



REPORT

Planning & Development

Meeting: Council

Date: May 26, 2026

Report No.: PLAN-12-26

RESOLUTION NO: _____ **BY-LAW NO:** _____

Subject: Official Plan Review Status

Recommendation(s):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report PLAN-12-26 for information; and

THAT Council direct MHBC to prepare the new Official plan based on the information contained in the draft discussion paper.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan:

☒ Effective Governance

Background:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an informational update regarding the Township's Official Plan Review and update process currently underway.

Staff Comments:

Under the Ontario *Planning Act*, municipalities are required to review and update their Official Plans no less than every five years to ensure consistency with provincial policy direction and conformity with applicable upper-tier planning documents.

The Township of Cramahe commenced its Official Plan Review in tandem with the County of Northumberland Official Plan update process to ensure alignment and coordination between local and County planning policy frameworks.

To support this work, the Township retained MHBC Planning to undertake the Official Plan Review and update on behalf of the Township.

As part of the consultation process, a community visioning session was held on July 22, 2025, to gather feedback and perspectives from residents, stakeholders, and members of Council regarding the future growth and development of the Township. In addition, comments and input have been received through various public engagement opportunities, committee recommendations, and ongoing discussions throughout the review process.

Staff are providing Council with the attached Draft Official Plan Discussion Paper, as prepared by MHBC Planning, for information purposes. The Draft Official Plan Discussion Paper summarizes key themes, planning considerations, and preliminary policy directions identified through the review and consultation process to date.

Financial Implications:

The Official Plan Review is being completed within the approved project budget and consultant engagement previously authorized by Council.

Concluding Comments:

Staff are providing this report and the attached Draft Official Plan Discussion Paper for Council's information as part of the ongoing Official Plan Review process. Further updates will be provided as the project progresses toward completion.

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