



**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE**

In accordance sections 17 and 26 of *the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended:

To: Prescribed Persons/Public Bodies/Interested Parties

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of South Algonquin has now prepared a draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) intended to update its Official Plan and will hold two (2) Open Houses and one (1) Public Meeting under Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, to introduce the proposed official plan amendment to the public and obtain feedback prior to Council's consideration of the draft OPA.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of Township of South Algonquin will hold two (2) **OPEN HOUSES (one with a virtual option) AND ONE PUBLIC MEETING ON:**

OPEN HOUSE (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

Date: November 29, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Township of South Algonquin
Municipal Office, Council Chambers,
7 Third Ave, Whitney, ON, K0J 2M0
Option: Via Zoom and livestreamed to the Township of
South Algonquin YouTube Channel

If you wish to participate via Zoom, please contact the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 27th.

OPEN HOUSE (IN PERSON)

Date: November 29, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Madawaska Complex (in person only)
26A Major Lake Road, Madawaska ON, K0J 2C0

PUBLIC MEETING (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

Date: December 6th, 2023
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Township of South Algonquin
Municipal Office, Council Chambers,
7 Third Ave, Whitney, ON, K0J 2M0
Option: Via Zoom and livestreamed to the Township of
South Algonquin YouTube Channel

If you wish to participate via Zoom, please contact the undersigned no later than 4:00 pm on December 4th.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with the opportunity to hear a presentation on the Draft Official Plan Update and discuss proposed Official Plan policy and mapping updates with the Township staff and the Township's Planning Consultant. All interested parties are invited to participate.

The statutory Public Meeting is intended to provide the public with an opportunity to provide formal comments on the proposed Official Plan updates. Council will consider public feedback prior to adopting an updated Official Plan. All interested parties are invited to participate.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The Official Plan is Council's commitment to Township residents, containing the goals, objectives and policies intended to guide land use development and conservation over a 25-year time horizon. The Official Plan manages and directs physical development within the context of social, economic, built and natural environment matters.

The *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan be updated to ensure that it: conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of provincial interest; and is consistent with provincial policy statements.

A summary of proposed areas for policy and mapping updates to the Official Plan is available on the Township website together with background studies. These include policies related to: Indigenous acknowledgement, climate change, natural heritage features, waterfront development, wildfires, affordable housing, communal servicing, and others. The Official Plan update also includes the replacement of the existing land use schedules with new, more accurate schedules covering land use, constraints and natural heritage features.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The update to the Official Plan will affect all lands within the municipal boundary of the Township of South Algonquin. Accordingly, no key map is provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about the Draft Official Plan, including information about appeal rights, please contact the Township Planning & Building Administrator at 613-637-2650 or operations@southalgonquin.ca. Additional information regarding the Official Plan Update project is available for inspection online at:

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

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of The Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin to the Ontario Land 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 Township of South Algonquin before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be 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 Township 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 Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Personal information contained in 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.

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

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Dated at the Township of South Algonquin this 2nd day of November 2023