

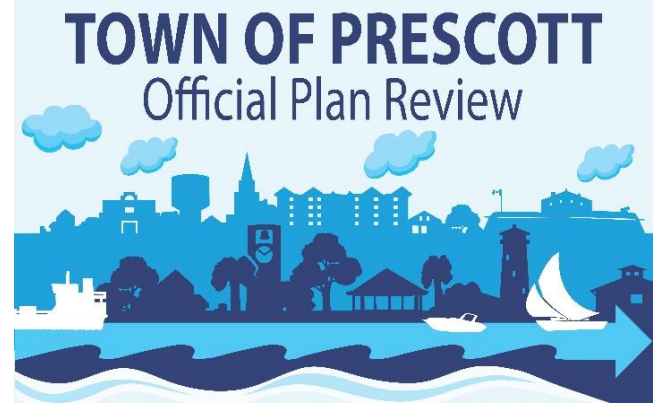


Comprehensive Official Plan Review

Statutory Public Meeting
June 27, 2022
6:00 pm

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Project Planner



Purpose of Today's Public Meeting



- Statutory Public Meeting under the Planning Act
- To share how public input has been considered throughout the process
- To discuss key changes proposed to the Final Draft Official Plan (June 2022)
- To obtain additional input into the Final Draft Official Plan (June 2022)

