

File No.: By-Law 2024-057
Municipality: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Subject Lands: All lands within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Date of Decision: September 18,
2026
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NOTICE OF DECISION

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

A decision was made on September 25, 2025 to approve, with modifications, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan, as adopted by By-law 2024-057. A decision was withheld on maps and policies related to the town's employment areas so that the Town could review and update its policies for compliance with the new Area of Employment definition under the *Planning Act* and for consistency with the Employment Area definition under the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

On June 17, 2026, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville adopted an amendment to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan by By-law 2026-055-OPA to update its employment area policies and associated land use designations. The official plan amendment is exempt from Ministerial approval.

A decision was made on September 18, 2026 to refuse the previously withheld maps and policies, as adopted by By-law 2024-057, that were not previously approved on September 25, 2025.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan

The 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; 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; the agricultural system, and other matters.

Decision

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 new Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan, as modified and approved in part by the Minister, came into effect on September 25, 2025. The subsequent decision to refuse the remaining withheld parts of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan, came into effect on September 18, 2026.

Other Related Applications

N/A

Getting Additional Information

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

[Re-Imagine Stouffville - Official Plan Review](#)

or by contacting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

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