

Notice of a Public Meeting to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for On-Farm Diversified Uses and Agriculture-Related Uses

Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Amendments

The Region of Durham, in partnership with the Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge, retained a consultant, WSP Canada Inc., to undertake a North Durham Agriculture-related and On-Farm Diversified Uses Study. The purpose of the Study is to recommend policies that enable agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses. This study also looked at how approval processes can be improved to better support local agriculture and rural economic development.

The main objectives are to make it easier for farmers to grow their businesses or introduce new activities on their farms to help farmers thrive while protecting valuable farmland and environmental features for future generations.

The Township is proposing updates to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to implement the recommended policy approach that was established through the study. The proposed amendments apply to all lands in the Township of Brock, so no location map is included with this notice.

Information pertaining to the proposed amendments is available on the Township's website at: https://www.townshipofbrock.ca/building-and-business-development/planning-and-development/on-farm-diversified-uses-and-agriculture-related-uses/

The proposed amendments are also available to the public for inspection at the Township of Brock Municipal Office during regular business hours – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Public Meeting

The Council of the Township of Brock is holding a Public Meeting to provide interested parties the opportunity to learn more about the proposed amendments and make comments before any decisions are made. The amendments are still under review and no decisions will be made at this meeting. The purpose of this public meeting is to present the proposed policies and obtain comments from the public and Council. This public meeting will be held on:

Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00PM

Residents can participate in person or electronically

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting where people can attend in person in the Council Chambers at the Township offices at 1 Cameron St. E in Cannington or join the meeting electronically. Should you wish to participate electronically and speak during the meeting to provide comments, please register with the Clerk's Department in advance of the meeting by emailing clerks@brock.ca. A call-in number may also be made available.



This Council meeting can be watched live or a recording of the meeting will be posted afterwards on the Township's website. Click on the October 27th meeting date and view the video link or HTML version of the Council meeting agenda to follow along with the agenda and video at the same time. Please note the livestream video will not be available until just before the meeting starts at 6:00pm.

https://www.townshipofbrock.ca/municipal-office/mayor-and-council/council-meetings/

Should you have any questions about how to participate in the Statutory Public Meeting, please email clerks@brock.ca or call 705-432-2355 and request the clerk's department.

Comments or Questions

Any person may attend the public meeting to learn more about the proposed changes and share their thoughts. You can speak at the meeting or send written comments and questions to the Township.

Comments or questions can be provided before or after the meeting. For more information and to receive any further notifications regarding this matter, please contact:

Robin Prentice, Director of Development Services
Township of Brock
1 Cameron Street East, Cannington, ON L0E 1E0
705-432-2355 ext.235 or robin.prentice@brock.ca

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of Brock on the proposed amendments, you must make a written request to the Township at the contact information noted above or planning@brock.ca.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Brock to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Brock before the by-laws are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision; and the person or public body 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.

Personal information from those that make either an oral or written submission on the proposed amendments is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will become part of the public record for this application.

If you have accessibility needs and require alternate formats or other accommodations, please contact Township Clerk's Office by telephone at 705-432-2355 or by email at clerks@brock.ca.

Dated at the Township of Brock on October 6, 2025