

File No: 1701-001-07 (OPA #15) and 1701-002-10 (OPA #21)
Date of Adoption: October 12, 2010
Municipality: Township of West Lincoln
Date of Notice: October 22, 2010

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

with respect to Official Plan Amendments
Subsection 17(23) and Subsection 26 of the Planning Act

The Township of West Lincoln Council adopted Amendment No. 15, the Official Plan 5 Year Review and Amendment No. 21, a Compliance Amendment to the Official Plan for the Township of West Lincoln by By-law # 2010-93 and By-law #2101-94 on **October 12, 2010**.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment:

In accordance with the Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, the Township of West Lincoln invited the community and stakeholders to a Special Meeting of Council to review the final draft Official Plan Policies and Mapping and related background materials; ask questions of Council and Staff; and provide comments on the proposed policies and mapping with regard to the above noted Official Plan Amendments.

In accordance with Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, the Township of West Lincoln invited the community and stakeholders to more than three Public Meeting of Council to consider the following as part of the Township's Official Plan 5 Year Review & Compliance Exercise:

1. To consider textual and/or mapping amendments to the Township's Official Plan related to the potential for a future Urban Boundary Expansion for the Urban Area of Smithville as part of the Township's Compliance Exercise.
2. To consider the Rural Settlement Area policies and mapping related to existing Rural Clusters within the Township and whether some or all of these Rural Clusters warrant being designated to a Hamlet designation, or resorting to an Agricultural designation.
3. To review changes to the Township's draft Official Plan policies related to the Natural Heritage System policies and mapping.
4. To review all other sections of the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan including, agriculture, implementation, utility, development control and many other sections of the Township Official Plan.

When the Decision is Final:

These amendments have now been adopted by Township Council and will be forwarded to Regional Council for final approval. These amendments will be implemented through notification of the Regional Clerk's Department of the decision to approve and commence the required appeal period. If no appeals are received within this appeal period, the amendment will be in effect.

Getting Additional Information:

Additional information about these Amendments is available for public inspection on the Township of West Lincoln website at www.westlincoln.com or during regular office hours (9:00 am to 4:30 pm) in the Municipal Offices of the Township of West Lincoln at 318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario, L0R 2A0; (905)-957-3346.

If you require further information on the Regional approval process for Official Plan Amendments #15 and #21, please contact the Department of Integrated Community Planning, at the Regional Niagara Municipal Office, 2201 St. David's Road, P.O. Box 1042 Thorold, ON L2V 4T7 or by calling 905-685-1571.

If you wish to be notified of the approval of either amendment, you are required to submit a written request to the Regional Planning and Development Department which includes the name and address to which the notice is to be sent.

Carolyn Langley, Clerk
Township of West Lincoln