



Municipal Comprehensive Review of Official Plan

The City of Owen Sound is reviewing and updating its Official Plan. The Official Plan is a legal document containing goals, objectives, and policies intended to guide land use development and growth in the City over a 20-year time horizon.

In conformity with the Planning Act and the Provincial Policy Statement, the City is required to update their Official Plan to ensure conformity with applicable planning legislation. The Official Plan review process will address changes to Provincial and County policies, while also assessing challenges and opportunities associated with housing choice, environmental sustainability and climate change, transportation, land use and design.

Since the adoption of the existing Official Plan, there have been a number of significant studies, strategies and planning documents prepared or initiated by the City that will be incorporated into the new Plan to provide direction for future growth and land use.

Did you Know?

The Official Plan guides decisions on the following:

- How residential and employment growth will occur and where;
- How to enhance and promote complete, healthy and vibrant communities;
- How to plan for the impacts of climate change and meet environmental targets;
- How to promote, enhance and protect natural and cultural heritage features; and
- How to enhance and promote connectivity, public transit and active transportation.

How to Engage:

The Official Plan affects everyone in Owen Sound and your involvement is encouraged. The Consulting Team from MHBC Planning and City staff are kicking off the public engagement component of the Official Plan review in March 2020 with a focus on developing a vision for Owen Sound for the next 20 years.

Watch the City's website for updates on the Official Plan review process, as well as details on opportunities to engage, including upcoming community stakeholder events:
[owensound.ca](https://www.owensound.ca)

We invite you to share your thoughts on the City's Official Plan Review by taking our survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OwenSoundOP>



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A copy of Owen Sound's Official Plan can be viewed online at: **[owensound.ca](https://www.owensound.ca)**. Or viewed at the Planning and Heritage Department between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.