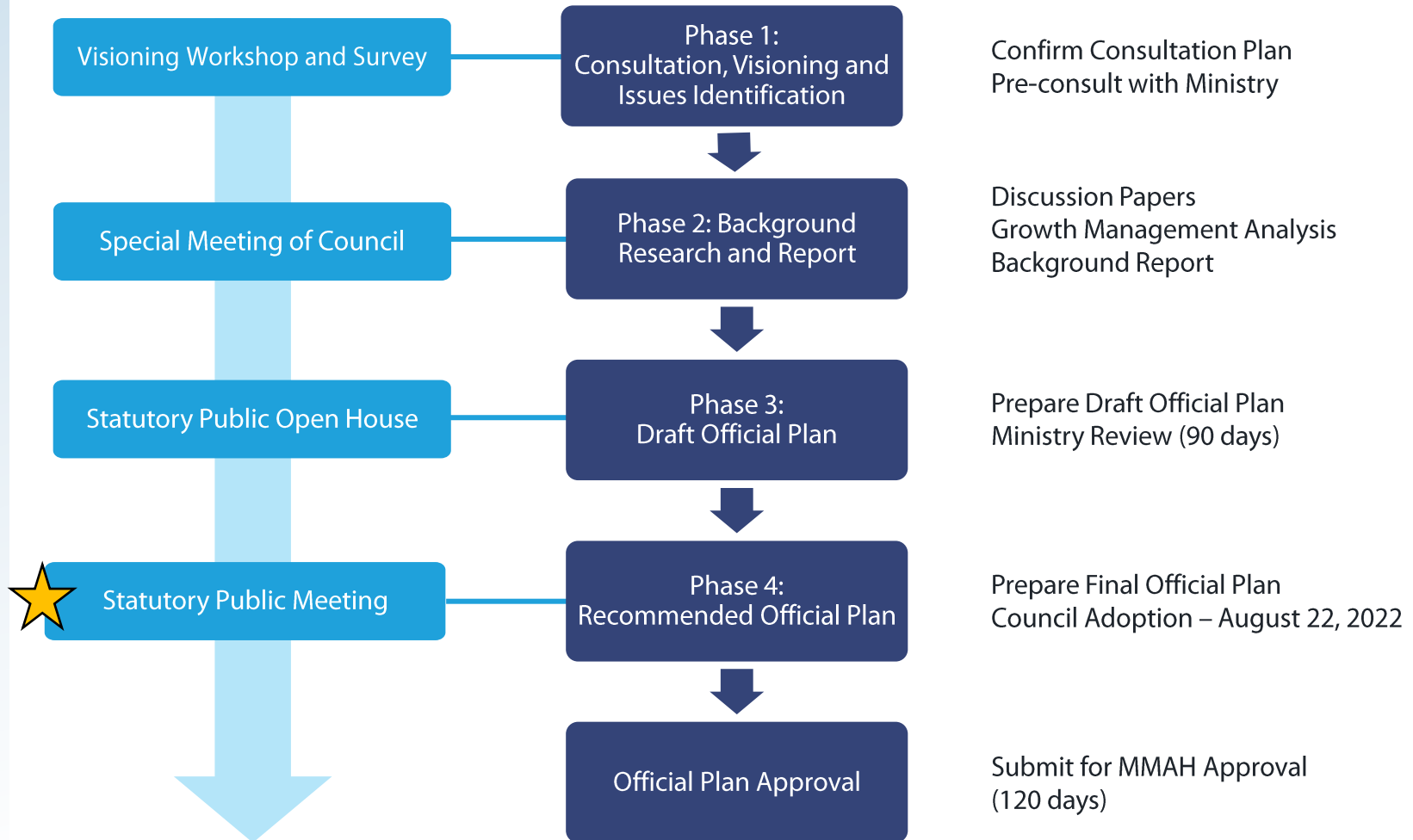
Project Process



Public Engagement Events

Official Plan Review Phases

Key Activities



Summary of Community and Indigenous Engagement to Date

- October 2020: Online Public Visioning Survey and Economic Development Survey
- April 12, 2021: Special Economic Development Council Meeting
- April 25, 2022: Statutory Public Open House

159 Public Survey Responses



90+ video views



April 25, 2022 Statutory Public Open House

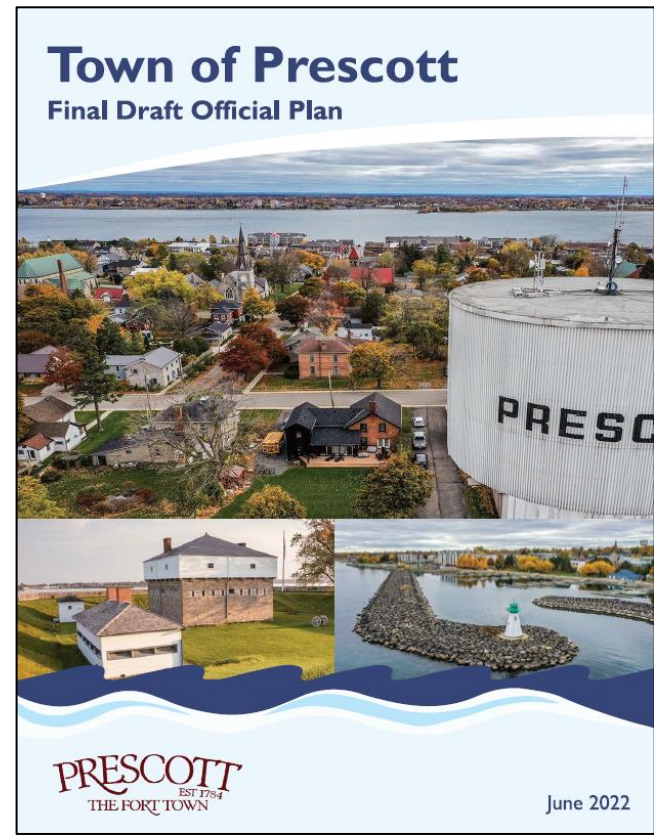


Summary of Key Proposed Changes

Final Draft Official Plan (June 2022)

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The Final Draft Official Plan is available for review on the Town's website [here](#).





Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

New Document Format

- Deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~; additions are shown in **grey highlights**
- A more user-friendly document and organization of policies
 - Section 1 Introduction to Official Plan
 - Section 2 General Land Use Policies
 - Section 3 Land Use Designations
 - **Section 4 Natural Heritage, Cultural Heritage, and Development Constraints**
 - Section 5 Community Services and Transportation
 - Section 6 Implementation
 - Section 7 Schedules and Appendix



Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

New Sub-Sections

- Growth Management (Section 1.5.1)
- Accessory Uses, Buildings or Structures (Section 2.1)
- Compatibility and Built Form (Section 2.2)
- Short Term Rentals (Section 2.5.2.6)
- Tiny Homes (Section 2.5.2.10)
- Urban Agriculture (Section 2.8)
- Indigenous Engagement (Section 6.3)
- Community Benefits Charge (Section 6.5.2.1)

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes



Growth Management Analysis

- In February 2020, Hemson Consulting Ltd. undertook a Growth Management and Vacant Lands Analysis.
- The analysis assessed whether the supply of vacant residential and employment within the Settlement Area is sufficient to accommodate anticipated residential and employment growth to the planning horizon year of 2039 under various growth scenarios.
- The Final Draft Official Plan maintains the current Settlement Area Boundary, as there is sufficient land to meet demand to the year 2039.

