

Bayham Official Plan Review – Shaping Our Future

Phase Two – Consultation & Policy Review / Analysis

Open House #1
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Land Acknowledgement

- We will begin this Open House by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by the Indigenous peoples of this great Country. As settlers, we are grateful to meet here, and we thank all of the generations of people who have taken care of this land throughout the years. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge that we gather on land in the Between the Lakes Treaty territory (Treaty 3, 1792), the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Haudenosaunee Peoples.
- Arcadis acknowledges that there are Treaties and Agreements in place throughout Ontario and we are thankful to be able to work and live here. We are thankful to those who have cared for these lands and who continue to contribute to our collective strength. We are honoured to collaborate with our Indigenous clients, partners, stakeholders and communities.

Presentation Outline

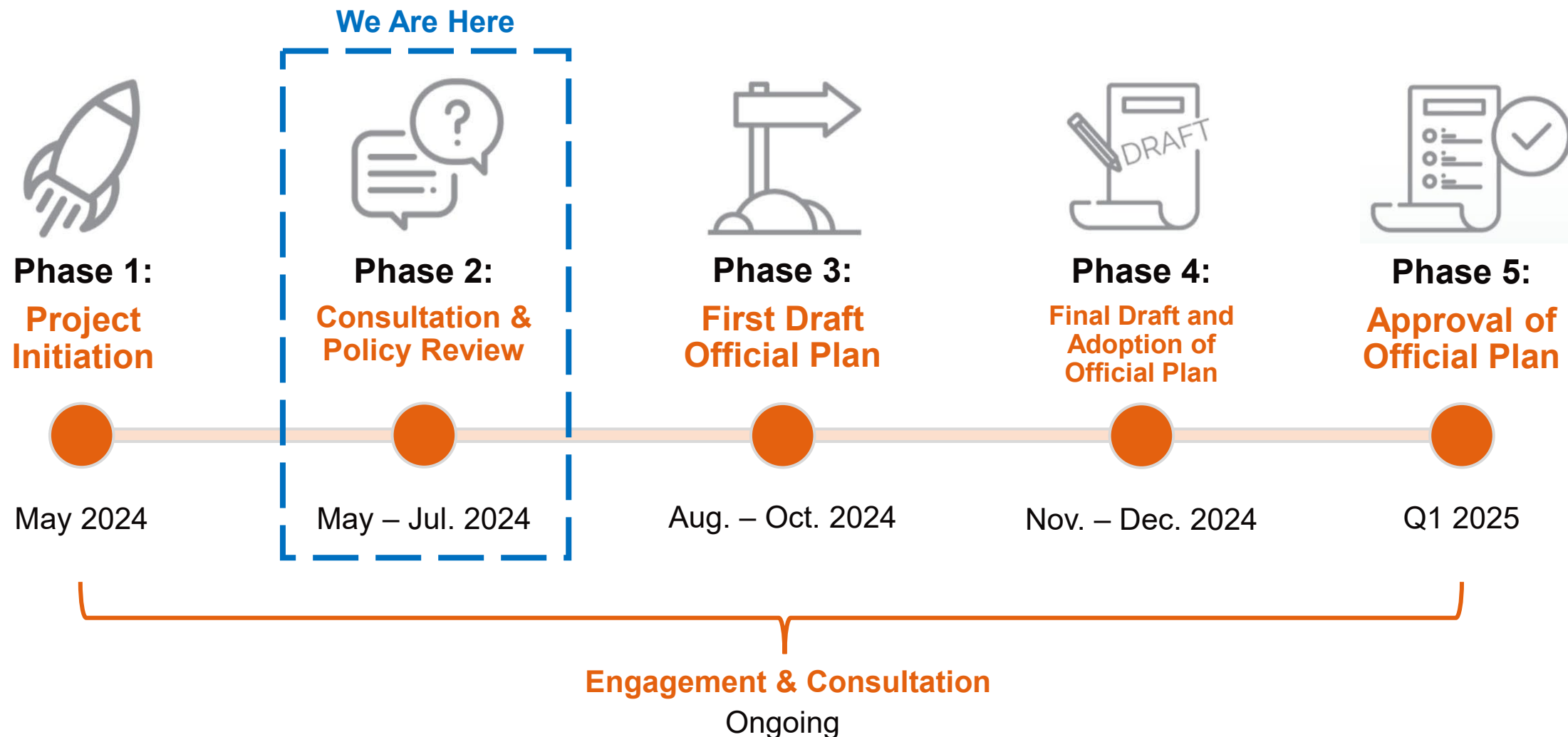
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This is the
“Listening Stage”
of the project.

