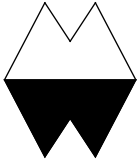


Date of Decision: April 30, 2024
Date of Notice: May 13, 2024
Last Date of Appeal: June 2, 2024



THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

NOTICE OF DECISION

APPROVAL OF A MINOR OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Subsection 17(35) of the Planning Act

Amendment No. 06 to the Official Plan of the Town of Gravenhurst (Town of Gravenhurst – Alternate Notice Procedures)

A decision was made by the Director of Planning on April 30, 2024 to approve Amendment 06 to the Official Plan of the Gravenhurst Official Plan, which was adopted by Town of Gravenhurst By-law 2024-03. The Certificate of Approval, adopting By-law and Official Plan Amendment are attached hereto.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The purpose and effect of the Amendment is to amend Section “K10” of the Gravenhurst Official Plan (GOP) is to make minor technical amendments to set out alternative measures for informing and obtaining views from the public in respect to matters and applications under Sections 17, 22, 34, and 53 of the Planning Act, in the absence of a locally-circulated print newspaper.

A copy of By-law 2024-03, which includes the amendment, is attached.

Public Comments Considered

The public meeting was held at the Town of Gravenhurst Municipal Offices on January 23, 2024. The Town of Gravenhurst Council passed the By-law on January 23, 2024, as By-law 2024-03. One (1) written comment was received by the Town. No concerns were raised by any agencies with respect to the application.

When and How to File an Appeal of the Decision

A notice of appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) of the decision must be received by The District Municipality of Muskoka no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, as shown above as

the last day of appeal. The appeal must:

- i. set out the specific part(s) of the Official Plan Amendment to which the appeal applies;
- ii. set out the reasons for the appeal; and
- iii. be accompanied by the fee prescribed under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act in the amount of \$1,100.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

A notice of appeal should be filed with:

**Amy Back, Clerk
District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge,
ON Canada, PIL 1N3**

Who Can Appeal a Decision

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the Council of The District Municipality of Muskoka to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be made by any unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the Official Plan Amendment was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to The District Municipality of Muskoka or

unless, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable ground to add the person or public body as a party.

When the Decision is Final

The proposed Official Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the decision of the Director of Planning is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Additional Information

Information about the Official Plan Amendment and the decision is attached hereto. Original copies of these documents are available for inspection during regular office hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) at the District Municipal Office.

For additional information about the Amendment or your appeal rights, contact Sarah Campbell, Planner at (705) 645-2100 ext. 4128 or 1-800-461-4210 (in the 705 area code), or sarah.campbell@muskoka.on.ca

DISTRICT OF MUSKOKA

MINOR AREA MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

WHEREAS pursuant to By-Law 2008-22 as amended, being a by-law to delegate certain approval authorities under the *Planning Act* R.S.O., 1990, as amended, the authority of Muskoka District Council to approve “minor” Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments has been delegated to the Director of Planning or their designate;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst adopted Official Plan Amendment 06 to the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan by Town By-Law 2024-03 and submitted it to the District of Muskoka for approval;

AND WHEREAS Official Plan Amendment 06 to the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan as adopted by Township By-Law 2024-03 satisfies all criteria of a “minor” official plan amendment;

THEREFORE Official Plan Amendment 06 to the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan as adopted by Town By-Law 2024-03 is hereby **APPROVED** under Sections 17 and 21 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, as amended.