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes



Active Transportation

The Final Draft Official Plan policies promote active transportation in the Town by:

- Considering the future completion of an Active Transportation Master Plan.
- Encouraging the new development or redevelopment to consider active transportation connections.
- Enabling the Town to consider requiring the dedication of lands for active transportation (e.g. pedestrian pathways)



Source: Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes



Wayfinding

- The Final Draft Official Plan supports wayfinding and directional signage to added, including the ability of the Town to undertake the creation of a Wayfinding Strategy.
- Wayfinding added as a potential strategy to direct people to tourism related services.

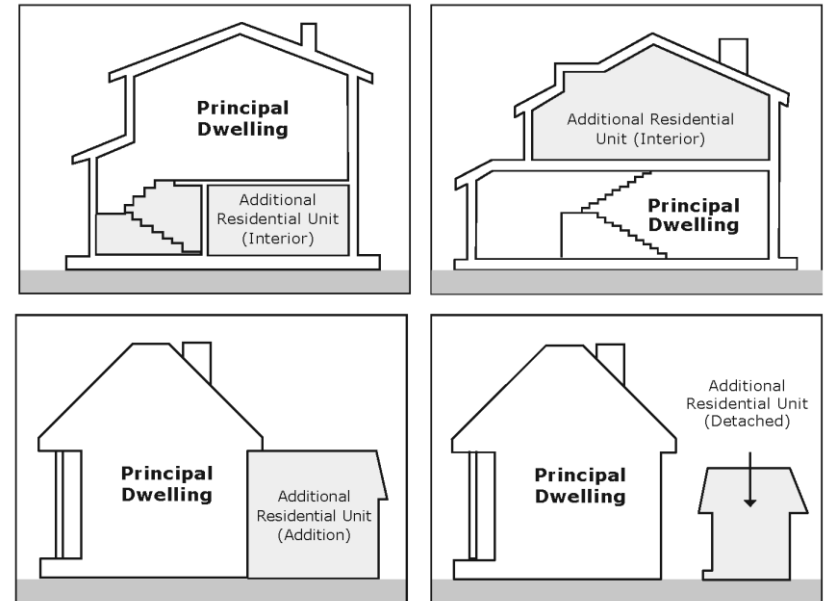
Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Housing

Additional Residential Units (ARUs)

Additional Residential Units (ARUs) are self-contained residential units.

- The Final Draft Official Plan permits two (2) ARUs per lot containing a single-detached, semi-detached or townhouse dwelling.



Source: WSP

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Housing

Tiny Homes

Tiny Homes are self-contained residential units with private kitchen, bathroom facilities and sleeping areas that are generally less than 37 m² (400 ft²) and are intended for year-round use.

- The Final Draft Official Plan permits tiny homes as primary dwelling units or ARUs on the same lot as a single-detached, semi-detached or townhouse dwelling.



Source: MMAH, 2019





Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Tourism, Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization

Mixed-Uses

- The Final Draft Official Plan emphasizes the provision of mixed-use development in the Downtown Core, including retail and commercial services located along Mainstreets.

Commercial Lodging and Accommodations

- The Final Draft Official Plan polices support commercial lodgings throughout the Town, including within the Highway Commercial designation.