We want to hear
from **YOU.**

Process and Estimated Timeline



Planning Hierarchy

Provincial Level

Planning Act

Provincial Policy Statement

County Level

Elgin County Official Plan

Local Level

Bayham Official Plan

Bayham Zoning By-law



What is an Official Plan?

Bayham Official Plan

- Contains goals, objectives and policies to direct physical and land use change and their effects on the cultural, social, economic and natural environment within Bayham.
- Maps (or “Schedules”) used to identify specific land use designations that apply to each parcel of land.
- Implements Provincial policies and guidelines

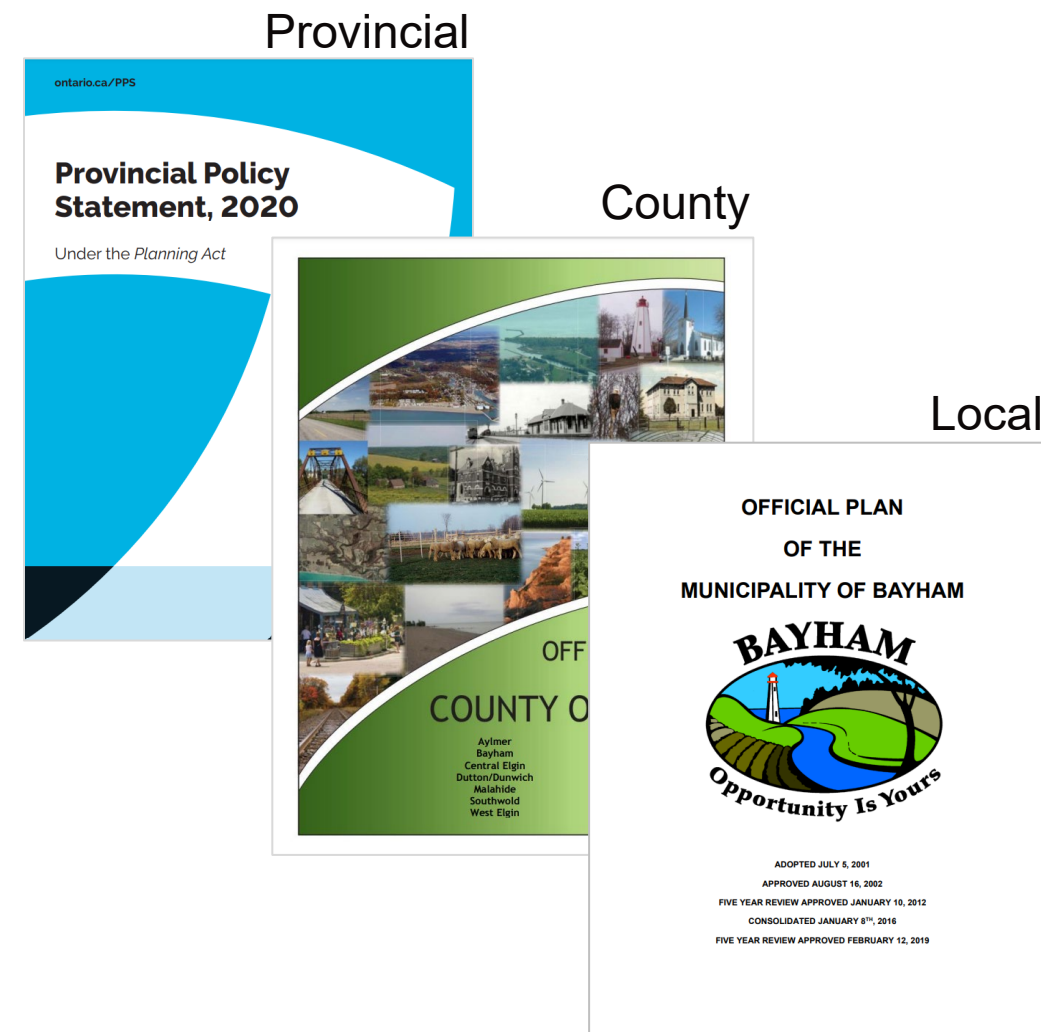
OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYHAM



