Notice of Public Open House to Consider Chatham-Kent Official Plan Growth Management Amendment

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent will consider amendments to the Chatham-Kent Official Plan, under Sections 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O.1990, c.P.13, concerning the entire Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

And Take Further Notice that a public open house to review growth and development options and the evaluation framework will take place at the time and place shown below:

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Municipality of Chatham-Kent Civic Centre

Address: 315 King Street West, Chatham ON

Project Description:

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is undertaking an update to its Official Plan to guide development and infrastructure investment over the next 25 years. Building on the findings of the 2023 Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) – which projects our population to reach approximately 122,200 by 2051 (resulting in more than 8,200 new households) – this Official Plan Amendment (OPA) will help ensure our Municipality can efficiently accommodate both residential and employment growth. Most of the growth is forecast to occur by 2041. Careful consideration of housing needs, industrial market trends, and infrastructure will be essential, while balancing the protection and the long-term viability of agricultural areas, local food production, and the agri-food network.

To fulfill the land needs identified in the MCR, in accordance with the Provincial Planning Statement, this project will examine the need and planning justification for Settlement Area Boundary Expansions in Chatham, Tilbury, Dresden, and Blenheim, while also addressing mismatches in the location of urban land supply versus demand in Wallaceburg and other Urban Centres. An important focus of the study is ensuring Chatham-Kent remains competitive in the Highway 401 Business Corridor by strengthening its supply of strategically located employment areas. The outcome of this project will be an Official Plan Amendment so Chatham-Kent can effectively meet its long-term growth needs.

This project will be completed over three phases as shown in the diagram below:



Information and Providing Comment

To submit a comment or question, receive additional information, or if you have accessibility requirements to participate in this study, please contact Planning Services at 519.360.1998 or ckplanning@chatham-kent.ca. Project information can be located online at www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca.

Dated at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent this 16th day of April, 2025.