

Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Township-Initiated Zoning By-law Update

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will be holding an in-person Statutory Public Meeting to consider a Township-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment and is notifying the public in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment:

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to update the Township's Zoning By-law. The Township Zoning By-law currently in effect is By-law No. 80-20 and By-law No. 80-21, first approved by Council in 1980. Since 1980, the Township Zoning By-laws have been amended from time to time through approval of privately initiated Zoning By-law Amendment applications and through general amendments/reviews initiated by the Township. In October 2018, a new District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved to be consistent with Provincial policies. The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to update their Zoning By-law after an update to their Official Plan. Pursuant to the *Planning Act*, this update will bring the Township Zoning By-law into conformity with the District of Manitoulin Official Plan.

Public Meeting:

A Statutory Public Meeting is scheduled for **June 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** to provide information regarding the Township-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment. The Public Meeting will be held at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON.

Location of the Subject Lands:

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment applies to all lands within the Township and therefore a key map has not been provided.

What is the Township of Assiginack Zoning By-law?

It is a By-law passed by Council to implement the District of Manitoulin Official Plan to control the use of land and the use and construction of buildings/structures. For example, it states:

- How land may be used;
- Where buildings and other structures can be located;
- The type of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used;
- The minimum and maximum lot sizes, parking requirements, building height and setbacks from a property line; and
- Other building and land use controls as deemed appropriate.

What stage is the Township at with its Zoning By-law Review?

Township Staff and the Township's Planning Consultants conducted a Public Open House on March 27, 2024. Comments received from the public at the Open House and during the subsequent commenting period have been incorporated into the second draft of the Zoning By-law as appropriate.

Representation:

Any person may participate at the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation regarding this matter. Written submissions can be sent electronically to hferguson@assiginack.ca or can be dropped at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please ensure your name and address are included as required for the public record.

Appeal Rights:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Assiginack before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Assiginack to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and 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.

Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment:

A copy of the Notice of Passing will be sent to each person who has filed with the Clerk a written request for a Notice of Passing.

Additional Information:

Additional information relating to the Zoning By-law update will be available on the Township's website on **June 4th, 2024**, or for inspection on weekdays by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please contact hferguson@assiginack.ca or call (705) 859-3196 to arrange for an appointment.

Dated at the Township of Assiginack this 29th day of May 2024.
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk