

# Township of Cramahe Official Plan Review

## Visioning Session

Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

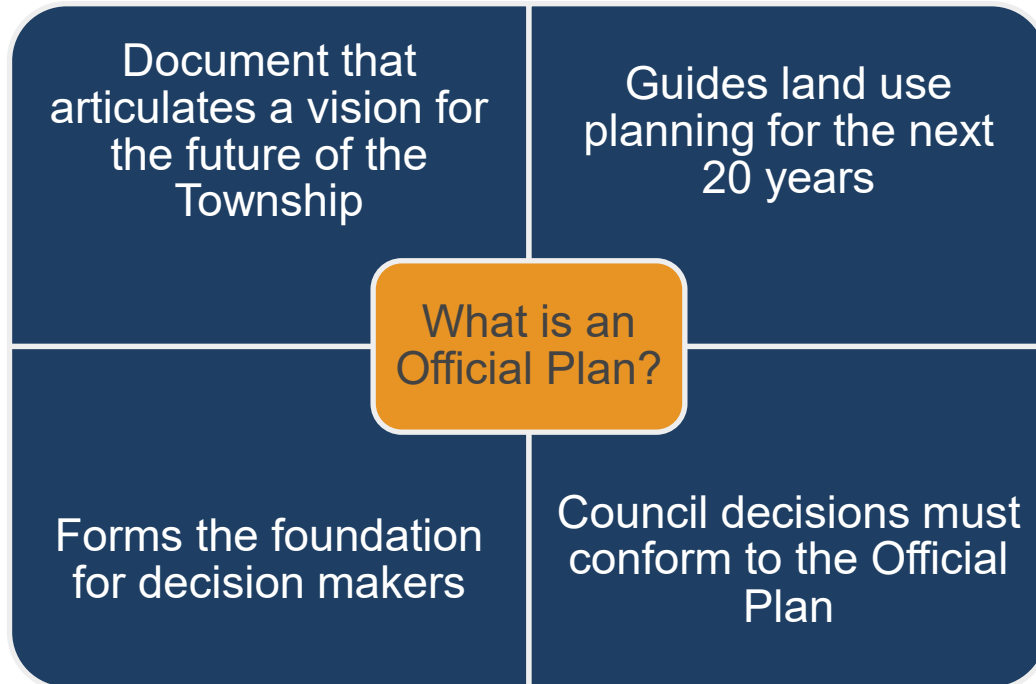


# Agenda

- 1) Background Information – Official Plan
- 2) Review Existing Official Plan
- 3) Workshop Expectations
- 4) Visioning Workshop
- 5) Next Steps



# What is an Official Plan?



# Current Official Plan

- Forms the foundation for decision makers in protecting the environment, and guiding future development, public works, and capital investment.
- Council decisions must conform to the Official Plan (parks and public works investments, land use planning applications).

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# Current Official Plan

- The current Official Plan was adopted in 1997 and approved in 1998, and has been subject to several amendments over the years.
- The *Planning Act* requires that the Official Plan be reviewed and updated to ensure it conforms to provincial and County plans, and is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement.
- New Official Plan will guide all land use planning and development decisions in the Township for the next 20 years (2046).

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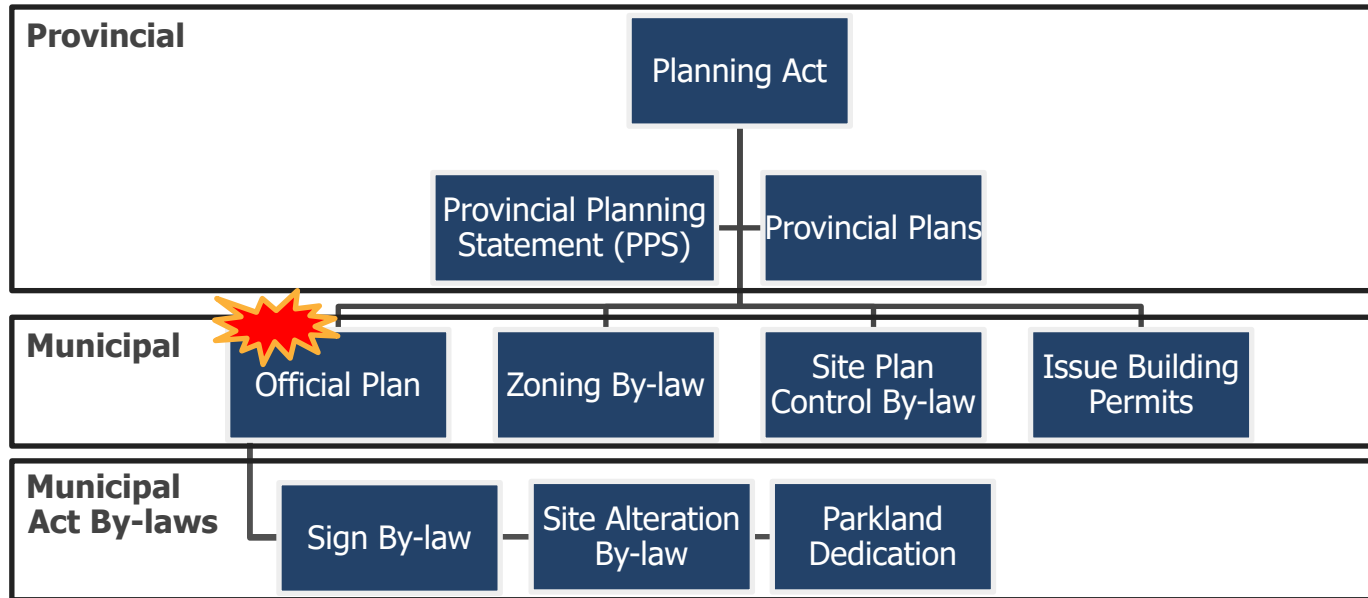
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# Why Plan?

