

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A NEW TOWN OF LINCOLN OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Lincoln passed By-law No. 2026-38 to adopt a new Official Plan for the Town of Lincoln. This Notice of Adoption of the new Town of Lincoln Official Plan (“the Official Plan”) is issued pursuant to Section 17s and 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 (“*Planning Act*”).

On July 6th, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln adopted the Official Plan by By-law No. 2026-38, in accordance with Section 17 of the *Planning Act*. The Official Plan was prepared pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act* to comprehensively apply provincial land use and planning policies while also addressing local priorities.

Pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the Official Plan adopted by Council. Once the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approves the Official Plan, it will come into force and effect, replacing the existing Niagara Region and Town of Lincoln Official Plans.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The Town of Lincoln has undertaken a comprehensive review and update of its Official Plan, resulting in the preparation of a new Official Plan that reflects current provincial policy direction, addresses local planning matters, and responds to community priorities, goals, and objectives. As required by Sections 26 and 27 of the *Planning Act*, the review included a comprehensive conformity exercise to ensure the new Official Plan aligns with current provincial planning policies.

The adopted Town of Lincoln Official Plan is a long-term, strategic land use planning document that guides how and where the Town will grow over a 30-year planning horizon to 2051. It establishes principles, objectives, and policies to manage future land use and addresses matters such as housing, the natural environment, agricultural lands, cultural heritage and archaeological resources, employment, commercial services, tourism, parks and recreation, servicing, and transportation.

MORE INFORMATION

The adopted Official Plan is available online at: [Shape Lincoln 2051 Official Plan Review | Speak Up Lincoln](#). Information about the Official Plan is available through the Town of Lincoln Planning & Development Department at Town Hall, located at 4800 South Service Road, Beamsville. Town Hall is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Questions about the Official Plan may be directed to Matt Bruder, Director of Planning & Development, by phone 905-563-2799 ext. 231, or by email to mbruder@lincoln.ca.

WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS

All statutory written and oral submissions made on the Official Plan have been reviewed and suggestions incorporated, where appropriate. Further information on the public consultation process, the written and oral submissions received, and how those submissions were incorporated into the Official Plan can be found at the following links:

- [Shape Lincoln 2051 Official Plan Review | Speak Up Lincoln](#)
- [Council Meeting - July 06, 2026](#)

NEXT STEPS

Pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, the Official Plan adopted by Council will be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as the approval authority, for a decision. The new Official Plan will not come into effect until the Minister has made a decision respecting its approval. The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln's decision to adopt the Town of Lincoln Official Plan is not subject to appeal.

Any person or public body that makes a written request to the approval authority to be notified of the decision of the approval authority will be entitled to receive notice of the decision when it is made. Requests to be notified of the decision must include the name, mailing address, fax number or email address of the requesting person or public body and be submitted to:

Regional Director, Central Region
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 13th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
Tel: 416-585-7041
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Dated at the Town of Lincoln this 8th day of July, 2026.
Julie Kinkelos, Town Clerk