



Notice of Special Meeting of Council Review of the Grimsby Official Plan Creating a New Official Plan for the Town of Grimsby *Have your say in Grimsby's Future!*

What is an Official Plan?

The Grimsby Official Plan is a long range land use planning document that includes a vision, goals, and land use policy directions for the Town. It provides direction and contains land use policies to guide growth and change in Grimsby through to the year **2051**. The Official Plan must comply with provincial policies and plans, and the Niagara Region Official Plan. The Plan provides direction for future development in the Town.

Why is Grimsby creating a new Official Plan?

The purpose of creating a new Official Plan is to assess and ensure that it is up to date with changes to Provincial and Regional plans and policies, and reflects and supports the strategic goals and priorities of the community and Council.

Creating a New Official Plan

Grimsby's Official Plan was approved by Council in 2009 and was intended to provide direction for the Town until 2031. Various amendments have been made to the Plan since that time. Significant changes in Provincial policy has occurred since 2009, and the Region updated their Plan in 2022. These changes require the Town to update the Grimsby Official Plan. Resources have been allocated to develop a New Official Plan that is more user friendly, reflects the current comprehensive planning framework, and provides direction for future development applications.

The New Official Plan

The completion date for the New Official Plan is anticipated by early 2025. The content will address where and how Grimsby will develop, opportunities for employment, transit and transportation, protection of significant environmental systems and features, protection of agricultural lands and the agricultural economy, cultural heritage and address climate change.

Public Meeting

The public meeting to initiate the New Official Plan is being held under provision of Section 26 of the *Planning Act*.

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers (Grimsby Town Hall, 160 Livingston Avenue)

This meeting can be attended in-person. If you do not wish to speak, this public meeting will be livestreamed at <https://www.grimsby.ca/livestream/>.

Have Your Say

Public input on the development of a new Official Plan is welcomed and encouraged.

You can provide input by speaking at the special meeting of Council, future engagement events, on the Let's Talk page for the Official Plan, or by emailing the Town at grimsbyop@grimsby.ca

The Town's Let's Talk Grimsby page at <http://www.letstalkgrimsby.ca/officialplan> will be updated with information about the process and currently includes a survey. You can also contact staff by calling Town Hall during normal business hours (8:30 to 4:30):

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