

**NOTICE OF AN OPEN HOUSE
TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED NEW ZONING BY-LAW**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound will hold an Open House **Thursday, June 4th, 2009** between **12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and **4:30 – 7:00 p.m.**, to share preliminary information and obtain public input on a proposed *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law*. The Open House will be held in the **Council Chambers**, City Hall, 808 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound and is pursuant to the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P. 13 Sections 34, and O.Reg 545/06.

PURPOSE OF THE NEW ZONING BY-LAW:

The City of Owen Sound's Zoning By-law was adopted in 1985 and has been amended over time. Since that time the City has grown and the way development happens has changed. The City is in the process of preparing a *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* to better reflect today's world. **The New Comprehensive Zoning By-law will control the development of land in the City by stating how land can be used, and the required standards** (e.g. lot size and dimensions, setbacks from property lines, building type and parking requirements).

Development of the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* will take into consideration:

- The City of Owen Sound Official Plan, adopted in 2006. The Official Plan is Council's contract with the Community and describes the visions for the type of community where we want to live and how it will grow and develop.
- Existing provincial planning policies including the Provincial Policy Statement and Niagara Escarpment Plan.
- Existing regulations provided in the current Zoning By-law and related amendments.
- Other master plan documents previously approved by City Council.
- Updated mapping.
- Public Input.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There is no Key Map given that the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* **affects all lands within the City of Owen Sound.**

The Open House is the first organized opportunity for the community to provide comment on the developing *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law*. The purpose of the Open House is to share an initial draft version of the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* and gather input from the community. Community members are welcome to drop into the Open House to understand the role of Zoning By-law and explore the draft text and mapping of the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law*. Information will be provided through a series of posters and hardcopies of the draft by-law will be available. City of Owen Sound Planning Division staff and consultants will be on-hand to answer questions and discuss the materials.

The draft version of the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* will be available on the City of Owen Sound website from June 4 onwards at: www.owensound.ca Hardcopies will be available for review at the City of Owen Sound Community Services Department Planning Division office or City Clerk's office at City Hall during normal business hours, and also at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library.

The main City of Owen Sound contact for information regarding the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* is Margaret Potter, Community Planner. She can be contacted by email at mpotter@e-owensound.com or phone (519) 376-4440 (ext. 232) or mail Owen Sound City Hall, Community Services Department, Planning Divisions, 808-2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4.

Community input into the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* is on-going. Community members are encouraged to provide their **input and comments before Friday August 14, 2009** to help ensure they are considered in the next version of the by-law. Comments can be provided by any community member and should include your full name and complete address. Written comments should be directed to the City Clerk, Marion Koepke at City Hall or can be submitted through the City's website noted above.

The next version of the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* will be updated to reflect input from the community and review agencies. **It is anticipated that the revised By-law will be presented at a Statutory Public Meeting in the Fall of 2009.**

If you wish to be provided with any future notices related to the *New Comprehensive Zoning By-law* you must submit a written request to the City Clerk at the address listed below.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

DATED at Owen Sound this **15th** day of **May, 2009.**

Marion I. Koepke, C.M.O., City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound
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