ADOPTED JULY 5, 2001
APPROVED AUGUST 16, 2002
FIVE YEAR REVIEW APPROVED JANUARY 10, 2012
CONSOLIDATED JANUARY 8TH, 2016
FIVE YEAR REVIEW APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 2019

What is an Official Plan Review?

- The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to update their Official Plan every five (5) years so that it:
 1. Is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.
 2. Has regard to the matters of provincial interest.
 3. Conforms with the upper-tier (Elgin County) Official Plan.
- Opportunity to address local priorities and changing community needs.



What is an Official Plan Review? (Continued)

- County of Elgin Council adopted the new Elgin County Official Plan on May 14, 2024, and is being reviewed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.
- Ongoing Provincial legislation that our team will take into consideration for the project.

What does this mean for Bayham?

- Bayham Official Plan Review is to ensure the new Bayham Official Plan conforms with the proposed adopted Elgin County Official Plan.
- Should reduce timing in Bayham's Official Plan Review process ('big picture' work completed by Elgin County).
- Opportunity to create a robust and modernized Bayham Official Plan.

4 Areas Anticipated to Change in the New Official Plan

The following provides four (4) *examples* of areas anticipated to change in the New Official Plan:

1. **‘On-Farm Diversified Use and Agricultural-Related Use’ Policies**
2. **‘Settlement Area Boundary Adjustments or Land Swaps’** – depending on requests received.
3. **‘Housing and Affordability’ Policies** – mix of housing types to achieve housing affordability.
4. **Modernized Schedules (Mapping)**

