Official Plan Review

Council Workshop – July 27th, 2022 Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Virtual Public Meeting





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.





Process

Special Council Meeting June 22 2022



Statutory Public Meeting August 24, 2022

Approval by County of Middlesex

TBD













Launch April 27, 2022 Council Workshop July 27, 2022

Adoption by Southwest Middlesex Council

TBD





Review of Comments and Additional Policy Changes





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).





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.





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).





Road Classification

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





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.





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





Thank You

Discussion Period



