



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

Report to Council

DATE: December 14, 2020

PREPARED BY: Heather James, Planner

REPORT NO.: PLA 2020-22

SUBJECT MATTER: Southwold Official Plan Update

Recommendation:

That Council of the Township of Southwold receives the report from Heather James regarding the update on the Township of Southwold Official Plan; and,

That Council of the Township of Southwold directs staff to schedule a date for the virtual open house and virtual public meeting.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council with an update on the draft Official Plan for the Township of Southwold and establish dates for the open house and public meeting.

Background:

The draft Official Plan has been posted on the Township's website for Council and the public's review. The draft Official Plan has been circulated to the Manager of Planning for Elgin County, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority. Their comments have been incorporated into the draft.

The next steps in the process are to circulate the draft Official Plan to all other public agencies for comments and hold an open house and public meeting. Due to the province's social gathering limit, the open house and public meeting will need to be held virtually. Notice of the open house and public meeting will be provided to all residents who attended the information session for the Official Plan in February 2020, everyone who has asked for notice of the open house and public meeting and a notice for both the open house and public meeting will be published in the West Elgin Chronicle 20 days in advance of each consultation. Should residents not be able to attend the open house and public meeting virtually, I can meet with residents by appointment, speak with them on the phone and respond to their questions/concerns by email. I will be facilitating the virtual open house and virtual public meeting. Dillon Consulting will also be providing presentations at the virtual open house and virtual public meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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