



NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

In accordance with Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, a Statutory Open House and Public Meeting are being held regarding the proposed new draft Official Plan for the Township of East Garafraxa.

An Official Plan is a legal document required by the Province through the *Planning Act* that sets out the municipality's long-term land use strategy for growth and development.

This Notice is being given in accordance with *Planning Act* requirements. A final recommendation on the new Official Plan will not be presented until after the Township Open House and Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

DATE AND FORMAT FOR THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

The Open House and Public Meeting dates and times are as follows:

OPEN HOUSE DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

PUBLIC MEETING DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Open House and Public Meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and remote participation available. Registration is required for those wishing to attend remotely. The Zoom registration links will be posted on the Township website calendar (under the applicable meeting dates).

Any person may participate in the Open House and Public Meeting or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition of the proposed Official Plan.

Council will consider all written and oral submissions regarding the draft Official Plan and will provide any person attending the Open House and Public Meeting the opportunity to be heard, as required under the *Planning Act*.

1. Written Submission

Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments will be accepted until Monday, February 9, 2026. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Official Plan, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption.

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the Open House and Public Meeting.

The Township of East Garafraxa is processing the Official Plan as required by the *Planning Act* and welcome any comments that you may have.

DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The purpose and effect of the draft Official Plan is to update Township policies to conform with the County of Dufferin Official Plan and provincial plans, be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, and address matters of provincial interest. The draft Official Plan also responds to community needs and sets out a vision for the future of East Garafraxa. The Open House and Statutory Public Meeting provides an opportunity for public review and comment.

The Official Plan contains policies and maps to guide planning and development by identifying where land uses can and should be located. Updating the Official Plan also ensures the community's long-term vision is managed in a way that balances social, economic, and environmental interests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to this notice and the proposed new Official Plan will be available by Monday, December 1, 2025, and can be viewed in the following ways:

- In-person at the Township Administration Office during office hours (065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa, ON L9W 7J8); and/or
- Visiting the Township website ([Official Plan and Official Plan Review Page](#));

Material related to the Introductory Official Plan Workshop (Special Council Meeting) held on September 17, 2025 is available on the Township website on the [Official Plan and Official Plan Review Page](#).

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa, to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of East Garafraxa on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk at the address provided below.

Should the proposed new Official Plan be adopted by the Township of East Garafraxa, it will be submitted to the County of Dufferin for approval pursuant to Section 17(2) of the *Planning Act*.

Dated this 6th day of November 2025

Jessica Kennedy, Dipl.M.A., Clerk
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