

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING MATTERS

Get involved with your input. The Township of West Lincoln will hold a Virtual Public Open House and a Virtual Public Meeting in accordance with the Planning Act where the matter below will be considered. The open house and meeting will take place as follows:

### **VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

**DATE:** Online from April 13 to 20, 2022

**LOCATION:** [Plansmithville.ca](http://Plansmithville.ca)

### **VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022

**TIME:** 6:30PM

**LOCATION:** ZOOM Meeting\*

\*Please see below for further details on how to participate on Zoom or through an alternative method

## **PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 62 – SMITHVILLE MASTER COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Public Open House and Public Meeting will provide opportunities for feedback on a proposed amendment to the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan. The purpose and effect of Official Plan Amendment No. 62 is to incorporate the Master Community Plan for the urban expansion of Smithville into the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan. The Master Community Plan has been developed under the Planning Act and is integrated with related infrastructure planning in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Water, Wastewater and Roads (as amended in 2015) Master Plan Approach #4. A Subwatershed Study is also being undertaken to address environmental and stormwater considerations associated with the Twenty Mile Creek watershed and support the Master Community Plan Study including the EA process. To date, three Public Information Centres (PICs) have been held for this study, including PIC #0 on January 30, 2020, PIC #1 on February 11, 2021 and PIC #2 on October 6, 2021.

### **SUBJECT LAND**

The accompanying map illustrates the location of the land that is subject to Official Plan Amendment No. 62.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN HOUSE**

The Open House will be hosted in a virtual, online format at [Plansmithville.ca](http://Plansmithville.ca). To participate in the Open House please visit the online virtual engagement platform at any time to find information about the Master Community Plan, access available feedback tools and provide your comments. The website will be updated with new information and feedback opportunities will be available on the website from April 13 to April 20, 2022.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING**

Township Council will hold the Public Meeting via ZOOM, an online video-conferencing system. Please submit your written comments to the Township Deputy Clerk by 4 PM Wednesday, April 20, 2022 to have them included in Staff's report for the proposed Official Plan Amendment. Comments received after this date will not be included in Staff's report. Comments submitted prior to Friday, April 22 at 4pm will instead be read into the public record during the meeting. While residents are encouraged to make written submissions to Council, members of the public will also be able to provide verbal comments at Council through ZOOM. Please contact the Township Deputy Clerk to register to speak at the meeting and you will be provided a link. If you are not able to access ZOOM through a computer, there is an option to call into the meeting through phone numbers and a code provided. If you wish to participate and cannot access the meeting through ZOOM through a computer or by calling in, please notify the Deputy Clerk and all efforts will be made to accommodate your needs.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Further information about the Smithville Master Community Plan is available on the online virtual engagement platform: [Plansmithville.ca](http://Plansmithville.ca). A copy of the proposed draft Official Plan Amendment will be available on or before April 7, 2022. The Council Meeting Agenda including the Staff Report will be available on Friday April 20, 2022 after 4 PM on the Township's website. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Deputy Clerk (address below). If Council adopts Official Plan Amendment No.62, it will then be sent to Niagara Region for review and approval. Niagara Region is the approval authority. If you wish to be notified of Niagara Region's decision with respect to Official Plan Amendment No. 62, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk, Ann-Marie Norio, [ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca), Regional Municipality of Niagara, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, Ontario, L2V 4T7.

Please see the reverse side of this notice for more information.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact:

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**Dated:** Thursday April 7, 2022

## INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of West Lincoln to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the proposed 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 do so.

Pursuant to the Planning Act, the following matters are not subject to appeals:

- The identification of the population and employment growth forecast as allocated to the Township of West Lincoln in the Niagara Region Official Plan if the Region's plan has been approved by the Minister; and
- Mapping identifying the boundary of an area of settlement to reflect the boundary set out in the Region's official plan, if the Region's plan has been approved by the Minister.

Individuals who make written submissions with respect to a Planning Act application should be aware that their submission and any personal information in their correspondence will become part of the public record and made available to the Applicant, Committee and Council.

## OTHER APPLICATIONS

There are no related planning applications within the study area.