- Protect what the community values:
  - Farmland
  - Resources
  - Clean water
  - Landscapes
  - Character of communities
  - Lifestyle
  - Economy
- Long term strategy for success of the Township.
- Future generations have an opportunity to prosper and enjoy a healthy environment.
- Planning is about recognizing the public interest and effectively managing change.

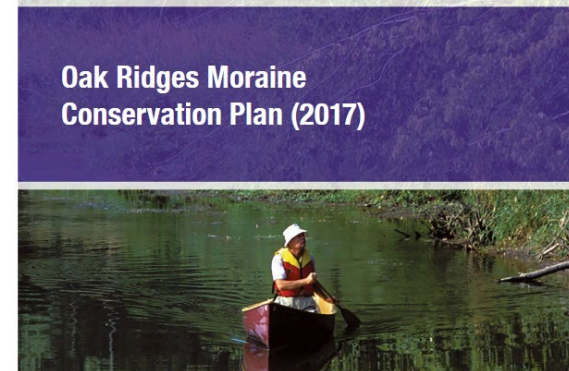
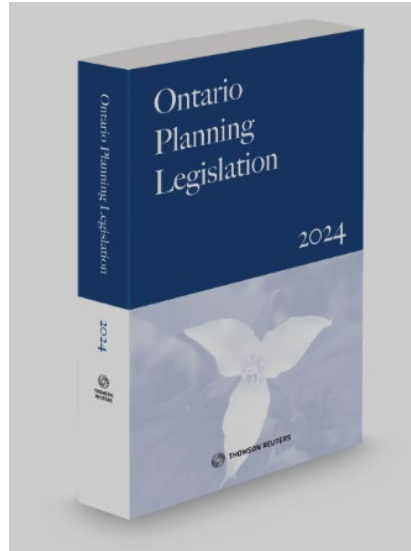


# Planning Hierarchy



# Planning Documents

Ontario *Planning Act*  
Provincial Planning Statement, 2024  
Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan





# Ontario *Planning Act*

- The *Planning Act* is the enabling legislation to control land use and land division in Ontario.
- The *Planning Act* enables the Province to create plans and policies.
- Establishes processes for municipalities to implement land use planning policy.
- Regulations under the *Planning Act* set out specific requirements for different aspects of land use planning:
  - Public consultation and appeals
  - Planning process time periods
  - Official Plans and Zoning By-laws
  - Holding By-laws and Interim Control By-laws
  - Plans of Subdivision, variances, and consents
  - Site Plan Control

# Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)

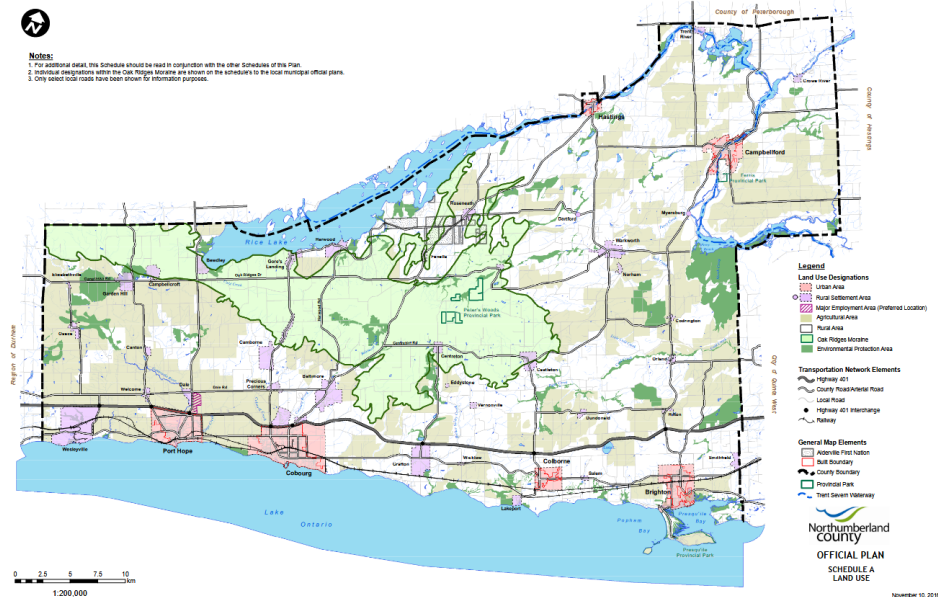
- Replaced the Provincial Policy Statement in 2024.
- Land use planning matters and decisions “shall be consistent with” the Provincial Planning Statement.
- Provides policy direction on matters relating to municipal planning that are of Provincial interest.
- Sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land.
- The Provincial Planning Statement recognizes complex inter-relationships among economic, environmental and social factors in planning and embodies good planning principles.