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Tourism, Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization

Ability to Establish an Economic Development and Tourism Committee

Town Branding

- The Final Draft Official Plan polices support enhancing Town branding as a method of attracting investment to the Town



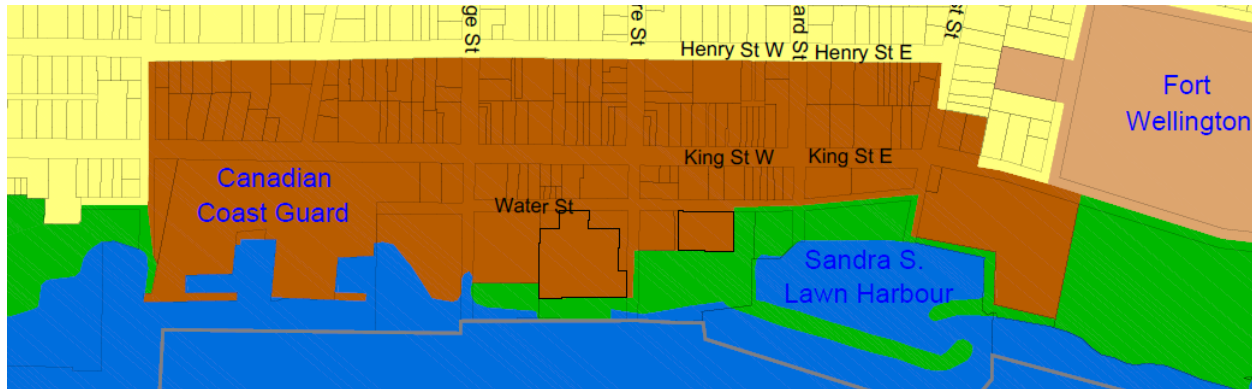
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Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes



Expansion of the Downtown Core Land Use Designation

Previous Downtown Core Designation Boundary
(Schedule A, Town of Prescott Draft Official Plan, March 2022)



Expanded Downtown Core Designation Boundary
(Schedule A, Town of Prescott Final Draft Official Plan, June 2022)



Final Draft Official Plan

Key Changes

Urban Agriculture



The Draft Official Plan proposes to permit community gardens and roof top gardens in the following designations:

- Downtown Core
- General Commercial
- Residential
- R-1 Special Policy Area
- Institutional
- Parks and Open Space



Source: Take Action Burlington, 2016

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes



Indigenous Engagement Community Engagement Strategy

The Final Draft Official Plan includes the preparation of a Community Engagement Strategy in consultation with local Indigenous Communities.

New Consultation Requirements

- Cultural heritage and archaeological studies;
- Consultation prior to approval of Official Plan Amendments or Site Plans where an Archaeological Assessment has identified the potential for encountering Indigenous artifacts;
- Input and possible participation in Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments.

Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Natural and Cultural Heritage

Natural Heritage

The Final Draft Official Plan proposes new policies to mitigate potential environmental impacts from proposed development on the following, as shown in Schedule C:

- Wetlands;
- Woodlands; and
- Wildlife Habitat, including Fish Habitat and Endangered Species.



Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Natural and Cultural Heritage

Archaeological Resources

The Final Draft Official Plan proposes policies for archaeological resources, including artifacts and marine archaeological sites.

- Known archaeological sites would be protected from alterations, unless otherwise permitted under the Ontario Heritage Act.
- Engaging with Indigenous communities is identified as a method of considering their interests while identifying, protecting and managing archaeological resources.



Final Draft Official Plan Key Changes

Natural and Cultural Heritage

Environmental Protection

- The Final Draft Official Plan includes new goals added regarding maintaining the ecological integrity of the natural heritage and to provide tools to assess development applications in proximity to environmentally sensitive areas.
- A policy has been added to require the inclusion of native plantings as part of development applications.