April 30, 2024

Date



Director of Planning

AMENDMENT NO. 06
TO THE
GRAVENHURST OFFICIAL PLAN

TOWN OF GRAVENHURST

ALTERNATE NOTICE PROCEDURES

PREPARED BY
TOWN OF GRAVENHURST
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT - PLANNING

ADOPTED BY GRAVENHURST COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST
BY-LAW 2024-03**

Being a By-law to adopt Amendment No. OPA 06 to
The Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan (Town of Gravenhurst)

WHEREAS Planning Staff of the Town of Gravenhurst have recommended to the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst that Official Plan Amendment No. 06 (OPA 06) (Town of Gravenhurst) to the Official Plan of the Gravenhurst Planning Area be adopted;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst has fulfilled the requirements of Sections 17 and 21 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Official Plans may be repealed or amended in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Amendment No. OPA 06 (Town of Gravenhurst) to the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan consisting of the attached text is hereby adopted.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to affix the seal of the Corporation to Amendment No. OPA 06 (Town of Gravenhurst) and to make application to the District of Muskoka for approval of the said Amendment.
3. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof.

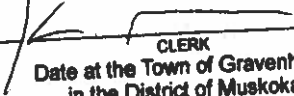
READ AND PASSED this 23rd day of January, 2024.



Mayor



Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE COPY


CLERK
Date at the Town of Gravenhurst
in the District of Muskoka
on 29 day of Jan 2024

**AMENDMENT NO. 06 TO THE
GRAVENHURST OFFICIAL PLAN
(Application No. OP 02-2023)**

SECTION 1 – TITLE AND COMPONENTS

- 1.1 This Amendment shall be referred to as Amendment No. 06 to the Gravenhurst Official Plan.
- 1.2 Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of this document and the attached Schedule 1 constitute the Amendment.

SECTION 2 – PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

- 2.1 The purpose of this Amendment is to make minor technical amendments to set out alternative measures for informing and obtaining views from the public in respect to matters and applications under the Planning Act, in the absence of a locally-circulated print newspaper.

SECTION 3 – LANDS SUBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT

- 3.1 All lands within the Town of Gravenhurst, District Municipality of Muskoka will be subject to this amendment.

SECTION 4 – BACKGROUND AND BASIS

- 4.1 The Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan (GOP) was adopted by Town Council on December 20, 2016. The GOP contains Alternative Notice Procedures policies in Section K10.1. These policies note that Council will follow public notification procedures regarding planning matters that are contained in the Planning Act and its regulation.
- 4.2 Public notification procedures regarding planning matters, as outlined in the Planning Act and its regulations, typically require that notice be given respecting planning applications and other planning matters by either newspaper advertisement or by posting and personal service/mail. However, the Planning Act also provides municipalities with the ability to establish alternative notification procedures, through Official Plan policies, for informing and obtaining public input. Where such policies are established in an Official Plan, the typical procedures around pre-decision notices and other matters do not apply.
- 4.3 As there is no longer a print newspaper in the Town, and it would be cost prohibitive to provide notice by mailout to all Town residents for matters with

town-wide effect, this amendment establishes policies within the Official Plan to enable the Town to undertake alternative notice measures as necessary.

SECTION 5 – THE AMENDMENT

5.1 Section K10 – Alternative Notice Procedures is hereby amended by deleting Section K10.1 and replacing it with the following:

K10.1 Council shall use a variety of communication methods to seek input on planning matters and to provide information to the public. Depending on the issues, and in accordance with the Planning Act and associated regulations, Council shall choose the most appropriate method of communication, which may include any or all of the following:

- a) personal service or prepaid first class mail;
- b) e-mail;
- c) public notice signs;
- d) surveys, electronic or mail-out;
- e) neighbourhood open houses and/or public information centres;
- f) neighbourhood working groups, focus groups, or information meetings;
- g) statutory public meetings;
- h) Town website or internet engagement platforms;
- i) electronically circulated newspaper; and/or
- j) any other methods as deemed expedient and/or appropriate by the Town Clerk.

SECTION 6 – IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 The changes to the Gravenhurst Official Plan as described in this Amendment shall be implemented in accordance with the Implementation policy of the Plan and shall apply to all lands within the Town of Gravenhurst.

SECTION 7 – INTERPRETATION

7.1 The provisions of the Gravenhurst Official Plan shall apply with respect to the interpretation of this Amendment.