



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands**  
**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**  
**(Section 17 of the Planning Act)**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands invites all **interested persons** to attend a Public Meeting in order to consider an amendment to the Township's Official Plan, pursuant to the requirements of Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

**Monday, March 9, 2020 – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**  
**Township Administration Office**  
**Council Chambers**  
**1233 Prince Street, Lansdowne, ON**

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands Official Plan was approved in part by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville on November 22, 2018. The Notice of Decision stated that there was a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) appeal to the United Counties Official Plan mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands. As a result of the appeal to the Counties Official Plan the approval of Provincially Significant Wetland mapping along the St. Lawrence River on Schedule A2, Land Use Designations: Natural heritage System and Hazards in the Township Official Plan was deferred. The LPAT issued a decision on the appeal on November 14, 2019. The subject amendment to the Township Official Plan will implement the LPAT decision on the appeal to the United Counties Official Plan in order to conform with the United Counties Official Plan. The Township Official Plan will be amended to include the following paragraph on Schedule A2:

“The Provincially Significant Wetlands designation is not meant to affect the continued use of existing (as of the date of adoption of this Official Plan) marina operations along and on the St. Lawrence River. It is acknowledged that Ontario Regulation 239/13 may permit dredging in Provincially Significant Wetlands, including for the maintenance of safe navigation channels, in a manner that is consistent with the Public Lands Act. Nothing in this Official Plan is intended to interfere with dredging in Provincially Significant Wetlands pursuant to the application of provincial legislation, nor is anything intended to interfere with the application of any provincial legislation or the management of Crown lands.”

The Official Plan Amendment will also amend the Agricultural designation Section 5.1.6 to implement wording that OMAFRA requested to be updated as part of the Official Plan review process. This wording removes the requirement for an Official Plan amendment to the Counties Plan and clarifies that the designation shall be a special exception specific Agricultural designation. The revised wording is as follows:

“Section 5.1 Agriculture

6. An amendment to the Township's Official Plan shall be required to change the designation to a special exception Agriculture designation to permit a non-agricultural land use. In considering any such amendment, Council must first be satisfied that:”

**THE SUBJECT LANDS** include all lands located within the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands municipal boundary. Accordingly, no key map is provided.

The proposed official plan amendment will also be available at the following location during regular hours: Township Administration Office, 1233 Prince Street, Lansdowne, ON (Monday to Friday – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm).

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the decision of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands on the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Ms. Vanessa Latimer, 1233 Prince Street., P.O. Box 280, Lansdowne, ON, K0E 1L0.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER**, including information about appeal rights, contact: Tom Fehr, Associate Planner Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, 1233 Prince St, PO Box 280 Lansdowne, ON K0E 1L0. Phone: 613-659-2415 Email: [associateplanner@townshipleeds.on.ca](mailto:associateplanner@townshipleeds.on.ca)

Dated at the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.