



**The Corporation of the Township of Hamilton**

**By-law Number 2024-19**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT AMENDMENT NO. 13, TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON.**

**WHEREAS** the Planning Act, Sections 17 and 21, permit the Township of Hamilton to adopt an Official Plan Amendment; and

**WHEREAS** Sections 17(19.3), 34(14.3) and 28(5.2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended; provides that Council can approve alternate measures for informing the public with respect to amendments to the Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law and for designation of a Community Improvement Plan;

**WHEREAS** the Township of Hamilton has determined that alternative measures for informing the public are required;

**WHEREAS** Amendment No. 13 to the Official Plan of the Township of Hamilton has been considered and recommended for adoption by Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton;

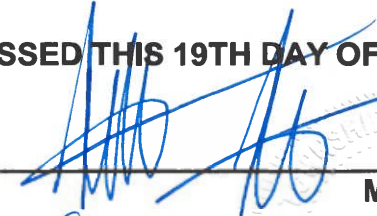
**WHEREAS** a Public Meeting on the proposed amendment has been held pursuant to the requirements of Section 17 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 c.P. 13 as amended;

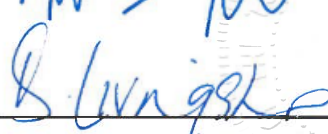
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, enacts as follows:

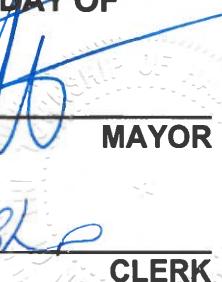
1. Amendment No. 13 to the Township of Hamilton Official Plan, is adopted, in accordance with the provisions of 17(19.3), 34(14.3) and 28(5.2) Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
2. The Clerk is authorized and directed to make application to the County of Northumberland for approval of Amendment No. 13 to the Township of Hamilton.
3. The Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of adoption of the Amendment No. 13 to the Township of Hamilton in accordance with the Planning Act.
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the final passing thereof.

**THIS BY-LAW READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

**THIS BY-LAW READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

  
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MAYOR

  
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CLERK



## **SCHEDULE A**

### **Amendment No. 13 to the Official Plan of the Township of Hamilton**

The attached explanatory text constitutes Amendment No. 13 to the Official Plan of the Township of Hamilton which was adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton by By-law No. 2024-19 in accordance with Sections 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, on the 19 day of March 2024.

Official Plan Amendment No. 13 is subject to approval by the County of Northumberland pursuant to Section 17(9) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 and Ontario Regulation 525/97, amended to O. Reg 45/01. The decision of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland is final pursuant to Section 17(27) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 if no appeals are received against Official Plan Amendment No. 13 within the time allowed for appeal, in accordance with the requirements of Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

The Constitutional Statement

**Part A** – The Preamble does not constitute part of this amendment.

**Part B** – The Amendment, consisting of the following text and attachments constitutes Amendment No. 13 of the Township of Hamilton Official Plan.

**Part C** – Appendices do not form part of this Amendment. These appendices contain the record of the public involvement associated with the Amendment.

## PART A PREAMBLE

### Introduction to the Amendment

The purpose of this Amendment is to incorporate Alternative Notice Provisions into the Township of Hamilton Official Plan. Sections 17(19.3), 28(5.2) and 34(14.3) of The *Planning Act* allows municipalities to include alternative notice provisions for the consideration of the new official plans, community improvement plans and zoning by-laws and amendments thereto, in their municipal Official Plan. Historically, the adoption of a new Official Plan or Zoning By-law or an amendment to one of those documents was advertised in a local newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality as required by the *Planning Act*. Print newspapers in this area have ceased production and there is no longer a newspaper having general circulation within the Township of Hamilton. The other option provided in the *Planning Act* is the delivery of the required public notice by mail to all property owners within the Township. The adoption of a new Official Plan or Zoning By-law or a general amendment to either of those documents would have to be mailed to all property owners at a great expense to the Township. Therefore, the Township is adopting these alternative notice provisions for providing notice to Township residents regarding planning applications which affect a large area or for which posting a sign is not practical.

The alternative notice provisions will require the Township to create and maintain a Planning Public Notification Registry to which residents can register and they will receive an e-mail containing the public notice for planning applications in the Municipality. Public notices will also be posted at the Municipal Office, and they will be posted on the Township's social media sites.

## PART B - THE AMENDMENT

### “Details of the Amendment

That Section 13 – Implementation is amended with the addition of the following new subsection:

13.14 Alternate Notice Provisions for Planning Act Applications (Official Plans, Community Improvement Plans and Zoning By-laws or amendments to an Official Plan, Community Improvement Plan and Zoning By-law)

If the proposed amendment, plan or by-law affects a large area or the posting of an on-site notice is, for whatever reason, not appropriate, instead of using the notification provisions provided in the *Planning Act*, the Municipality may give notification in accordance with the following:

- a) Sent by e-mail to all individuals who have registered on the Township’s planning notification portal;
- b) Posting the notice on the Township’s website;
- c) Posting the notice at the Township Municipal Office;
- d) Posting the notice at the Township Library Branches in Gores Landing and Bewdley;
- e) Posting the notice on the Township’s social media pages.”