

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet has initiated a review of the Official Plan and will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet is seeking public input to this important planning initiative and will hold a Public Meeting on:

April 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Township of Wainfleet Municipal Office
31940 Highway #3, Wainfleet ON L0S 1V0

The meeting will be live streamed and can be accessed from the Township's website at <https://www.wainfleet.ca/town-hall/council/council-meeting-calendar>.

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

The Official Plan is a statement of goals, objectives and policies to guide future growth, land use and development within the Township of Wainfleet for the next 20 years and beyond. The Township's current Official Plan has been in effect since 2016 and has a twenty-year planning period to the year 2031. The purpose of the current review is to establish a renewed long-term community perspective, update the plan to reflect recent Provincial legislative and policy changes and incorporate relevant and desirable elements from the Niagara Region's Official Plan (2022). Through this review, an updated Official Plan will be prepared in place of the 2016 Township Official Plan.

WHY ARE WE UPDATING OUR OFFICIAL PLAN?

The Provincial *Planning Act* requires municipalities to review their Official Plans every five years, or ten years after a new Official Plan comes into effect, to ensure conformity with Provincial plans, policies and matters of Provincial interest. The Official Plan Review is a Township-wide initiative, affecting all land within the Township of Wainfleet. GSP Group Inc. has been retained by the Township to assist Staff with the process.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide members of the public with information about the Official Plan Review process and how to participate. This is also an initial opportunity for public input regarding areas of the current Official Plan that should be changed or addressed in the new Official Plan, and to participate in shaping the future vision and direction for the Township of Wainfleet.

Anyone wishing to address Council with respect to the Official Plan Review will be given an opportunity to do so at the Public Meeting. You may provide written comments to Council up until the time of the Public Meeting. If you are submitting letters, e-mails, presentations or other communications to the Township concerning the Official Plan Review, please be aware that your name and comments to the Township will become part of the public record and may be publically released. The public meeting will also be live-streamed through the Township's Youtube page.

Written comments are encouraged and can be submitted by email to officialplan@wainfleet.ca, personal delivery to the Township Office at 31940 Highway #3, Wainfleet or regular mail to P.O. Box 40, Wainfleet ON L0S 1V0, to the attention of Lindsay Earl, Manager of Community & Development Services. Please note that there will be additional formal opportunities to participate in the public process throughout the summer.

If you require any accommodations to participate in the public meeting, please contact Sarah Ivins, Planner, at 905-899-3463 ext. 225 or officialplan@wainfleet.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information regarding the Official Plan Update is available on Township's website at www.wainfleet.ca/officialplanupdate

To ask questions, to be added to the mailing list, request information about appeal rights, or if you wish to make a written request for notification on decisions regarding the Official Plan Update, please contact: Lindsay Earl, Manager of Community & Development Services at 905-899-3463 ext. 288 or officialplan@wainfleet.ca.

A public information report regarding the proposed Official Plan Update will be published in the Council meeting agenda package on Friday April 10, 2026 and made available on the Township's website at <https://www.wainfleet.ca/town-hall/council/council-meeting-calendar>.

Dated at the Township of Wainfleet this 3rd day of March, 2026.