principles of supporting a vibrant Downtown and waterfront, protecting the natural environment and sensitive features, building a healthy community, increasing travel options, making efficient use of existing and planned infrastructure through targeted intensification, and maintaining and building a strong economy.

The proposed new Official Plan (February 2019) contains revisions based on feedback received through the Natural Heritage System Review, the Growth Plan 2017 Conformity Review, and through written submissions.

The proposed new Official Plan applies to the entire Town of Midland, and therefore a key map is not provided with this notice.

For more information on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2019), including previous draft (May 2017), past consultation, background studies and related materials, visit the Town's website at: www.midland.ca/official-plan-review.

WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE PROPOSED NEW OFFICIAL PLAN?

The proposed new Official Plan (February 2019) is available:

- online at: www.midland.ca/official-plan-review
- for viewing at the Town Hall, 575 Dominion Ave., from Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- for viewing at the Midland Public Library.

WHERE AND HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Please forward your comments on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2019) to the attention of the Planning and Building Services Department, Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Ave, Midland, Ontario, L4R 1R2, or by email to planning@midland.ca by no later than 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 12th, 2019**, if you want your comments included in the Agenda for the Public Meeting.

The Deadline for submission of comments in order to be considered prior to adoption is Friday, April 26th, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

SPEAKING AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

Since this is a Statutory Public Meeting, you do not have to register in advance in order to speak. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each and may be streamed online. If you have presentation materials, they must be submitted to Sherri Edgar, Deputy Clerk, at 705-526-4275, ext. 2210 or sedgar@midland.ca by noon the day before the meeting to allow for their distribution and review by all members of the committee. Please note, the content of all submissions is considered to be public and will be posted to the Town's website.

NOTICE OF DECISION

A staff report recommending adoption of the proposed new Official Plan is scheduled for consideration at the June 19th, 2019 Council meeting.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Midland Council on the proposed new Official Plan, you must make a written request to Sherri Edgar, Deputy Clerk, Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Ave, Midland, Ontario, L4R 1R2.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Midland before the proposed new Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Simcoe County (the approval authority) to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Midland before the proposed new Official Plan is adopted, the person or

public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the LPAT unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Personal Information Collection Notice:

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. The Town of Midland collects this information in order to make informed decisions about planning issues and to notify interested parties of Council's decision as well as the County of Simcoe's decision, and to serve you notice of an LPAT hearing, if appealed. Under the Planning Act, this information is considered part of the public record and will be disclosed, including personal information. Personal information (including your name, address and comments) may be contained 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 which may be available for public disclosure to members of the public, at the meeting, through requests or through the Town of Midland website, unless you expressly request the Town of Midland to remove your personal information. Questions about this collection and disclosure should be directed to: Karen Desroches, Clerk, Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Ave, Midland, Ontario, L4R 1R2, or to kdesroches@midland.ca.

Dated at the Town of Midland this 11th day of March, 2019.

Karen Desroches
Clerk