
Town of Fort Frances New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review

Public Open House #2 – July 6, 2023

The Town of Fort Frances is undertaking a legislated review of its Official Plan and Zoning By-law pursuant to Sections 17, 26, and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. The process, which began in July 2022, will result in a new Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the entire Town of Fort Frances. The Town's current Official Plan, which was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on December 3, 2012, and the current Zoning By-law 03/14, which was adopted by Council in 2014, will be repealed.

You're invited to attend the second Public Open House for the project!

Where: La Place Rendez-Vous, 1201 Idylwild Drive, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M3

When: Thursday, July 6, 2023, 6 to 8 p.m.

Format: The Public Open House will consist of:

- A short presentation by the Town's project consultant, WSP, giving an update on the work completed since the last public open house in Fall 2022, and summary of the **Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report** prepared for the project; and
- Presentation of the proposed recommendations for preparation of the Town's new Official Plan.

The Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report (June 2023) will be made available for review on the Town's project website (<https://fortfrances.ca/town/planning-development/new-official-plan-and-zoning-by-law>) on **June 29, 2023**.

Please be advised that this Public Open House will focus on next steps for preparation of the Town's Draft Official Plan. This Public Open House will be an opportunity for residents and other interested individuals and groups to learn more about and get involved in the Official Plan Review by providing input on the proposed recommendations for the new document.

Registration for the Public Open House is encouraged, but not required, by emailing planning@fortfrances.ca or calling (807) 274-9893, ext. 1312 by July 5, 2023.

Why is the Town reviewing its Official Plan and Zoning By-law?

An Official Plan is a policy document adopted by Council under the provisions of Ontario's Planning Act. As such, it must reflect and be consistent with matters of provincial interest. The Official Plan applies to all lands within the Town of Fort Frances and expresses a vision and objectives for the community. It also identifies land use designations to help guide and direct development over a planning horizon of up to 25 years.

The Town's Zoning By-law implements the land use policies of the Town's Official Plan and includes standards for how a property can be developed.

The Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review provides an opportunity to modernize the Town's zoning requirements by considering new or revised definitions, zones, and development standards (e.g., building, lot, and parking requirements) to support the vision for future development in Fort Frances and address emerging planning issues.

More information on the project can be found at the Town's project website at: <https://fortfrances.ca/town/planning-development/new-official-plan-and-zoning-by-law>

To provide comments, or register for the open house please contact:

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