

# OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW OPEN HOUSE

## We want your input on the new Official Plan!

The Official Plan and Zoning By-law are key documents that guides growth and development in the Town. It includes policies to facilitate housing and economic development and protect important assets such as lakes, the natural environment and agricultural lands.

Your input is critical to inform policy direction. Join us at a drop-in open house session to learn more about the process, what's in the plan and share your feedback.

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (In Person)** Grand Valley and District Community Centre, 90 Main Street North, Grand Valley

### See the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Review project page on www.townofgrandvalley.ca for project background, updates and virtual meeting links

If you are unable to attend this session, you can also provide feedback.

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#### What is the Official Plan?

The Official Plan is an important document that directs how growth and development will occur in the Town. The last time the Plan was updated in Grand Valley was in 2006. This graphic shows the various planning tools used by the Province and Municipalities. You can see the Official Plan is a key tool to set the broad direction for local planning, including zoning by-laws, minor variances and more. Planning Act Provincial Policy Statement County Official Plan Local Official Plan Zoning By-laws Land Division Site Plan control

#### Who is affected by the Official Plan?

The Official Plan affects everyone in Grand Valley, where you are a farmer who wants to expand your farm operation, own property on a lake, or live in one of our hamlets and villages and have an interest in how they develop and grow. That's why it is important for everyone to come out to learn about what's in the plan, and how it may affect them.

#### What is the Zoning By-Law

A Zoning By-Law is a legal document passed under Section 34 of the Planning Act. It is the primary implementation tool for the Municipal and County Official Plans and it is intended to reduce conflict between incompatible land uses. The Zoning is considered "applicable law" under the Ontario Building Code Act.

#### Why is it important to attend?

While our project page on <u>www.townofgrandvalley.ca</u> is great at helping you to stay informed on the latest updates, this open house provides a much better forum to share detailed impacts. It's also your chance to ask questions and provide feedback if there are any changes you are concerned about. Finally, while some of the proposed changes are required under the Planning Act and other legislation, the meeting will help you understand what changes we don't have any control over, and where the Town has flexibility to set our own course of development.