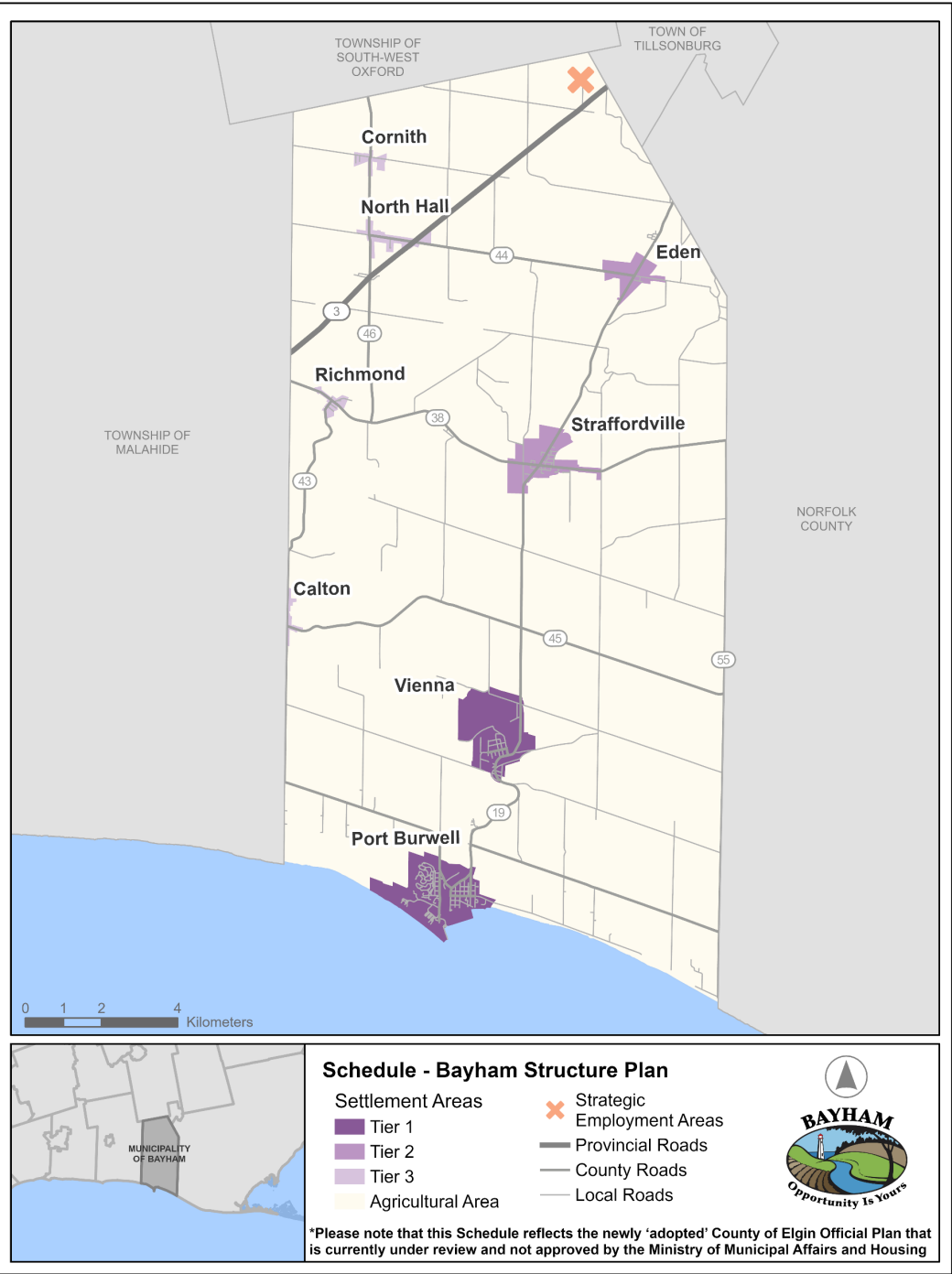
4 Areas Not Anticipated to Change in the New Official Plan

The following provides four (4) *examples* of areas not anticipated to change in the New Official Plan:

1. **‘Natural Heritage System’ Mapping** - already completed by Elgin County.
2. **‘Hazardous Lands’ Mapping** - already completed by Elgin County.
3. **‘Settlement Area Expansions’** - more specifically, *no net increase* in Settlement Area land.
4. **‘Agricultural and Surplus Farm Dwelling Severance’ Policies** – strict policies based on Provincial plans and legislation.

