

The Corporation of the Township of Springwater

By-Law No. 2023-075

Being a By-law to adopt an Official Plan for the Township of Springwater

(Official Plan Adoption)

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater passed By-law 97-097 on the 6th day of October, 1997, adopting the Official Plan for the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved the Official Plan for the Township of Springwater, with modifications, on the 28th day of January, 1998;

And Whereas Section 26(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended requires the Council of a municipality that has adopted an Official Plan to revise the plan no less frequently than 5 years after it comes into effect as a new official plan and every 10 years thereafter where the plan has been replaced by a new official plan;

And Whereas Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law adopt an Official Plan and undertake a review of an Official Plan;

And Whereas the Corporation of the Township of Springwater undertook a comprehensive public consultation and engagement process including public consultation events on May 12, 2015, July 6, 2015, Visioning Workshops on November 22, 2016, November 28, 2016 and November 30, 2016 and a stakeholder meeting on February 23, 2021 for the purposes of giving the public and stakeholders an opportunity to participate in the development of the new Official Plan and to review and ask questions about the reports (Population-Related Market Study, Intensification Strategy and Bayfield Street Corridor Study) and material prepared to assist in the preparation of the new Official Plan; and,

And Whereas the Corporation of the Township of Springwater conducted the statutory Open Houses on November 14, 2019 and February 23, 2023 and Public Meetings on December 5, 2019 and March 8, 2023 in accordance with the Planning Act;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater ensured information was made available to the public regarding the power of the Ontario Land Tribunal under Section 17(45) of the Planning Act to dismiss an appeal if an appellant had not provided written reasons with respect to an appeal under subsection (24) or (36), the reasons set out in the notice of appeal do not disclose any apparent land use planning ground upon which the plan or part of the plan that is the subject of the appeal could be approved or refused by the Tribunal, the appeal is not made in good faith or is frivolous or vexatious, the appeal is made only for the purpose of delay, or the appellant

has persistently and without reasonable grounds commenced before the Tribunal proceedings that constitute an abuse of process;

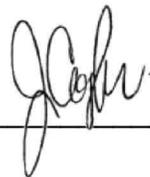
And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater, has deemed that the modifications made to the updated Official Plan following the Public Meeting do not require a further Public Meeting;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater, upon completion of the requirements set out under the Planning Act, is satisfied that the updated Official Plan is suitable for adoption; and

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, enacts as follows:

1. That the document entitled "Township of Springwater Official Plan" and dated June 9, 2023 attached hereto as Appendix "A" is hereby adopted.
2. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit the new Official Plan for the Township of Springwater to the County of Simcoe for approval, and to provide such information as required by the Planning Act, RSO 1990 c.P. 13 and as required by the County.
3. That upon approval of the updated Official Plan by the County of Simcoe that By-law No. 97-097 for the Township of Springwater adopting the Official Plan on October 6, 1997, is hereby repealed, except for site specific by-laws adopting Official Plan Amendments 1 through 65, together with Secondary Plans and Community Plans, are not repealed and those amendments form part of the new Official Plan.
4. That this By-law shall come into force on the final passage thereof and take effect upon approval of the new Township of Springwater Official Plan dated June 9, 2023 by the County of Simcoe and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act RSO 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

Read a First, Second and Third Time, and Passed this 5th day of July, 2023.



Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor



Renée Ainsworth, Clerk