

**TOWN OF TECUMSEH
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL/ELECTRONIC PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES
TECUMSEH DRAFT NEW OFFICIAL PLAN**

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Tecumseh will host virtual/electronic Public Information Centres (PICs) on **Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 and on Thursday, November 5th, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on both days** to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Town's Draft New Official Plan. The virtual PICs will be held through the use of the ZOOM platform.

What is the Official Plan?

The Official Plan is a document passed by Council in accordance with the *Planning Act* that contains goals, objectives and policies that are primarily intended to manage and direct physical change in the Town over a 25-year horizon. It includes policies that strive to enhance the quality of life and quality of place in the Town by promoting a healthy, livable and complete community. The Official Plan also includes policies that support the wise use of natural resources, community services, infrastructure (including water, wastewater, stormwater, roads and active transportation) while encouraging a strong economy and addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Official Plan is used by Council, municipal staff, the public, government agencies and other affected stakeholders when making decisions with respect to land use planning and growth in the Town.

Why is a New Official Plan being prepared?

Land use planning within the Town is currently governed by three separate Official Plans pertaining to the three former municipalities (the Town of Tecumseh, the Village of St. Clair Beach and the Township of Sandwich South) that amalgamated to form the current Town of Tecumseh. These Official Plans reflect the land use objectives of their respective former municipalities. A new, town-wide Official Plan is needed to articulate a clear, cohesive vision for the Town of Tecumseh and to reflect new policy objectives of the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and to align with the County of Essex Official Plan, 2014.

Tecumseh Draft New Official Plan Document

On September 29, 2020, a Special Meeting of Council was held to present Council with a copy of the Draft New Official Plan which is now available for public review and comment. **A copy of the Draft New Official Plan is available on the Town's website at: tecumseh.ca/newofficialplan or it can be emailed upon request.**

How to Participate

The scheduled PICs will provide an opportunity for the public and other interested stakeholders to provide input on the Draft New Official Plan. All interested persons are invited to attend. Public consultation is being conducted in a modified way to adhere to public health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any person who wishes to attend the PICs MUST register for a specific time slot to attend. Time slots will be assigned in 30-minute increments to individuals or to a group that wishes to attend together during the same time slot.

To register for a time slot, please provide your contact information (name, address, email and phone number) via email to edececco@tecumseh.ca or phone 519-735-2184 extension 123 no later than Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. Once you have provided this information, you will be contacted to schedule a preferred time slot and you will be provided with details on how to join the PIC through ZOOM. Please note that only those with a confirmed time slot will be admitted to the PIC.

For additional information please direct inquires to Enrico De Cecco by email at edececco@tecumseh.ca or by phone at 519-735-2184 extension 123.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF TECUMSEH THIS
13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.