



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF MUSKOKA OFFICIAL PLAN

Application File Number:
District of Muskoka Official Plan Amendment 57
(Lake System Health Update)

TAKE NOTICE THAT: The District of Muskoka Community and Planning Services Committee will hold a Public Meeting on:

THURSDAY, May 25, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

This meeting will be held in an **ELECTRONIC** format, in accordance with **Section 238 of the Municipal Act**, and the **District of Muskoka Procedural By-law 2020-1** which provide for **Electronic Participation**.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO CONSIDER a proposed amendment to the District of Muskoka Official Plan of the Muskoka Area (**OPA 57 – Lake System Health Update**), pursuant to the provisions of Sections 17 and 22 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

PROVIDING COMMENTS: Feedback on the proposed OPA is strongly encouraged to be made in writing, preferably before the public meeting date, but will be accepted any time prior to a decision being made by The District of Muskoka by emailing Brittany Manley, Planner, at brittany.manley@muskoka.on.ca. Members of the public or agencies wishing to make oral submissions either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed OPA may do so at the public meeting through *Zoom*. A link to the *Zoom* meeting and instructions on how to participate online or via telephone will be made available in the **May 18, 2023 Community and Planning Services Agenda**. For those wishing to observe the proceedings (and not provide verbal comments), the District's webcast can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/council/agendas-minutes-and-webcasts.aspx>

AGENCY COMMENTS: Agencies (i.e. District of Muskoka, Area Municipalities, Utilities, and Ministries) wishing to make a written submission should do so no later than **May 20th, 2023**.

PLEASE NOTE: All comments and submissions received will become part of the public record.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS

NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the District of Muskoka on the proposed District Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the District Clerk:

Amy Back, Clerk

District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street
Bracebridge, ON P1L 1N3 (705) 645-2100
clerk@muskoka.on.ca

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the District of Muskoka to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The District of Muskoka before the proposed District official plan amendment is adopted; and, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision and/or may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL, including a full scale map, relating to the proposed official plan amendment is available as indicated below.

For more information about these matters, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact:

The District of Muskoka Community and Planning Services Department
 70 Pine Street, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1N3
 In Person: By appointment only
 Telephone: 705-645-2100 ext.4421
pedinfo@muskoka.on.ca

Dated at the Town of Bracebridge this 4th day of May, 2023.

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

The proposed OPA would result in five new waterbodies being identified as vulnerable from a recreational water quality perspective and one waterbody (i.e. Barron’s Lake in the Township of Georgian Bay) being removed from the vulnerable lake list.

Waterbodies Proposed to be Added to Vulnerable List	Location (also see attached map)
Fawn Lake	Town of Bracebridge/Town of Huntsville
Mary Lake	Town of Huntsville
Menominee Lake	Township of Lake of Bays/Town of Huntsville
Muldrew Lake	Town of Gravenhurst
Paint Lake	Township of Lake of Bays

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OPA: The proposed OPA would identify five additional lakes as vulnerable in Schedule E2 of the Muskoka Official Plan (MOP) based on water quality indicators and would ensure that appropriate and proactive protections are applied through policy. These lakes experienced confirmed and documented blue-green algal blooms in 2021 and/or 2022.

Any proposed development on vulnerable waterbodies would be subject to both the applicable standard and enhanced protection policies of the MOP. Vulnerable waterbodies are also eligible for District-led causation studies to determine the relative contributing causes to the lake’s vulnerability.

Further, the proposed OPA would result in Barron’s Lake, in the Township of Georgian Bay being identified as no longer vulnerable and de-listed from Schedule E2. The delisting of Barron’s Lake is a result of the lake no longer having a long-term total phosphorous concentration of greater than 20 ug/L present for three consecutive years. This waterbody would no longer be subject to the enhanced protection policies of the MOP.

KEY MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF THE WATERBODIES TO WHICH THE PROPOSED

