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File Number(s): C-2021-015

## Public Meeting Notice

### You're invited: On-line Public Meeting

**July 15, 2021 at 09:45 a.m. to consider proposed changes to the County of Bruce Official Plan.**

The Purpose and Effect of the proposed County Official Plan Amendment is to update policies related to Additional Residential units to comply with changes to the Planning Act. The amendment would apply to all lands within the County of Bruce, with policies specific to different land use designations.

The proposed changes would

- i) Redefine Secondary Suites as 'Additional Residential Units' to align with the Planning Act;
- ii) Permit additional residential units in any designation where residential uses are permitted as a primary use;
- iii) In the Agricultural designation, replace the current policy that only allows a 'secondary farm residence' with permission for one Additional Residential Unit, either in the primary dwelling or an ancillary building, while clarifying that temporary farm worker accommodation is also permitted;
- iv) In the Rural Recreation Area designation, permit an additional residential unit within a building containing a primary residential dwelling; this is also consistent with Niagara Escarpment Plan policies;
- v) Establish that in any other designation no more than two additional residential units or garden suites would be permitted per primary residential unit; and
- vi) Address servicing considerations, particularly for privately serviced lots, and maintain policy that an additional residential unit is not permitted on a lot that is legally non-conforming with respect to lot width or lot area.

## Learn more

You can view more information about the application at <https://brucecounty.on.ca/living/land-use>. Our staff would be pleased to connect with you by email (publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca) or phone (226-909-5515).

The Planner on the file is: Jack Van Dorp

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# Have your say

Comments and opinions submitted on these matters, including the originator's name and address, become part of the public record, may be viewed by the general public and may be published in a Planning Report and Council Agenda.

**Before the meeting:** You can submit comments by email [publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca), mail, or phone (226-909-5515) if you have any questions, concerns or objections about the application. Comments will be provided to the Committee for its consideration.

**On the day of and during the Public Meeting** you can participate by telephone. Please call or email as above to make a request and provide a number that we can reach you at during the meeting. You can also submit a comment to

[publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca)

Comments received by email at this address before the end of the public input portion of the meeting for this application will be read into the record.

# How to access the public meeting

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Public Meeting will be held in electronic format.

The agenda and a video livestream will be publicly streamed from the County of Bruce website. Following the meeting, a video will be posted to the same site. You can access the agenda and the livestream at this link:

<https://brucecounty.on.ca/government/agendas-and-minutes>

# Stay in the loop

If you'd like to be notified of the decision of the approval authority on the proposed application(s), you must make a written request to the Bruce County Planning Department.

# Know your rights

Section 17(36) of the [Planning Act](#) outlines rights of appeal for Official Plan Amendment applications.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Bruce to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Bruce County before the proposed official plan (or official plan amendment) is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Bruce County before the proposed official plan (or official plan amendment) 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.

For more information please visit the Ontario Land Tribunal website at

<https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/>.

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