



**Notice of Decision  
of Official Plan Amendment No. 25  
for the Municipality of South Huron  
by the Corporation of the County of Huron**

**Take Notice** that the County of Huron made a decision to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 25 to the Municipality of South Huron Official Plan on April 9, 2025, under Section 17 of the Planning Act.

**When and how to file an Appeal**

Any appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal must be filed with the Clerk of the County of Huron not later than 4:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025.

The appeal should be sent to the attention of the County Clerk, at the address shown below, and it must:

1. Set out the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies, and
2. Set out the reasons for the appeal.

Be accompanied by the fee prescribed under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act in the amount of \$1,100.00 payable by Certified Cheque or Money Order in Canadian funds to the Minister of Finance and accompanied by Appellant Form (A1) which is available on the Ontario Land Tribunal website: <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/>

An Appellant may request a reduction of the filing fee to \$400, if the Appellant is a private citizen or eligible community group. The request for a reduction in the fee must be made at the time of filing the appeal. Please use the request for fee reduction form.

**Who can file an Appeal**

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

The decision of the County of Huron is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last date for appeal noted above.

**Additional Information**

Additional information about the application and the decision is available for public inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the County of Huron Planning and Development Department, 57 Napier St., Goderich ON N7A 1W2 or from the local Municipal Clerk's office.

Susan Cronin, County Clerk  
1 Court House Square  
Goderich ON N7A 1M2

### **Purpose and Effect**

The purpose of this amendment is to revise the South Huron Official Plan to reflect changes within the community since the last review, ensure consistency with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement, other Provincial legislation, and the updated County of Huron Official Plan. The following is a list of significant changes included in the amendment to the Plan:

1. Align development direction with projected growth and housing needs, including modifying settlement area boundaries across the municipality;
2. Implement policy changes in accordance with updated County and provincial planning legislation;
3. Introducing policies for the Greater Grand Bend areas that consider cross-border growth planning;
4. Updating mapping for urban settlement, agricultural and natural environment areas;
5. Adding a Mixed Use designation along the north and south extents of Exeter's Historic Core to permit compatible commercial and residential development;
6. Applying a climate change lens throughout the Plan;
7. Including a Land Acknowledgement;
8. Providing direction for energy projects proposed on agricultural lands; and
9. Updating complete application requirements for new developments.

### **Effect of Written and Oral Submissions**

Public and Agency comments have been received and considered throughout the five-year review process. Agency comments were received in support, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the five year review amendment. Comments received from the public informed the draft amendment. Outstanding concern regarding the future development of two site specific properties were addressed through changes to the text of the amendment and deferral.