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Notice of Non-Statutory Public Meeting and Open House **Re: Proposed Amendments to Site Alteration and Fill By-Law, And** **Proposed Tree Conservation By-Law**

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

Township of Severn is considering updates to the Township's municipal-wide Site Alteration and Fill By-law (**2011-23, as amended**), in tandem with the development of a new, site-specific, Tree Conservation By-law, in accordance with Sections 135 and 142 of the **Municipal Act**, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. Information from members of the public will help guide and inform the development of the proposed by-laws.

Draft Site Alteration and Fill By-law

The draft Site Alteration and Fill By-law is proposed to continue to apply to all lands within the Township of Severn.

Draft Tree Conservation By-law

The draft Tree Conservation By-law is proposed to cover the entire Township of Severn and apply to the following lands within the Township:

- (a) All lands within 60 metres of a navigable waterway if:
 - i. The lands are located within the Shoreline Residential designation in the **Official Plan**;
 - ii. The lands are located within the Greenland, Natural Heritage or Environmental Protection Area designations in the **Official Plan**;
- (b) All lands on islands;
- (c) All lands zoned Environmental Protection in the Township Zoning By-law (**2010-65, as amended**).




HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Severn will be conducting a **non-statutory Public Meeting** and **Open House** to seek comments and feedback from members of the public. **A decision will NOT be**

made at the Meeting or Open House. Details regarding opportunities to participate are included below.

Meeting #1: Public Meeting

Severn will be hosting a non-statutory Public meeting in front of members of the **Planning and Development Committee** (consisting of Township Council) at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2024. The non-statutory Public Meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, with options to participate in the meeting as follows.

 <p>Attend remotely with a computer or mobile device via Zoom. Please register in advance by emailing planning@severn.ca or call 705-325-2315 x246.</p>	 <p>Watch or stream the meeting online. You can access the link to the livestream on the Township's website or on our YouTube channel.</p>	 <p>Attend the meeting in person. Please register in advance by emailing planning@severn.ca or call 705-325-2315 x246.</p>
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If you feel you are unable to adequately participate by one of the above methods, please contact planning staff to discuss additional options.

Meeting #2: In-person Open House

Severn will also be hosting an in-person Open House to invite members of the public to ask questions and seek additional information regarding the proposal from the Township's Planning Consultants from MHBC Planning, Azimuth Environmental, and Township staff. The Open House is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 20, 2024 and will be held in Council Chambers at the Township of Severn Administration Office (**1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn**).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Any person is also welcome to **submit written comments** to planning@severn.ca or the physical mailing address at the top of this Notice at any time before Council makes a decision on these matters. Copies of the draft by-laws will be available in advance of the Public Meeting and Open House as a part of the March 20, 2024,

Planning and Development Committee meeting agenda that will be published on the **Township's website (severn.ca)**. The by-laws will be available for inspection by appointment between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Administration Office (**1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn**) after the release of the March 20 agenda package. A map will be made available at the Public Meeting and Open House illustrating the lands where the Tree Conservation By-law is proposed to apply.

NEXT STEPS:

A decision will NOT be made by Council at the Public Meeting or Open House. At a future date, once staff has been able to review all public comments received, the Township's consultants from MHBC Planning and Azimuth Environmental, together with staff will report back to the **Planning and Development Committee** to receive further direction.

To monitor the status of this project, you may wish to subscribe to receive email updates for the Planning and Development Committee and/or other meetings that may be of interest to you on the **Council portal**.

TOWNSHIP CONTACT:

For more information about this matter contact **planning@severn.ca** or 705-325-2315 x246.

Information and comments will be collected under the authority of the **Municipal Act**. Information collected will be used and managed by the Township of Severn in accordance with the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** for general municipal operations. If you require additional information, please view our **Freedom of Information and Routine Disclosure Policy**.

Dated at the Township of Severn this **28** day of **February 2024**.