

**TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS  
NOTICE OF STATUTORY SPECIAL MEETING  
OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls will hold a virtual special meeting on **Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM** pursuant Section 26(3) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to discuss revisions that may be required to the Town's Official Plan as part of an update to the Plan. Please see below for information on how to provide comments or participate in the virtual special meeting.

The Town of Smiths Falls Official Plan 2034 outlines the goals, objectives and policies used to manage and direct change over a 20-year period and is the main policy document that guides the short term and long term development of our community. The policies of the Town's Official Plan help manage new growth and its effects on the social, economic and natural environment within the Town. The Official Plan 2034 was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on September 6, 2016.

The Planning Act requires an Official Plan be updated every five years to ensure that it: conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of provincial interest; and, is consistent with the provincial policy statements. The Town has undertaken a Land Needs Study to develop population and employment growth forecasts for the next 25 years, which will form the basis for an update to the Town's Official Plan, which is being initiated by the Town. This public meeting will enable an opportunity for the public to speak to revisions that may be required in a new or updated Official Plan for the Town. The intent of this meeting is not to discuss revisions that have been proposed, but to consider what ought to be further reviewed moving forward.

**The Official Plan update will affect all lands within the Town of Smiths Falls. No key map is provided.**

**TAKE NOTICE** any person may attend the virtual special meeting and/or make written or oral representation. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may provide written comments to the Senior Planner.

In accordance with By-law 10169-2020, this Special Meeting will be held virtually and live streamed. Any person who wishes to make oral submissions during the virtual Special Meeting must register as a delegate. To register as a delegate, persons may provide their contact information (name, address, email, and phone number) to the Senior Planner by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 31, 2023. Registered delegates will receive the necessary log-in details to the meeting. By registering as a delegate, persons are consenting to their image, voice, and comments being recorded and available for public viewing. Written submissions will also be accepted by the Senior Planner until June 19, 2023.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** relating to the Official Plan or update process can be obtained by contacting Planning staff at the coordinates below or in person at Town Hall at 77 Beckwith Street North Smiths Falls ON K7A 2B8 during regular office hours.

The Special Meeting Agenda will be available on The Town's Website on June 1, 2023. For more information, please visit [www.smithsfalls.ca](http://www.smithsfalls.ca).

**DATED AT THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.**

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