

The Town of New Tecumseth is updating its **Official Plan** over the next year. The Official Plan is New Tecumseth's long-term planning document. Municipalities are required to regularly review their Official Plan in accordance with Ontario's *Planning Act* to ensure that it conforms with Provincial planning documents and meets the needs of the community. New Tecumseth's current Official Plan was approved in 2010.

Through the Official Plan Review process, the Town is providing a forum for community discussion about the future of New Tecumseth by talking about growth, economic development, affordable housing, rural industries, agricultural lands, servicing, active transportation, natural areas, heritage, urban neighbourhood design and how the settlement areas can work together.

The first workshop was held on June 19, 2017 at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre. There was a great turnout at this Visioning Workshop where participants discussed a number of issue areas that should be addressed through the Official Plan Review Process. The following are the key issues to be considered throughout the Official Plan Review process:

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| <p><b>1</b> <b>GROWTH MANAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Settlement areas</li> <li>» Intensification &amp; greenfield development</li> <li>» Residential density</li> </ul>                                      | <p><b>2</b> <b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Employment lands</li> <li>» 'New economy' and more flexible employment locations</li> </ul>   | <p><b>3</b> <b>RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL LAND USES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» On-farm diversified uses</li> <li>» Home-industries</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>4</b> <b>HOUSING OPTIONS AND AFFORDABILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Range of housing types</li> <li>» Affordable housing forms</li> <li>» Link to labour needs</li> </ul>                                   | <p><b>5</b> <b>SERVICING DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Meeting servicing needs in the three settlement areas</li> <li>» Extension of servicing for new development within settlement boundary</li> <li>» Servicing capacity issues for intensification</li> </ul> | <p><b>6</b> <b>MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Planning for active transportation and (future) transit</li> <li>» Impacts of traffic and truck routes</li> <li>» Strengthen transportation links between the three settlement areas</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>7</b> <b>NATURAL &amp; CULTURAL HERITAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Review of natural heritage system</li> <li>» Management of natural areas</li> <li>» Recognition of cultural heritage resources</li> </ul> | <p><b>8</b> <b>CONNECTING &amp; STRENGTHENING THE SETTLEMENT AREAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Develop support among three centres</li> <li>» Maintain health and viability of main streets</li> <li>» Opportunities for intensification</li> </ul>                         | <p><b>9</b> <b>COMMUNITY DESIGN AND AMENITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Urban design</li> <li>» Parks and recreation</li> </ul>   |

## What's next?

Stay tuned for the release of the Visioning Report and Newsletter #2 at the end of August 2017, which will outline the Vision and Guiding Principles to guide New Tecumseth's Official Plan Review process going forward.

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