



# Municipality of Bayham Official Plan Review Phase One – Initiation

Special Council Meeting  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM



# Arcadis Project Team in Attendance

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# Presentation Outline

1. Planning Hierarchy – Key Directives
2. What is an Official Plan?
3. What is an Official Plan Review?
4. Process and Estimated Timeline for Bayham Official Plan Review
5. Public Engagement and Consultation Strategy
6. Project Slogan?
7. Next Steps and Additional Information
8. Questions or Comments?

# Planning Hierarchy – Key Directives

## Provincial Level

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**Planning Act**

**Provincial Policy Statement**

## County Level

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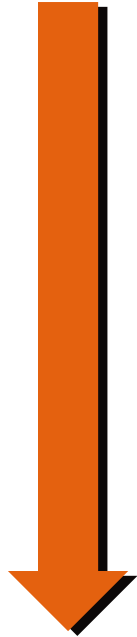
**Elgin County Official Plan**

## Local Level

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**Bayham Official Plan**

**Bayham Zoning By-law**



# What is an Official Plan?

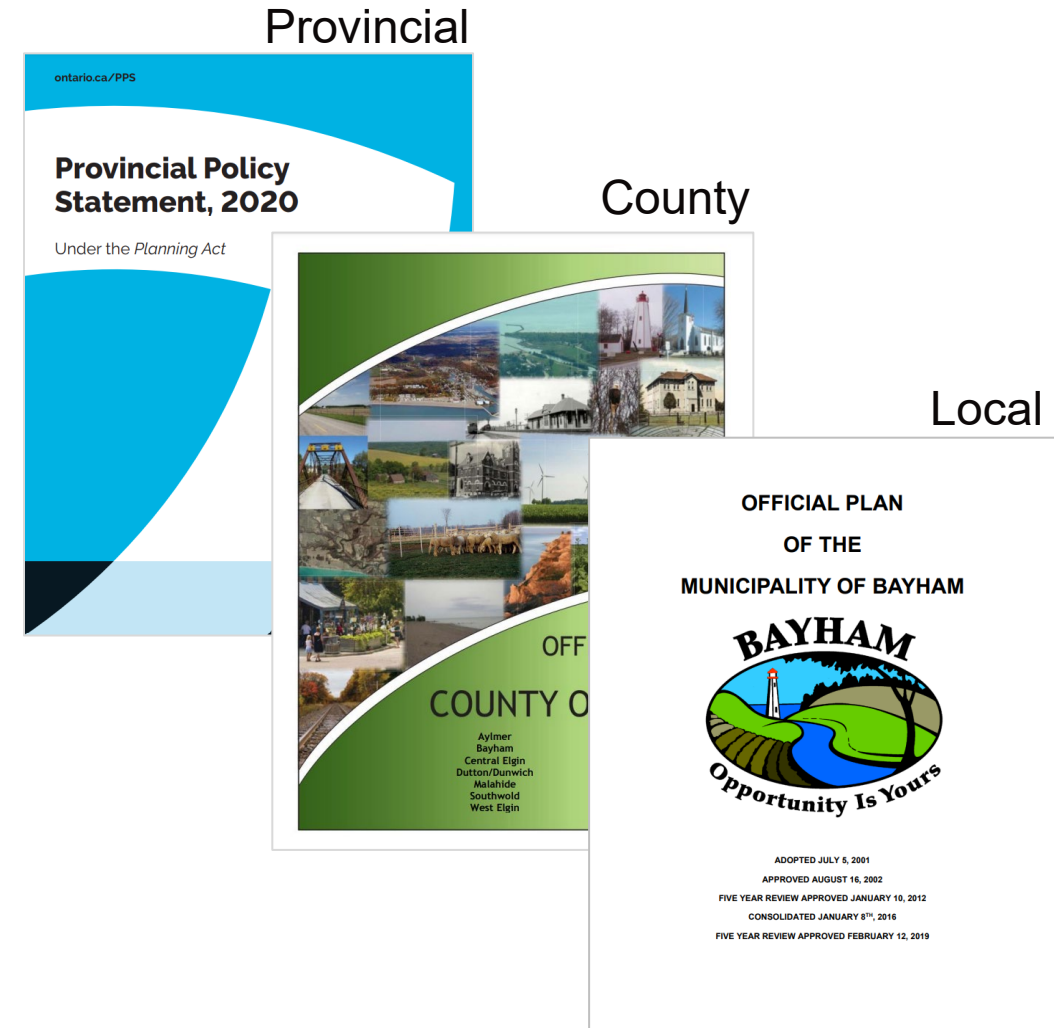
## Bayham Official Plan

- 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



# 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 will be 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.

# Process and Estimated Timeline for the Bayham Official Plan Review



**Phase 1:**  
**Project  
Initiation**

May 2024



**Phase 2:**  
**Consultation &  
Policy Review**

May – Jul. 2024



**Phase 3:**  
**First Draft  
Official Plan**

Aug. – Oct. 2024



**Phase 4:**  
**Final Draft and  
Adoption of  
Official Plan**

Nov. – Dec. 2024



**Phase 5:**  
**Approval of  
Official Plan**

Q1 2025

**Engagement & Consultation  
Ongoing**



# 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](mailto:opreview@bayham.on.ca)
  2. Municipal webpage (Ongoing): <https://www.bayham.on.ca/municipal-office/planning-development/official-plan-review-2024/>
  3. Ongoing mailing/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)

# Project Slogan?

- We ask that **Bayham Council** provide their opinion and direction on the preferred project 'slogan' and/or 'branding' based on the suggestions noted below:
  1. The Bayham Plan – Shaping Our Future
  2. Official Plan Review – Shaping a Better Bayham
  3. The Bayham Plan – Envisioning a Brighter Future
  4. Other?

# Next Steps and Additional Information

- Entering Phase Two (Consultation and Policy Review/Analysis) of the project.
- In-person Open House on **Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** in the Straffordville Community Centre (56169 Heritage Line, Straffordville, ON N0J 1Y0). Notice of the Open House was circulated in the Aylmer Express newspaper on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, and can also be found on the Municipal website.
- 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](mailto: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 or Comments?

# Thank You

