# **Official Plan Review**

Council Workshop – July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Virtual Public Meeting

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# Purpose of the Meeting

- To review comments and further information received to date arising from the consultation process.
- To provide the opportunity for Council to reflect on the proposed changes to the Official Plan.
- To inform Council of next steps and address questions.

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#### Process



### Review of Comments and Additional Policy Changes

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## Cemeteries and MDS

- Staff commented on including policies that enable MDS exemptions for certain cemeteries.
- Policies proposed in the Official Plan that would allow for closed cemeteries, or cemeteries that do not have a place of worship, to be considered a less sensitive use (Type "A" Use).

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#### MDS Exemption for Building Permits

- Staff commented on including policies that enable MDS I exemptions for building permits on lots existing prior to March 1, 2017.
- Proposed policies would enable the Municipality to provide exemptions from MDS I setbacks through the Zoning By-law. Official Plan policies would include criteria the Zoning By-law would need to address.

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## Biosolids

- Topic of biosolids was raised at the Special Council Meeting. County staff have directed that policies be added within the agricultural section of the Southwest Middlesex Official Plan.
- Proposed changes would be in conformity with the County Official Plan update (as adopted but not yet approved).

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## **Road Classification**

 Proposed change to infrastructure policies to update road classification. Proposed policy would reflect change in Municipal Design Standards.



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# Public Comments

- Request for lands to be included within settlement boundary from SBM Limited on behalf of Waverly Homes.
- Process is not intended to contemplate site-specific amendments to the Official Plan (including expansions to settlement area boundaries). County has indicated there is sufficient land within settlement boundary.

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# Next Steps

- Receive direction from Council on proposed policy changes.
- Prepare final draft of Official Plan Amendment.
- Statutory Public Meeting and presentation of final policy changes.
- Southwest Middlesex Council Adoption of OPA
- Middlesex County Decision re OPA

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#### Thank You

**Discussion Period** 

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