

# Staff Report to Council

**Title:** Proposed Mapping Bruce County OP

**Report Number:** Development Services-2024-29

**Director:** Infrastructure & Development

**Manager:** Development Services

**Meeting Date:**  
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

**Date to be considered by Council:**  
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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## Recommendation:

That Council endorse the recommended proposed changes to the County Official Plan through the proposed mapping updates as contained within Report Development Services-2024-29; and

That staff be directed to share the local Council endorsement with Bruce County for its consideration.

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## Executive Summary:

Staff from the County of Bruce have been working towards an updated Official Plan. On October 9th Council received a presentation from County Planning Staff highlighting the proposed updates. Within the updates, there is amended mapping with proposed additions and deletions throughout the Municipal boundary. Staff are in support of the recommended proposed adjustments and are requesting Council endorsement of the considered changes.

## Strategic Priorities:

A.2-Improve investment readiness

## Financial Considerations:

Nil

## Policy:

N/A

## **Context and Background Information:**

The County of Bruce has been working to prepare a new Official Plan to guide growth and development across the County to 2046. These efforts include updates to existing policy to align with the changes to the Provincial Planning Statement, and new schedules (maps). Specifically related to Kincardine, a review of our existing Boundary mapping was completed with Municipal and County staff.

The County is proposing several updates to better align our needs related to development proposals, landowner requests and overall staff dialogue between Kincardine and the County. In general, the updates would allow for future growth in areas being considered through draft plans of subdivision or align with other probable development lands. There are sites situated in both Tiverton and Kincardine that were deemed as low potential for development and settlement areas can be reallocated to lands that are better positioned to support more immediate growth considerations and opportunities.

Staff are requesting Council consideration and endorsement of the proposed mapping changes appended to this report to show County Council support at the local level for the changes being considered.

## **Consultation Overview:**

Staff from the County of Bruce met with and reviewed existing boundary maps with Municipal staff for the updated maps appended to the report.

## **Origin:**

County of Bruce Draft Official Plan

## **Implementation Considerations:**

The County will need to continue to advance their update to their Official Plan. Municipal staff would support the County as their update moves forward, and work with the County to update the local Official Plan and Zoning by-law to implement the new County Official Plan.

## **Risk Analysis:**

Should land not be considered as we build out our current inventory, we could run short on overall development lands over time or have lands designated in areas for growth that are not seen as more near-term opportunities. Additionally, some lands are situated to support areas such as Bruce Power and amenities throughout the community and the mapping updates better position the community to support those needs.

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**Attachments:** BCOP Settlement Boundary Adjustments  
Kincardine Adjustments

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