



By-law Number 2022-_____

**A by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2022-006
to the County of Bruce Official Plan**

Authority is provided in Sections 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The Council for the Corporation of the County of Bruce enacts By-law 2022-_____ as follows:

1. Amendment Number C-2022-006 to the County of Bruce Official Plan attached and forming part of this by-law is approved.
2. That this By-law come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof, subject to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2022

**Janice Jackson
Warden**

**Donna Van Wyck
Clerk**

Part B – The Amendment

Introductory Statement

All of this part of the document entitled “Part B – The Amendment” and consisting of the following text, constitutes Amendment Number C-2022-006 to the Bruce County Official Plan.

The Official Plan Amendment is to revise existing policies and add new policies to the the Bruce County Official Plan, having due regard for provincial planning direction and the planning context of Bruce County.

The Amendment

1. The Bruce County Official Plan is amended by deleting Sub-Section 4.4.4.1.1 xi) g) and replacing it with the following:
 - g) Outside settlement areas, in most cases, the driveway will be shared with the existing residence. In extenuating circumstances, a new driveway may be permitted for the Additional Residential Unit.
2. The Bruce County Official Plan is amended by deleting Sub-Section .1 within Section 6.13 Maintenance And Occupancy By-Laws and replacing it with the following:
 - .1 It is the policy of County Council to encourage each local municipality to pass by-laws establishing minimum standards of maintenance and occupancy to conserve, sustain and protect the existing and future development in the municipality; prepare Community improvement plans where appropriate in accordance with the policies of Section 6.22 of this Plan; and take advantage of federal and Provincial programs designed to upgrade and improve built-up and particularly the housing stock.
3. The Bruce County Official Plan is amended by adding a new sub-section .2 to Section 6.19 Other Information To Be Submitted In Support Of A Planning Application as follows:
 - .2 As per Section 41 (3.4) (Other Information) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended April 14, 2022, a person, public body or applicant shall provide to the local municipality any information or materials that may be required by the municipality to ensure that matters within the scope of Site Plan Control are addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality. Such information may include any information outlined in Section 6.19.1 that relates to site plan control, and may further include but is not limited to:
 - i. A completed application;
 - ii. A survey, plans, drawings, and/or checklists in sufficient detail to demonstrate conformity with the zoning by-law and any applicable development standards established by the Municipality;
 - iii. Assessments, reports, or other information necessary for the Municipality to identify and establish conditions related to any elements outlined in Section 41 (7), as may be amended from time to time, including to identify required easements, agreements, and/or securities related to fulfillment of conditions of site plan approval; and
 - iv. Details that may be required by the upper-tier municipality where the land abuts a highway under the jurisdiction of the upper-tier municipality to address road widenings, access, or other matters outlined in Section 41 (8) of the Planning Act, as may be amended from time to time.
4. The Bruce County Official Plan is amended by deleting Sub-section .5 of Section 6.19 Other Information To Be Submitted In Support Of A Planning Application and replacing it with the following:
 - .5 The Terms of Reference for an Assessment, Evaluation, Report, Statement, Study or Plan shall:
 - i) Be determined through consultation and direction from the County of Bruce and/or the local municipality and/or any relevant agency and/or the Province of Ontario; or
 - ii) Be prepared in accordance with applicable industry standards,

norms, practices and/or government guidelines/regulations.

All Terms of Reference shall be approved by the County of Bruce or the local Municipality in its role as approval authority.

5. The Bruce County Official Plan is amended by deleting Sub-section .7 of Section 6.19 Other Information To Be Submitted In Support Of A Planning Application and replacing it with the following:

.7 Notwithstanding the required studies and assessments listed above, the approval authority (County or local municipality) may ask for any additional information that is considered reasonable and necessary in order to make a decision on a planning application.

6. The Bruce County Official Plan is amended by adding a Section 6.22 Community Improvement as follows:

6.22 Community Improvement

6.22.1

The Community Improvement provisions of the Planning Act provide for and coordinate comprehensive improvements in identified areas of a community. Community improvement policies are intended to provide a planning mechanism for improvements, access to cost sharing programs and encouragement for private investment.

6.22.2

In accordance with Section 28 of the Planning Act, "community improvement" means the planning or replanning, design or redesign, re-subdivision, clearance, development or redevelopment, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation, improvement of energy efficiency, or any of them, of a community improvement project area, and the provision of such residential, commercial, industrial, public, recreational, institutional, religious, charitable or other uses, buildings, structures, works, improvements or facilities, or spaces therefor, as may be appropriate or necessary.

6.22.3

The local Official Plans for Primary Urban Communities shall contain, as a minimum, general development and land use policies dealing with Community Improvement.

6.22.4

Local Municipalities are encouraged to adopt Community Improvement Plans. Such plans may be developed in accordance with policies provided in this Plan and in the respective Local Official Plan.

6.22.5

All areas of the County may be identified as community improvement project areas by respective municipalities for the purpose of establishing a community improvement plan as authorized by the Planning Act and its associated regulations.