



## NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD OFFICIAL PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE PLANNING ACT

**TAKE NOTICE** that a **VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** and **TAKE NOTICE** that a **VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** by the Township of Southwold to consider a new **Township of Southwold Official Plan** pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the Virtual Open House and Virtual Public Meeting is to afford any person that attends electronically or by phone, an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed new Official Plan. A Virtual Open House and Virtual Public Meeting are being held due to the social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 emergency.

The proposed new Official Plan for the Township of Southwold will replace the existing in force and effect Official Plan with updated new policies from the Provincial Policy Statement 2020, the County of Elgin Official Plan and other applicable provincial planning legislation, potentially revised settlement area boundaries and updated mapping for hazard lands. The proposed new Official Plan will affect all lands within the Township of Southwold.

**Any person or public body** may attend the Virtual Open House and Virtual Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan. If you wish to attend the Virtual Open House and/or Virtual Public Meeting, please contact the Township Corporate Services Clerk, June McLarty by email at [jmclarty@southwold.ca](mailto:jmclarty@southwold.ca) or by phone at (519) 769-2010 by no later than noon on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the open house and by no later than noon on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the public meeting to receive an invitation to the open house and/or public meeting. The invitation will include information to access the virtual open house and/or virtual public meeting. Verbal representation for the Virtual Open House and Virtual Public Meeting may be provided electronically or by phone. If you wish to participate in the Virtual Open House and Virtual Public Meeting and you do not have internet access, wireless internet access is available to the public outside any Elgin County Public Library. Written comments can be submitted by email to the Township Planner or in-person to the Township Office drop box located to the left of the front door by no later than noon on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the open house and by no later than noon on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the public meeting.

**If a person or public body** does not make oral submissions at the Virtual Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Township of Southwold before the Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township Council to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

**If a person or public body** does not make oral submissions at the Virtual Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Township of Southwold before the Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**Additional information** relating to the proposed Official Plan is available on the Township's website at [www.southwold.ca](http://www.southwold.ca) (under Departments, Planning, Official Plan and Zoning By-law and Draft Official Plan and also under Home, Public Notices, Draft Official Plan), by contacting the Township Planner by email at [planning@westelgin.net](mailto:planning@westelgin.net) or by phone at (519) 375-2149.

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Dated at the Township of Southwold this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021.