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WHO IS INVOLVED?

Council: the council for the Rural Municipality of West River is the body ultimately responsible for approving the official plan and land use bylaw.

Planning Board: Planning Board is the advisory committee overseeing the work and is appointed by Council.

The Consulting Team: the consulting team is made up of the land use planners contracted to do the work of developing the official plan and bylaw.

The Public: the official plan is meant to express the values and priorities of the community and public involvement is key, including residents, businesses, property owners, community organizations and others with a stake in the community.

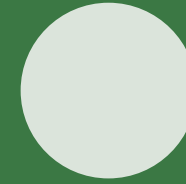
L’Nuey: Indigenous perspectives will be sought.

The Minister: once the process is finished, the minister responsible for the Planning Act must approve the official plan and land use bylaw before they take effect.

Have your say:

we are looking for your stories, ideas, concerns, and hopes for the community as it relates to land use. Check it out on the project website:

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PROCESS

COMMUNITY VISIONING – what are the most important values?

IDENTIFYING ISSUES – what are the land use issues?

POLICY OBJECTIVES – how can we address land use in policies?

REFINE POLICY OBJECTIVES – here we begin creating concrete policies and development standards.

FINALIZE POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS – we begin to create concrete policies and development standards.

DRAFT DOCUMENTS – Once we have a draft Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw, we need to iron out any last details.

ADOPTION AND APPROVAL – once approved by Council and the minister responsible for the Planning Act, they take effect.

TIMELINE

The project is scheduled to be complete and adopted by Council by June 2022.

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Rural Municipality of West River

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

An Official Plan describes policies on how land in your community should be used. It is prepared by a professional planner with local input and helps ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of the community.

An Official Plan:

- makes the public aware of the municipality's general planning policies;
- ensures that growth is coordinated and meets the community's needs;
- helps all members of the community understand how their land may be used now and in the future;
- provides a framework for establishing development bylaws to set local regulations for zoning and development;
- helps reduce conflicting land uses while meeting local and provincial interests; and
- shows Council's commitment to the future growth of the community.

Policies within an Official Plan are statements of intent. As such, they frame zoning and development provisions. Simply stated, the policy document describes what the community wants to achieve.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Official Plan

STATEMENTS of policy about Residential, commercial, industrial, environment, coastal, heritage matters

WHAT we want to accomplish

Land Use

REGULATIONS about lot sizes, setbacks, permitted uses, etc.

HOW to accomplish it

Zoning Map

WHAT can happen WHERE

WHAT IS A LAND USE BYLAW?

If an official plan describes what the community wants to achieve, the Land Use Bylaw outlines how to achieve these goals.

A Land Use Bylaw outlines the rules around how land may be subdivided and used; where buildings and other structures can be located; the types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used; lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights and setbacks from the street. Land use bylaws provide for the day-to-day administration and contain specific requirements that are legally enforceable.

Proposed development that doesn't comply with a zoning bylaw is not allowed, and the municipality can refuse to issue a development permit.

NEXT MEETING

The next public session takes place at 7pm on January 25, 2022 via Facebook Live at [facebook.com/planwestriver](https://www.facebook.com/planwestriver). A Facebook account is not required to follow along.

The official plan is, among other things, a chance to build on the work of recent years to reflect on, shape, and steer the future development of this community of communities.”

– Helen Smith-MacPhail, Mayor