

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Envision Grimsby Official Plan

TAKE NOTICE that on July 13, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby passed By-law 26-44 to adopt a new Official Plan, pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13. The Plan was prepared pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act* to comprehensively apply provincial land use and planning policies while also addressing local priorities.

Pursuant to section 17 of the *Planning Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority of the Official Plan adopted by Council. Once the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approves the Envision Grimsby Official Plan, it will come into force and effect and will replace the existing Niagara Official Plan and Grimsby Official Plan.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The Official Plan is a long-term and strategic land use planning document that establishes principles and policies to manage future land use, promote community sustainability, guide decision making and support community building over the next 25 years. The Envision Grimsby Official Plan establishes a structure to manage growth and facilitate intensification in recognition of the Town's location within the Greenbelt. The Plan guides decisions related to housing, employment, infrastructure, agriculture, heritage, parks, recreation, and environmental protection while providing the policy framework for the zoning by-law and other planning tools.

The Official Plan is the result of a comprehensive review and conformity exercise to ensure that the policies within the Official Plan reflect current provincial legislation and policy direction, address local planning matters, and respond to community priorities, goals, and objectives.

MORE INFORMATION

The adopted Official Plan is available online at: <https://www.letstalkgrimsby.ca/officialplan>. Information about the Official Plan is available through the Planning and Development Department within Town Hall, located at 160 Livingston Avenue in Grimsby. Town Hall is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Questions about the Official Plan may be directed to grimsbyop@grimsby.ca

WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS

All statutory written and oral submissions made on the Official Plan have been reviewed and incorporated, where appropriate. Further information on the public consultation process, the written and oral submissions received, and how those submissions were incorporated into the Official Plan can be found at the following link to the recommendation report:

<https://pub-grimsby.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=0793e5c0-3d24-4f03-b022-55e110f8fbc9&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=40&Tab=attachments>

NEXT STEPS

The Council of the Town of Grimsby's decision to adopt the Official Plan is not subject to appeal.

Pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, the Envision Grimsby Official Plan adopted by Council will be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as the approval authority, for a decision. Once processed, the Ministry will publish the Official Plan on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for additional review and comment before a decision is made.

Any person or public body that makes a written request to the approval authority to be notified of the decision of the approval authority will be entitled to receive notice of the decision when it is made. Requests to be notified of the decision must include the name, mailing address, fax or email of the requesting person or public body and be submitted to:

Regional Director, Central Region
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 13th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Tel: 416-585-7041 Fax: 416-585-6882

Dated at the Town of Grimsby on July 21, 2026
V. Steele, Town Clerk