

**TOWN OF TECUMSEH
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL/ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING
TECUMSEH DRAFT NEW OFFICIAL PLAN**

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Tecumseh will host a virtual/electronic Public Meeting on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the Town's Draft New Official Plan, pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*. The Public Meeting is taking place further to the virtual/electronic Public Information Centres (PICs) that were held with respect to the Draft New Official Plan in November of 2020. Please see below for information on how to provide comments or participate in the virtual/electronic public meeting.

What is the Official Plan?

The Official Plan is a long-term planning document that establishes a vision for planning and development in Tecumseh over the next 25 years. The new Official Plan will include policies that guide how the Town addresses growth, housing, commercial and employment lands, agricultural lands, municipal infrastructure, mobility (roads, active transportation, public transit), community improvement, urban design, natural heritage, climate change and financial resources. The Official Plan is used by Council, municipal staff, the public, government agencies and other affected stakeholders when making decisions with respect to land use planning and growth in the Town.

Why is a New Official Plan being prepared?

Land use planning within the Town is currently governed by three separate Official Plans pertaining to the three former municipalities (the Town of Tecumseh, the Village of St. Clair Beach and the Township of Sandwich South) that amalgamated to form the current Town of Tecumseh. These Official Plans reflect the land use objectives of their respective former municipalities. A new, town-wide Official Plan is needed to articulate a clear, cohesive vision for the Town of Tecumseh and to reflect new policy objectives of the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and to align with the County of Essex Official Plan 2014.

Tecumseh Draft New Official Plan Document

On September 29, 2020, a Special Meeting of Council was held to present Council with a copy of the Draft New Official Plan which is available for public review and comment **on the Town's website at: [tecumseh.ca/newofficialplan](https://www.tecumseh.ca/newofficialplan) or can be emailed upon request.**

How to Provide Comments or Participate in an Electronic Public Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 declared emergency, Public Meetings are being held virtually through electronic means and live-streamed on the Town's website. Any person who wishes **to make oral submissions** during the electronic Public Meeting **must register as a delegate**. To register as a delegate, persons may use the online registration form on the Town's website at <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/town-hall/appearing-before-council.aspx> or by providing their contact information (name, address, email and phone number) to the Town Clerk **by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, January 21, 2021**. Registered delegates will receive the necessary log-in details to the meeting. By registering as a delegate, persons are consenting to their image, voice and comments being recorded and available for public viewing on the Town's website. **Written submissions** may also be provided to the Clerk **by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, January 21, 2021**.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Draft New Official Plan.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Essex (the Approval Authority) to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh before the New 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 Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh before the 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 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.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Corporation of Town of Tecumseh on the adoption of the New Official Plan, **you must make a written request** to the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, c/o Laura Moy, Clerk, at the mailing address noted below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and any associated reports/documents relating to this matter are available for review during regular office hours at the Town Municipal Office on Lesperance Road.

The Public Meeting Agenda regarding this matter will be available on the Town’s website [**https://calendar.tecumseh.ca/meetings**](https://calendar.tecumseh.ca/meetings) on Friday, January 22, 2021.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF TECUMSEH
THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

LAURA MOY, CLERK
TOWN OF TECUMSEH
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