Town of Lincoln

PUBLIC NOTICE

November 13, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARKLAND DEDICATION
PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND
NEW PARKLAND DEDICATION BY-LAW

PUBLIC MEETING (HYBRID)

Date:	December 4, 2023
Time:	6 p.m.
Location:	COUNCIL CHAMBERS Municipal Offices 4800 South Service Road Beamsville ON L0R 1B1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Take notice that the Town of Lincoln has scheduled a Public Meeting regarding Town-initiated amendments to the Official Plan to update parkland dedication policies, and regarding a proposed new Parkland Dedication By-law.

What is Parkland Dedication?

Parkland Dedication is a tool available to municipalities under the *Planning Act* with respect to the conveyance of land and/or the payment of cash in lieu of land to be used for parks or other public recreational purposes as part of the approval of a development application.

ABOUT THE PARKLAND DEDICATION UPDATE

The Town of Lincoln has begun work to update its Official Plan parkland dedication policies and to establish a new Parkland Dedication By-law to replace its existing Parkland Dedication By-law, passed in 1996. These updates are needed to address legislative changes resulting from Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

The parkland dedication update will enable the Town to impose an Alternative Parkland Dedication Rate, which will increase the parkland dedication that the Town is able acquire for higher density residential developments. The update will also incorporate new exemptions from the Province, including non-profit housing and additional residential units. Further exemptions are proposed to be included for affordable housing units, attainable housing units, and the acceptance of certain encumbered lands as parkland dedication, and these would come into effect once these provisions have been proclaimed into force by the Province.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Your input on the proposed changes are welcome and encouraged. You are invited share your feedback in several ways:

1. Review materials online

   A copy of the draft Official Plan Amendment, draft By-law, and supporting information is available on our website for review: SpeakUpLincoln.ca.

2. Provide written comments

   To provide input in writing, please send an email to mshih@lincoln.ca or a letter to the Planning and Development Department by 9 a.m. on the Thursday prior to the Public

Meeting. Any written correspondence will be shared with Committee members and staff. Please note, written correspondence will also be included on the agenda which will be published on the Town's website and will form part of the public record.

3. Listen to the staff presentation and attend the Public Meeting on Monday December 4th, 2023 at 6:00 pm, Committee of the Whole.

You will be able to watch the Public Meeting live on the Town of Lincoln's YouTube channel. If you wish to appear as a delegation for the Public Meeting (in-person or electronically) in regard to the above noted application, you must submit a delegation request either online at lincoln.ca/delegations, by contacting the Clerk's department by emailing: clerks@lincoln.ca or by telephone: 905-563-2799 ext 513. Delegation requests are accepted until 9 a.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Melissa Shih, Manager of Special Projects, at mshih@lincoln.ca or (905) 563-2799 Ext. 250 during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk and such request must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

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