



## Town of Marathon Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review

### Notice of Public Open House – August 19, 2025

The Town of Marathon is undertaking an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review, as well as a Housing Needs Assessment. The Review process will result in a new Official Plan and Zoning By-law, which will replace the Town's existing Official Plan and Zoning By-law that were both approved in 2016.

A municipal Official Plan is a land use planning policy document adopted by Council under the Ontario Planning Act. It must reflect and be consistent with matters of provincial interest, and guides long-term land use planning, growth, and development in the Town. The Town is reviewing and updating its Official Plan to ensure that the objectives and policies remain current and relevant to meet local needs, and to meet the requirements of the Planning Act, the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, and other provincial policies and regulations. The Zoning By-law will be updated to conform with and implement the new Official Plan through detailed regulations for development, such as lot and building requirements.

The Town is also undertaking a Housing Needs Assessment to support the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review and to address Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) requirements. It will provide an overview of the current state of the community, including current challenges and barriers to accessing appropriate housing, as well as housing needs and opportunities to meet future demand.

### You're invited to participate in a Public Open House!

**When:** Tuesday August 19, 2025 – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A presentation will be given at 5:15 pm.

**Location:** Council Chambers, Town Hall, 4 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON P0T 2E0

**Format:**

- The Town's project consultant, WSP, will present an overview of the project process, work plan, community engagement opportunities, and highlights from the Draft Background Report and the Draft Housing Needs Assessment;
- "Come and Go" session where attendees may ask questions of Town staff and WSP; and
- Visioning activities on the Town's future development and planning issues that will be considered as part of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review.

The Town invites community members to attend the Public Open House to learn more and share your thoughts on how Marathon should grow and develop over the next 25 years.



**The Draft Background Report and Draft Housing Needs Assessment, prepared in August 2025, are now available for review on the Town project webpage at <https://www.marathon.ca/business-and-development/projects/>.**

Comments on the Draft Reports are kindly requested by August 29, 2025, and can be submitted to Tim Allen, CBO, Town of Marathon at the contact information below.

Input received at the Public Open House and on the Draft Reports will be reviewed by the project team and used to finalize the Background and Housing Needs Assessment Reports, which will be published in late Summer 2025, as well as the development of policy directions and recommendations for the Draft Official Plan. Additional community engagement events will be held further in the project process.

For more information related to the Town of Marathon Official Plan and Zoning By-law process, as well as the Housing Needs Assessment, please visit the Town's project webpage at: <https://www.marathon.ca/business-and-development/projects/>

To provide comments, please contact:

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Dated at the Town of Marathon this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.