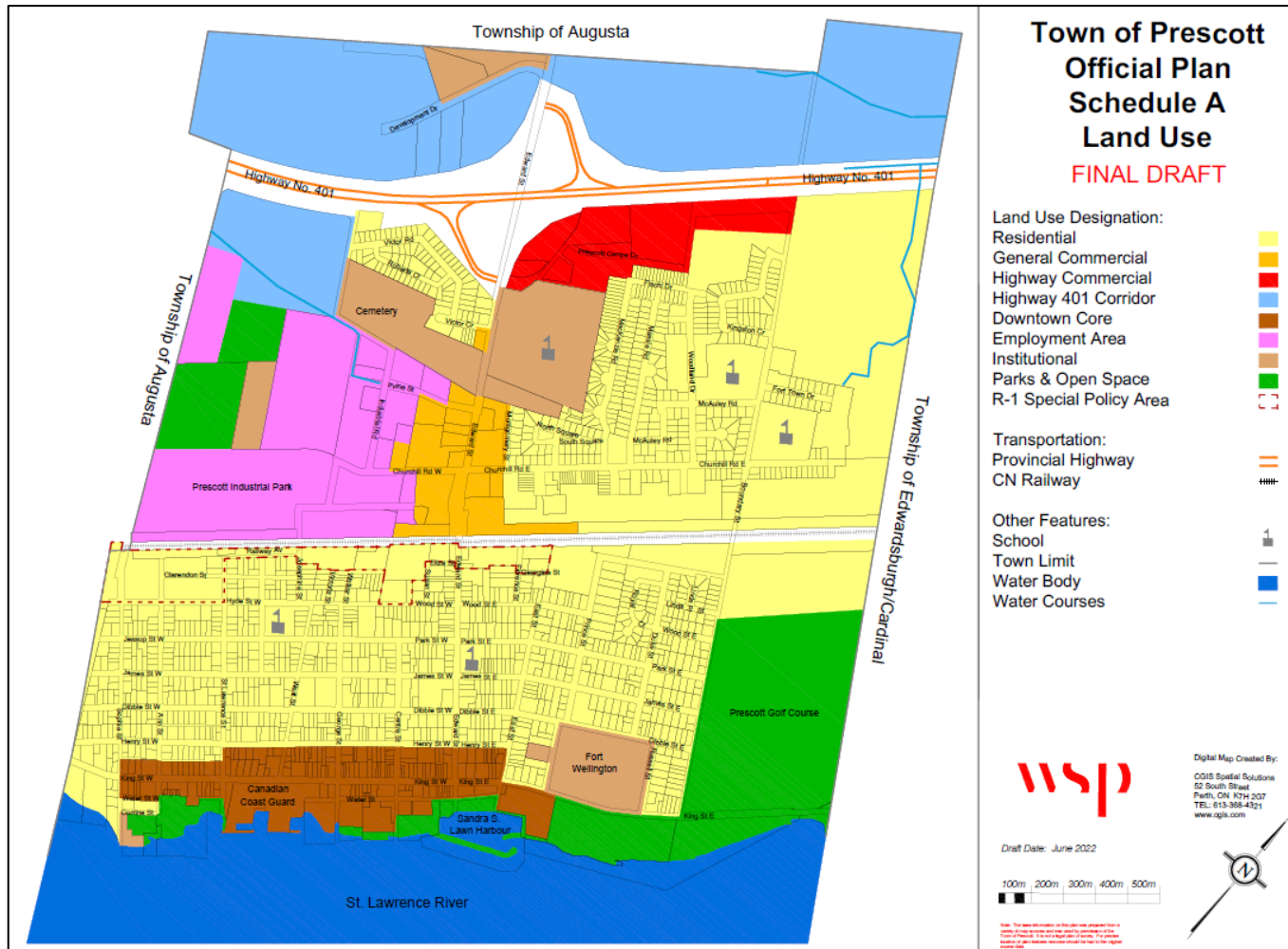
Official Plan Schedules (Maps)

The Final Draft Official Plan includes five Land Use Schedules, as follows:

- Schedule A – Land Use
- Schedule B – Transportation, Servicing and Source Water Protection
- Schedule C – Natural Heritage and Natural Hazards
- Schedule D – Mineral Aggregate Resources and Human-made Hazards
- Schedule E – Wildland Fire Hazard Areas

Official Plan Schedules (Maps)

Schedule A - Land Use





Next Steps

- **Ongoing: Continued community review and input**
 - [Town's website](#)
 - Town Office (360 Dibble Street, Prescott)
- **July 2022** – Preparation of Final Official Plan
- **August 22, 2022** – Council Adoption
- **Late August 2022** – Town Submission of the Final Official Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for Approval
 - MMAH has up to 120 days to review and approve the Final Official Plan.
- **December 2022 (estimated)** – Provincial Approval



Thank you!

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