Notice of Public Meeting and Open House

Concerning an amendment to the District of Muskoka Official Plan

Muskoka Official Plan Amendment 61
Five Year Comprehensive Muskoka Official Plan Review

As part of the Muskoka Official Plan Five-Year Comprehensive Review, the District Municipality of Muskoka is in the process of updating the Muskoka Official Plan. The result of the Comprehensive Review is the preparation of the overall Official Plan Amendment 61 (Five Year Comprehensive Muskoka Official Plan Review) which consolidates all Five (5) components into one amendment: Component 1 (Growth Strategy), Component 2 (Resort Policy), Component 3 (Environmental Resiliency), Component 4 (Lake System Health Policies) and Component 5 (Housekeeping and Provincial Policy Updates). In accordance with the statutory requirements of the Planning Act, below is a Notice of Open House and Notice of Public Meeting.

Open House Information

Two Open Houses (one virtual and one in-person) are being held to review the consolidated components of OPA 61 and to obtain feedback from members of the public and stakeholders. The virtual Open House will be comprised of a presentation and an opportunity for comments and questions. The In-person Open House will include an opportunity to meet the project team, followed by a presentation and then an opportunity for comments or questions. These public consultation opportunities are intended to meet the requirements of Section 17(16) of the Planning Act.

Virtual

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83586850391

When: Tuesday May 12, 2026
12:00 P.M to 1:30 P.M.

In-person

Where: Terry Fox Auditorium in the Gravenhurst Centennial Centre, 101 Centennial Dr, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 1B7

When: Tuesday May 12, 2026
5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Public Meeting Information

The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting for Official Plan Amendment 61 (Five Year Comprehensive Muskoka Official Plan Review) is for the Community and Planning Services Committee to hear and consider public comments related to the proposed draft official plan policies prepared as part of the Muskoka Official Plan Review, pursuant to Section 17 and 26 of the Planning Act.

A detailed explanation of the purpose and effect of the Muskoka Official Plan Review and draft Official Plan policies accompanies this notice. As the draft Official Plan policies would apply to The District of Muskoka in its entirety, no key map is attached to this notice.

Additional information including copies of the draft official plan policies and related background information are available to review online at www.muskoka.on.ca and in-person at the Planning Department.

When: Thursday May 21, 2026
9:00 am.

In-person and Virtually

Council Chambers, District of Muskoka Administration Building 70 Pine Street, Bracebridge ON P1L 1N3

See Page 2 for more information on how to participate in the public meeting



More Public Meeting Information

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Any person or agency may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, all or parts of the proposed official plan policies.

Feedback on the proposed official plan amendment is recommended to be made in writing, preferably before the Open House date, but will be accepted any time up to the date of adoption.

If you would like to address Community and Planning Services Committee, in person or by video conference, you may do so by attending the Public Meeting at the Council Chamber at 70 Pine Street, or virtually via Zoom. If you wish to make a delegation, please register via email to clerk@muskoka.on.ca or by phone at 705-645-2100 ext. 4253, no later than 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2026. There will be a portion of the public meeting open to additional delegations, however pre-registration is strongly encouraged.
Please review this document for delegation details.

For those wishing to observe the proceedings (and not provide verbal comments), the District's webcast can be accessed at the following link: https://video.isilive.ca/muskoka/live.html

AGENCY COMMENTS

Agencies (i.e. District of Muskoka, Lower Tier Municipalities, Utilities, and Ministries) wishing to make a written submission should do so no later than May 20, 2026. Please Note: All comments and submissions received will become part of the public record.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the decision of the District of Muskoka on the proposed Five Year Comprehensive Muskoka Official Plan Review (OPA 61), 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

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

The District of Muskoka Planning Department
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1N3
In Person: By appointment only
Telephone: 705-645-2100 ext. 4116
Email: MOP@muskoka.on.ca

Explanation and the Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Official Plan Amendment 61: Five Year Comprehensive Muskoka Official Plan Review

The purpose and effect of the Five Year Comprehensive Muskoka Official Plan Review (OPA 61) is to update the policies which guide the future growth of our communities, ensure consistency with applicable Provincial policy and legislation, integrate best practices and innovative approaches and provide strategic direction on regional, cross-boundary issues to realize common goals and objectives across the District of Muskoka. The review was divided into five individual components, which each had their own background and information reports and public consultation opportunities. Now that each of the components have been completed, the result is a comprehensive amendment document which incorporates all of the proposed policy updates.

The consolidated amendment for Official Plan Amendment 61 can be found at the **Engage Muskoka Page.**

Please see the links below to reports where each component was approved for inclusion into OPA 61. These reports detail the specific proposed policy amendments, revisions that were made based on public and agency feedback, and additional background and details for each component.

Component 1: Growth Strategy

Component 2: Resort Policy

Component 3: Environmental Resiliency

Component 4: Lake System Health Policies

Component 5: Housekeeping and Provincial Policy Updates

Dated at the Town of Bracebridge this 23rd day of April, 2026.

