

File No.: 19-OP-248476
Municipality: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Subject Lands: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Date of Decision: September 25, 2025
Date of Notice: September 25, 2025

NOTICE OF DECISION

With respect to an Official Plan
Subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made on the date noted above to modify and approve in part, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan, as adopted by By-law 2024-057 with one hundred and thirty-one (131) modifications and a non-decision for mapping and policies related to Employment Areas.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan

The approval of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Official Plan in part and as modified, repeals and replaces the in-effect official plan that was adopted by the Town in 2000, including all amendments thereto.

The approved Town of Whitchurch Stouffville Official Plan outlines a comprehensive land use policy framework to guide growth and development within the Town to the year 2051, including policies that establish growth management; establish protected major transit station areas; provide for a wide range of housing options and transportation options; plans for infrastructure and servicing; protect the natural heritage system and water resources; protect the agricultural system, and other matters.

The one hundred and thirty-one (131) modifications to the official plan have been made to address provincial policy direction, changes to upper-tier planning authority, growth management, hamlet and rural settlements, inclusionary zoning, water and wastewater servicing, wellhead protection zones, planned corridors, the natural heritage system, wetlands, aggregate extraction and operations, the agricultural system, and built heritage resources.

Please note that a decision is being withheld at this time on maps and policies related to employment areas within the Town until such time that the Town undertakes and completes the work needed in a manner that is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

The new official plan applies to all lands within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Decision Final

Pursuant to subsections 17(36.5) and (38.1) of the Planning Act, the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding an official plan adopted in

accordance with section 26 of the Planning Act is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan, as modified and approved in part by the Minister, came into effect on September 25, 2025.

Other Related Applications: None

Getting Additional Information

Additional information is available on Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's website:

<https://www.cometogetherws.ca/opr>

Additional information is available during regular office hours at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the address noted below.

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