



Administrative Report

To: Warden MacDonald and Members of Essex County Council

From: Rebecca Belanger, MCIP, RPP, Manager, Planning Services

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Subject: Summary of Public Comments OPA 8 - 720-730 Mersea Road 8, Municipality of Leamington

Report #: 2025-0618-IPS-R14-RB

Purpose

To summarize the comments received at the public meeting regarding the Official Plan Amendment (OPA) to amend the Secondary Settlement Area for the subject lands described as 720 and 730 Mersea Road 8, in the Municipality of Leamington and to recommend adoption of the associated by-law.

Background

The statutory public meeting was held at County Council on June 4th, 2025 which summarized the proposed application seeking to amend the County's Official Plan from Secondary Settlement Area to Agriculture in the County's OP and sought public and agency feedback.

In preparation for the public meeting, notice of the public meeting was posted on the property along with circulation to neighbours as required by the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13*. The notice was also sent to all required agencies, the municipality, and the applicant, with the proposed opportunity, that anyone interested would submit comments in writing and/or attend the public meeting.

Discussion

No comments from the public were received regarding Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No. 8. Correspondence was received from the Essex Region Conservation Authority that was summarized in the report to County Council on June 4, 2025.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from the approval of this Official Plan Amendment. The costs associated with advertising the Notice of Public Meeting are covered by the application fee paid by the Applicant.

Consultations

The Notice of Public Meeting was circulated to neighbours, agencies and other departments, and a sign was posted on the property, in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13* and associated regulations.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Working as Team Essex County	Growing as Leaders in Public Service Excellence	Building a Regional Powerhouse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Scaling Sustainable Services through Innovation<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Focusing "Team Essex County" for Results<input type="checkbox"/> Advocating for Essex County's Fair Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Being an Employer with Impact<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Government Working for the People<input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Transparency and Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Providing Reliable Infrastructure for Partners<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting Dynamic and Thriving Communities Across the County<input type="checkbox"/> Harmonizing Action for Growth<input type="checkbox"/> Advancing Truth and Reconciliation

Recommendation

That Essex County Council receive report number 2025-0618-IPS-R14-RB, Summary of Public Comments OPA 8 720-730 Mersea Road 8, as information and that By-law 2025-26 being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment number 8 be approved at the appropriate time.

Approvals

Respectfully Submitted,

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Concurred With,

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Sandra Zwiers, MAcc, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix	Title
A	Report to County Council, June 4, 2025 public meeting to consider, OPA 8, 720-730 Mersea Road 8, Municipality of Leamington. https://coe.escribemeetings.com/_layouts/escribe/pages/landing.aspx?action=report&Id=1841