



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Town of Fort Frances
Official Plan Review**

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Fort Frances invites all interested persons to attend a Special Meeting of Council for the purpose of discussing the revisions that may be required as part of a proposed update to the Town's Official Plan, as documented in the Community Background Report, pursuant to the requirements of 26(3) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

The Special Meeting of Council will be held:
Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 5:30 PM
Town of Fort Frances, Council Chambers, Civic Centre
320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, ON
Electronic Attendance / Town Council Chambers

For participants wishing to join the meeting electronically, a digital link will be available at the top of the Special Meeting of Council agenda for May 4, 2023.

An Official Plan provides direction for the growth and development of the community and where land uses (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, parks) should be located.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Town of Fort Frances is undertaking the legislated review of its Official Plan as required by the Planning Act. The Town's current Official Plan was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 2012, and was last amended in July 2022. The Official Plan Review will update and refine the goals, objectives, policies, and schedules of the Official Plan to ensure that it is consistent with the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement, and reflects matters of local interest.

It is noted that the formal Official Plan Review process has been ongoing since 2022, and has included one community engagement event to date. A Public Open House was held in Fort Frances on October 13, 2022 and a Visioning Survey was open for public input from October 14, 2022 to October 30, 2022, and November 9, 2022 to November 25, 2022. Public feedback received has, and will continue to be considered in the advancement of updating policies in the Town's Official Plan. The Special Meeting of Council will enable further opportunity for the public to speak to revisions that may be required as part of the Town's Official Plan Review. The intent of this meeting is not to review a Draft Official Plan, which will be prepared and made available for review in the following months, but to consider what ought to be further reviewed moving forward.

THE SUBJECT LANDS include all lands located within the Town of Fort Frances municipal boundary.

ANY PERSON may attend the Special Meeting of Council and/or make written or verbal representation regarding what revisions may be required as part of a proposed update to the Town's Official Plan. If you would like to **participate and provide comments through public delegation at the meeting**, please advise administration by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 3, 2023 by contacting the Town at planning@fortfrances.ca. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may provide written comments by submitting them to the address below:

Cody Vangel
Transportation Superintendent
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9
Phone: 807-274-9893 ext. 1312
Email: planning@fortfrances.ca

A copy of the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council, including any attachments, will be available by May 1, 2023.

INFORMATION related to the Official Plan Review process, including the Community Background Report, can be viewed on the Town's website as of January 1, 2023 at <https://fortfrances.ca/town/planning-development/new-official-plan-and-zoning-by-law> or at the following location during regular hours:

Civic Centre
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9
(Monday to Friday – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

Dated at the Town of Fort Frances this 16th day of March, 2023.