# Other Provincial Acts

- Numerous other Acts also play a role in planning policy and practice in Ontario:
  - Municipal Act
  - Building Code Act
  - Condominium Act
  - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
  - Aggregate Resources Act
  - Conservation Authorities Act
  - Environmental Assessment Act and Environmental Protection Act
  - ... and MORE!

# County Planning

- The County of Northumberland is the upper-tier and is responsible for the approval of the new Official Plan.
- New Official Plan must conform to the County Official Plan
- County is undertaking an Official Plan Update...good time to be updating the Cramahe Official Plan!



# Growth Forecast

- The Province and the County have completed growth forecasts for the Township.
- Majority of growth in Colborne.

## **2011 – 2041 Population Growth Forecast**

Colborne	624
Rural	389
Total Population	1,013

## **2011 – 2041 Employment Growth Forecast**

Colborne	174
Rural	109
Total Employment	283

# Township Planning

- The Township implements provincial and local planning policy and legislation through:
  - Official Plans
  - Zoning By-laws
  - Site Plan Control
  - Land Division (Consent)
  - Minor Variance

# Current Township OP Structure

- Goals and Objectives
- Land Use Policies
- The Division of Land
- Transportation
- Implementation
- Secondary Plans

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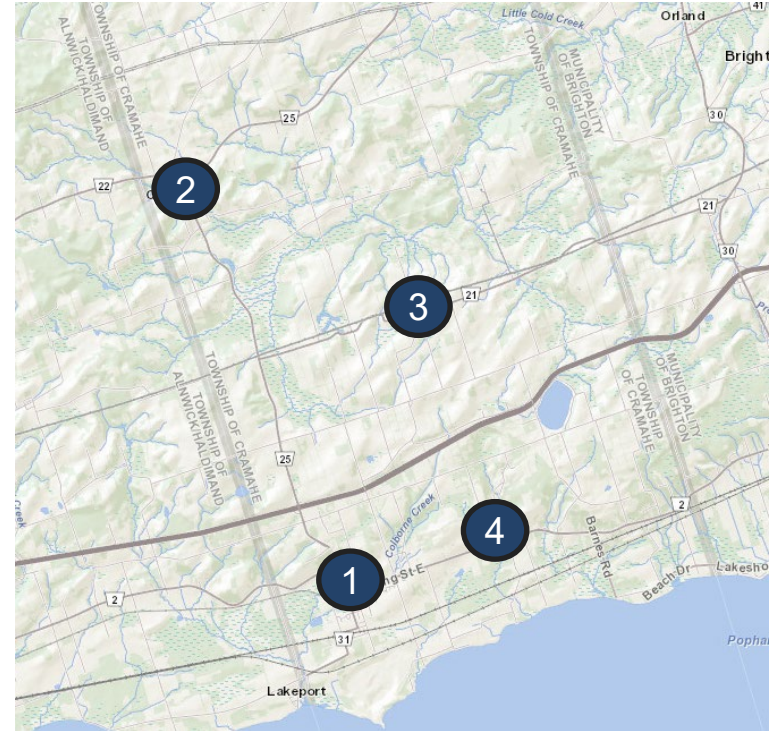
# Settlement Areas

## Urban Settlement Areas

1. Colborne

## Rural Settlement Areas

2. Castleton
3. Dundonald
4. Salem Corners





# Process and Timeline



## Phase 1

### **Background Research (Mar – Aug 2025)**

- Review background information, Provincial legislation, and plans
- Visioning workshop, open house, stakeholders meeting

## Phase 2

### **Draft Official Plan (Aug 2025 – Feb 2026)**

- Preparation of Draft Official Plan
- Statutory Public Meeting

## Phase 3

### **Final Official Plan (Feb – Apr 2026)**

- Preparation of Final Official Plan
- Adoption of Official Plan

# Visioning Session Questionnaire

It is the year 2046, your best friend asks you what you love about living in Cramahe.

**WHAT DO YOU TELL THEM?**

# Visioning Session Questionnaire

- Please use the QR code on your table to access the questionnaire.
- Hard copies also available.
- Comments can be submitted at any time to [grichards@mhbcplan.com](mailto:grichards@mhbcplan.com)

**Thank you!**

**Questions? / Comments?**

