



# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE FINAL DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYHAM OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham is in the process of conducting an Official Plan Review, and that the County of Elgin is the Approval Authority for Official Plan Amendments. that Council and the Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham will hold a Public Meeting under Section 17(15) and Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13. to present the final draft of the new Official Plan of the Municipality of Bayham Official Plan Review project.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham will hold this Public Meeting on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers, Lower Level, 56169 Heritage Line, Straffordville. The Public Meeting may be viewed virtually through the live-stream on the [Municipality of Bayham's YouTube Channel](#)

**THE PURPOSE** of the Public Meeting is to present the final draft of the new Official Plan. A presentation will be made by the consultant team, Arcadis, to review the key themes of the new Official Plan and the changes since the December 2024 Draft Official Plan based on the approved County of Elgin Official Plan and input received, including from the Open Houses that took place in June 2024 and January 2025.

The current Bayham Official Plan was approved in February 2019, and Municipalities are required under Section 26 of the *Planning Act* to conduct an Official Plan Review every five (5) years to ensure the Official Plan:

- Is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;
- Has regard to the matters of provincial interest, and;
- Conforms with the County of Elgin Official Plan.

The purpose of an Official Plan Review is to ensure that policies of the Official Plan are in conformity with provincial and County plans and policies and continue to meet the community's vision for future change and development.

This Official Plan Review is a municipal-wide initiative affecting all lands within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Bayham.

**THE EFFECT** of this will be the preparation of a Final Draft Official Plan to present to the Municipality of Bayham Council for adoption. Following adoption, the adopted Official Plan will be sent to the County of Elgin for approval.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make a written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the final draft Official Plan. The Municipality encourages your comments throughout the Official Plan Review process. If you have any comments, questions, require further information, or would like to be added to the project mailing list for updates and to be notified of the future decision of the County of Elgin on the proposed Official Plan, please email or mail to:

- [opreview@bayham.on.ca](mailto:opreview@bayham.on.ca)
- Municipal Office: Attention - Official Plan Review (56169 Heritage Line, P.O. Box 160, Straffordville, ON, N0J 1Y0)
- Oral submissions may also be expressed at Open Houses or the Statutory Public Meeting.

All comments received will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council, Municipal Staff, and Arcadis.

**Written comments submitted on or before 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to [munderhill@bayham.on.ca](mailto:munderhill@bayham.on.ca) or at the municipal office will be included in the public meeting agenda.**

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY OR REGISTERED OWNER** of any land to which the plan would apply would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Elgin to the Ontario Land Tribunal but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Bayham before the proposed Bayham Official Plan is adopted, the specified person, public body, or registered owner of any land to which the plan would apply is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Bayham before the proposed official plan 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 add the person or public body as a party.

**IF YOU WISH** to be notified of the adoption of the Official Plan, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** relating to the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office.

**Dated** at the Municipality of Bayham this **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **January 2026**.

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