



**NOTICE OF
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETINGS
FOR THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**

Section 26(3)(b) of Planning Act

To: Prescribed Persons/Public Bodies/Interested Parties

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of South Algonquin has initiated a review of its Official Plan and will hold two (2) **Special Public Meetings** under Section 26(3)(b) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, to introduce the project to the public, discuss possible revisions that may be required and provide the public with an opportunity to submit written comments.

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of Township of South Algonquin will hold two (2) **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETINGS ON:**

Date: August 17th, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

**Location: Township of South Algonquin
Municipal Office, Council Chambers,
7 Third Ave, Whitney, ON, K0J 2M0**

Virtual

**Option: Via Zoom and livestreamed to the Township of
South Algonquin Youtube Channel**

Date: August 18th, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

**Location: Madawaska Complex (in person only)
26A Major Lake Road, Madawaska ON, K0J 2C0**

PLEASE NOTE: Masks will be required for those attending the in-person public meetings.

PUBLIC MEETING You are invited to participate in either of these **Special Public Meetings** for the Official Plan Review and learn more about this important project and how you can participate in the review and update of the Township's Official Plan. You are entitled to attend either or both of these special public meetings, or you may be represented by counsel or an agent to provide information, to comment, or to ask questions about this initiative.

AND TAKE NOTICE - Should you wish to provide comments or ask questions, you may do so in writing or verbally to the Council, no later than 12:00 p.m. on August 26th, 2022. Written submissions are public and shall be available for inspection by any interested party. If you wish to participate in the virtual Special Meeting, please contact the undersigned for instructions no later than 12:00 p.m. on August 16th, 2022.

The Township strongly encourages written comments to be submitted prior to or following the special public meeting. We encourage anyone participating in the meeting to pre-register with the Township to ensure you are on the attendance list. To ensure that your comments are clearly understood and received prior to Council making a decision, you are encouraged to **submit written comments by August 26th, 2022.**

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN? The South Algonquin Official Plan is the primary policy document that guides the growth and development of the Township. It contains goals, objectives and policies which provide direction on how and where the Township is to grow, along with specific policies related to the management of rural resource (agriculture, forestry, aggregate extraction), protection of natural heritage features and addresses broad land use and development issues within South Algonquin Township to the year 2032. The Township's current Official Plan was approved in 2012.

WHY ARE WE REVIEWING OUR OFFICIAL PLAN? The purpose of the Official Plan Review is to update the policies to conform to Provincial planning legislation, including the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, as well as to consider comments by the public and agencies.

The Planning Act requires that a municipality's Official Plan be updated at least 10 years after first approval and then every five years after that. The Township has determined that it is an appropriate time to review and update the Official Plan to ensure that it conforms to the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. As the Township continues to develop and change, it is important to check the effectiveness of the Official Plan to ensure its collective vision is being realized, and to improve and enhance our policies to help the Township achieve its strategic goals and objectives.

WHY YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT? The Official Plan affects everyone in Township of South Algonquin. Your input is important for the Township to undertake an effective review of its Official Plan. Public consultation provides the opportunity for residents to participate in reviewing and updating the policies and direction of the Township's Official Plan.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL is to begin the public consultation of possible changes that may be required to the Official Plan. It is intended to provide an early opportunity for the public to offer comments regarding any issue or matter that should be considered during the Official Plan Review process. Please note that there will be ongoing opportunities to participate in this process.

Personal information contained on written comments, collected pursuant to the *Planning Act*, will be used for the purposes of that Act and will be part of the public record. Questions should be directed to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at the institution conducting the procedures under the Act.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Additional information regarding the Official Plan Review and Update project is available for inspection online at:

<https://www.southalgonquin.ca/planning/official-plan-review>

For additional information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

Dated at the Township of South Algonquin this 6th and 8th day of July 2022

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