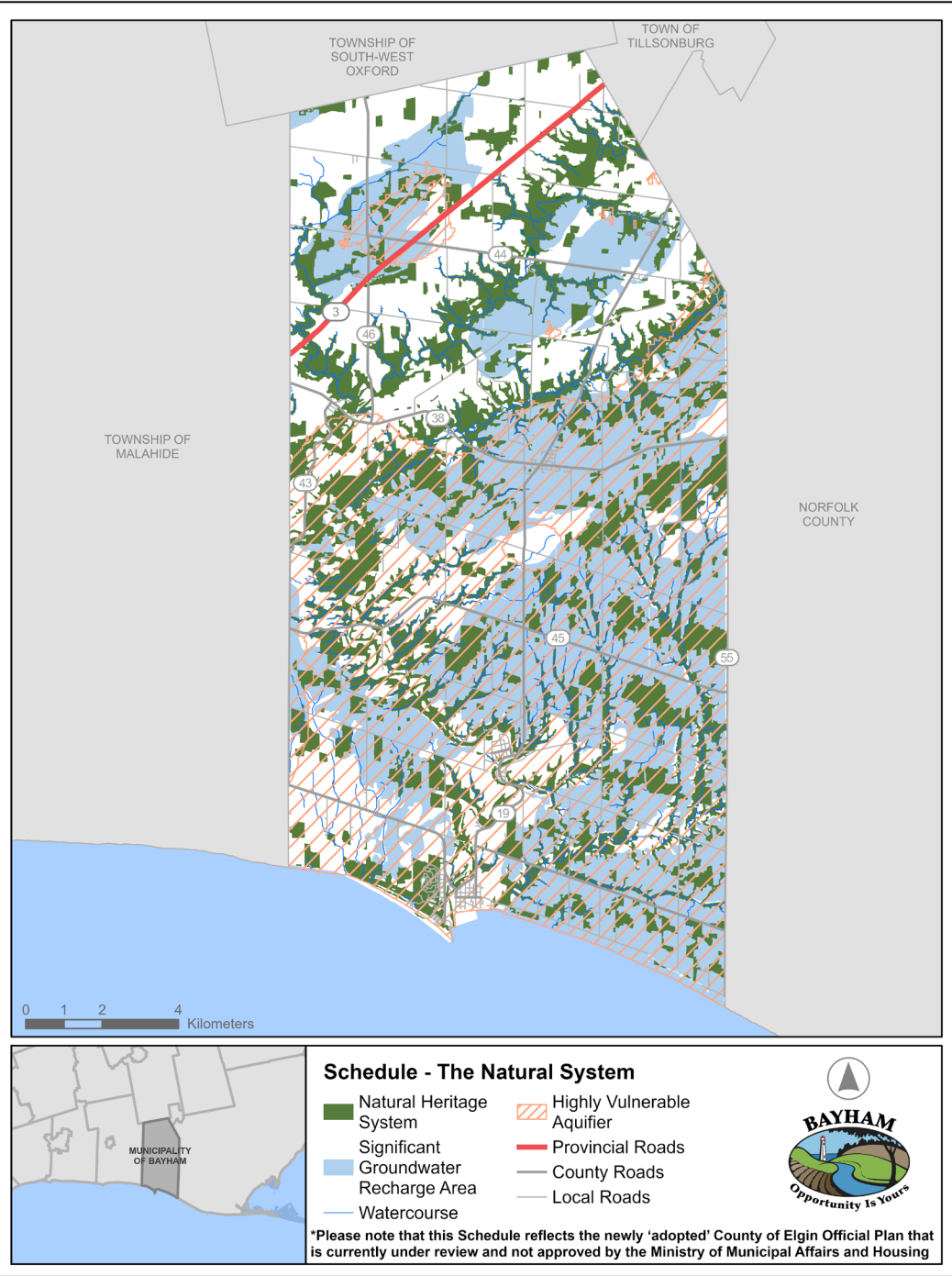
Structure Plan

Please note that this Schedule reflects the newly ‘adopted’ County of Elgin Official Plan that is currently under review and not approved by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.



