

County of Bruce Draft Official Plan

Kincardine Council
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Structure

- Part 1: Vision and Guiding Principles
- Part 2: Growth Management
- Part 3: County-wide Policies
- Part 4: Land Use Designations
- Part 5: Implementation Policies
- Part 6: Site Specific Policies (carried over from current plan)

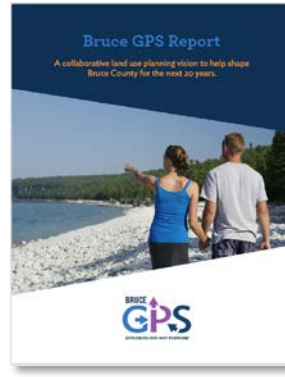
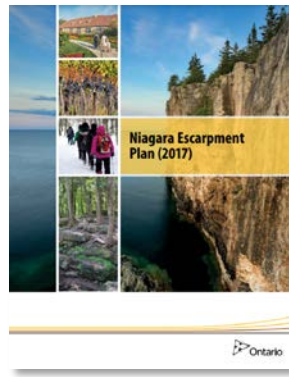
Reviewing the Plan

- Grey Highlighted Text has already been adopted by Council. Underlined text within grey highlighted areas are additions and strikethrough are deletions.
- “Did You Know” boxes will be provided for informational purposes, but do not form part of the Official Plan. These can be updated to keep information current.

Context for the Bruce County Official Plan



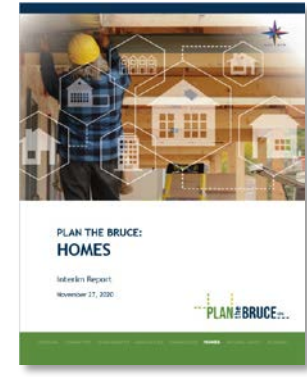
Provincial Plans and Policies



Bruce GPS Report



Land Use Service Delivery Review Report



Eight (8) Discussion Papers

New Bruce County Official Plan

Additional Resources - Policy Directions Matrix

What's In:

- Broader permitted uses for Industrial and Commercial Uses on Farms (Part 2 Land Use Designations, 2.3 Countryside Areas)
- References to Economic Development Strategy (Part 3 Implementation, 3.4 Economic Development)
- Permit a wider range of housing types (Part 1, 1.2 Housing)
- Transportation Master Plan Recommendations
- Promoting and protecting a sustainable community
- Indigenous Engagement
- Growth Management
 - Municipal Servicing infrastructure
 - Maintaining a distinct settlement area structure
 - Planning for permanent and seasonal population growth

What's Not In:

- Changes to be more permissive for Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances (Due to Provincial Direction)
- Allowing New Residential Lots in Woodlands in the Prime Agricultural Area (Due to Provincial Direction)
- Steps to a transit network/ transit system (Generally Transit Supportive)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles (Refer to Local Plans and Guidelines)
- Introducing a community planning permit system focused on heritage preservation (Included high-level enabling policies)

*This is not a complete analysis of policy recommendations prepared for Bruce County.

New Provincial Planning Statement (1/2)

| Provincial Planning Statement Change | Draft Official Plan |
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| Population and employment growth forecasts based on Ontario Population Projections by the Ministry of Finance | Current projections are from 2021, Province approved these projections August 23, 2024. |
| Official Plans to meet land needs for "at least 20 years, but not more than 30 years" was previously "up to 25 years" | No change required; Official Plan defines the 'planning horizon' as "to the year 2046". |
| Settlement area expansions no longer require municipal comprehensive reviews | No change required. Provincial modifications to Growth Management Amendment addressed conformity. |
| Planning Authorities are encouraged to identify and focus growth and development in <i>strategic growth areas</i> | Opportunity to identify <i>strategic growth areas</i> "for accommodating intensification and higher density mixed uses in a more compact built form." Currently, forecasted growth is directed to Primary Urban Communities, Secondary Urban Communities and Hamlet Communities. |

New Provincial Planning Statement (2/2)

| Provincial Planning Statement Change | Draft Official Plan |
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| Changes to the criteria for removing land from <i>employment areas</i> (employment land conversions) | No change required; Bruce Official Plan, Section 4.1.1.3 (3) "The removal of lands from employment areas to permit other uses will occur only in accordance with provincial direction." |
| Protection of employment uses in <i>employment areas</i> from <i>development</i> that could impact long-term economic viability | No change required; Bruce Official Plan, Section 4.1.1.3 (1) "Employment areas will be identified and protected in accordance with provincial direction." |
| Planning Authorities are encouraged to collaborate with school boards to meet current and future needs | Opportunity to mention. |
| Natural Heritage System | Policies largely unchanged from 2014 PPS – Draft Plan maps a system with components as required by PPS. |
| Municipalities are encouraged to undertake <i>watershed planning</i> | Opportunity to include a <i>watershed planning</i> framework; required for provincially identified <i>large and fast-growing municipalities</i> . |

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New Draft Plan and Schedules

Current Engagement and Consultation Schedule*



* Risks to the Timeline

- If public engagement results in a need for significant revisions the timeline may be impacted.

Your Input Matters

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Thank You

