
NOTICE OF DECISION

With respect to the Withheld Matters of Norfolk
County Official Plan Amendment 163
Subsection 17(34) and Section 26 of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made on the date noted above to approve, in part, with one modification, the withheld matters of Norfolk County Official Plan Amendment 163, as adopted by By-law 2024-48. A decision to approve has been refused for part of one previously withheld matter and for all seven remaining previously withheld matters.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

Official Plan Amendment 163 sets out a long-term growth management strategy for the county. The Official Plan Amendment implements a growth strategy for the urban communities in Norfolk County by amending urban area boundaries, amending land use designations, and by amending and adding site-specific policies.

The modification to the withheld matters of Official Plan Amendment 163 has been made to align the County's policies with the requirements of the *Planning Act*, ensure consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS), and to have regard for provincial interests set out in section 2 of the *Planning Act*.

A decision to approve has been refused for part of one matter and for all of seven matters previously withheld, as they are inconsistent with the settlement area boundary expansion policies of the PPS, specifically related to policy 2.3.2.

The Official Plan Amendment applies to all lands within Norfolk County.

Decision Final

Pursuant to subsections 17(36.5) and (38.1) of the *Planning Act*, this decision is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly the matters previously withheld from a decision on Official Plan Amendment 163 to the Norfolk County Official Plan, as approved in part, with a modification by the Minister, came into effect on May, 5, 2026.

Other Related Applications

None.

Getting Additional Information

Additional information is available on the Norfolk County website:
<https://engagenorfolk.ca/growth-management-study>

or by contacting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:
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