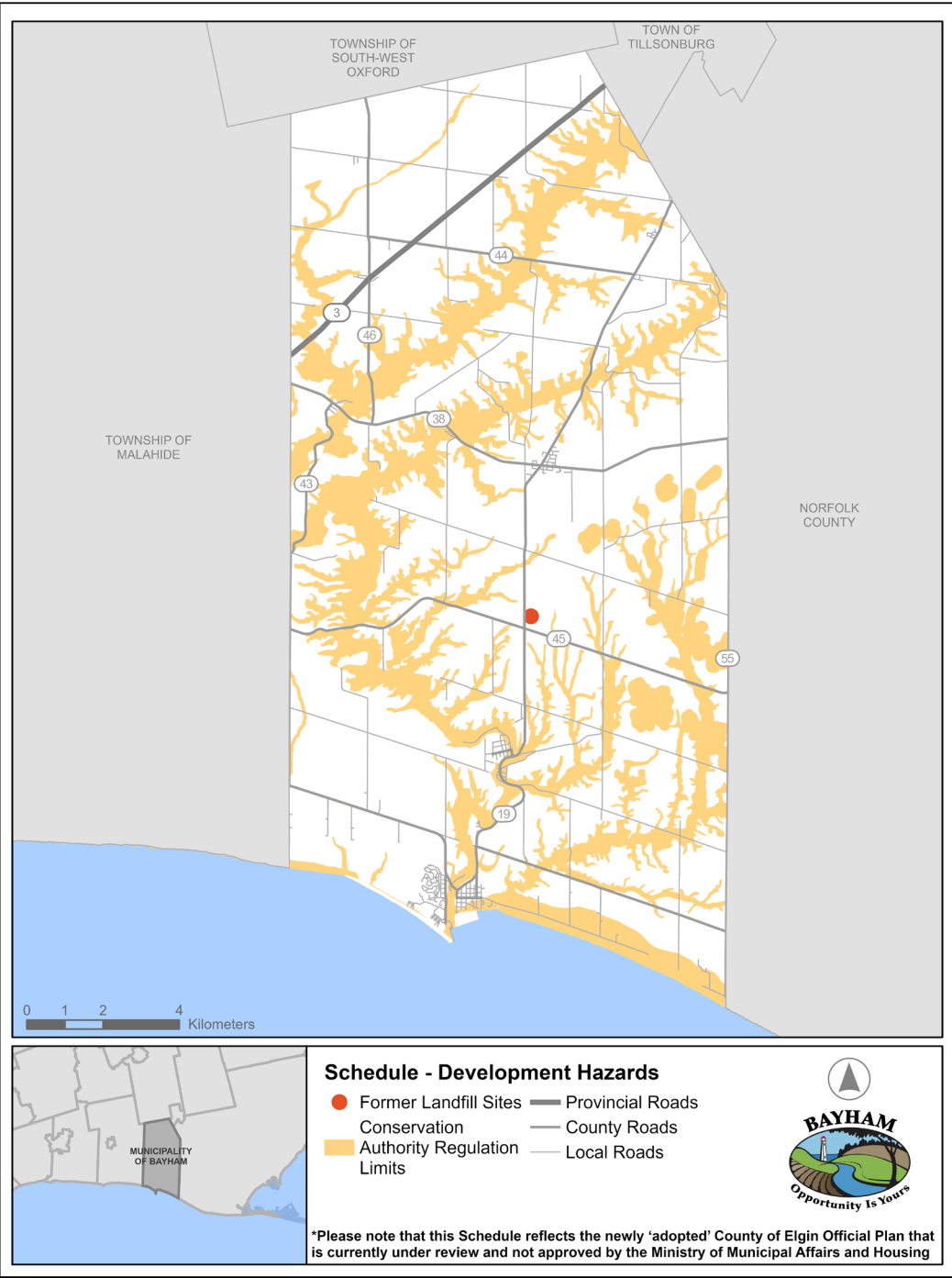
Natural System

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Development Hazards

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Public Engagement and Consultation Strategy

- Methods of Public Engagement and Consultation for the project include:
 1. Official Plan Review specific email address (Ongoing): opreview@bayham.on.ca
 2. Municipal webpage (Ongoing): <https://www.bayham.on.ca/municipal-office/planning-development/official-plan-review-2024/>
 3. Contact list (Ongoing)
 4. Local newspaper
 5. In-person Open Houses (Phases Two and Three)
 6. In-person and virtual One-on-One Appointments with the project team (Phases Two and Three)

Next Steps and Additional Information

- Review the comments we receive tonight (and those moving forward) to prepare the Draft Official Plan document in Phase Three.
- Begin the process of setting up one-on-one consultation sessions (to be announced on the webpage and email notification).
- You can find more information on the Official Plan Review webpage at <https://www.bayham.on.ca/municipal-office/planning-development/official-plan-review-2024/>
- You are encouraged to provide any comments, questions, or feedback on the Official Plan Review at opreview@bayham.on.ca
- Written submissions can also be mailed to the Municipal Office: Attention - Official Plan Review (56169 Heritage Line, P.O. Box 160, Straffordville, ON, N0J 1Y0).

Questions and Answers

Thank You

