

Township of Woolwich

Special Council Meeting

Our Planning Team



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Today's Agenda

- Today's Meeting – Section 26 Special Council Meeting
- Official Plans and their Role
- Why did the Township Initiate an Official Plan Review?
- Regional Official Plan Highlights
- Changes to your Official Plan
- Community Engagement
- Establishing a Community, Vision, Goals and Objectives

Today's Meeting

The Ontario *Planning Act*, Section 26.3

Consultation and special meeting

(3) Before revising the official plan under subsection (1), the council shall,

(a) consult with the approval authority and with the prescribed public bodies with respect to the revisions that may be required; and

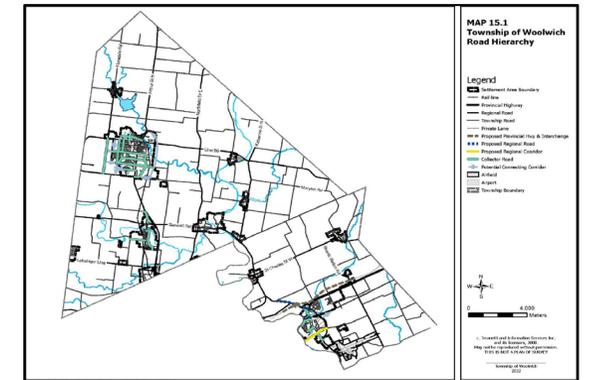
(b) hold a special meeting of council, open to the public, to discuss the revisions that may be required. 2006, c. 23, s. 13.

Official Plans and their Role

- ✓ Identify policies and objectives to guide physical development of lands within the Township of Woolwich
- ✓ Provide details on how and where the community will grow
- ✓ Address how upper level plans will be implemented (e.g. Region of Waterloo)
- ✓ Implemented by the Zoning By-law, Subdivision and Site Plan Control through Capital Budgets add other by-laws and municipal activities

Official Plan – The Document

- Comprised of Text and Mapping
- Objectives and policies regarding development of land in the Township of Woolwich
- Classifying land into designations and categories
- Road network mapping
- Constraints mapping



Why did the Township Initiate an Official Plan Review?



Key Policy and Legislation

PPS 2020

- Increased Focus on Housing
- Market Demand for Growth
- Protection of Employment Lands

Bill 109 and Bill 23

- Prioritization of increased housing supply

Growth Plan 2020

- Population and Employment Forecasts
- Aggregates Framework
- Employment Lands Near Transit

Waterloo Region Official Plan Review



Regional Official Plan Highlights

Housing and Growth

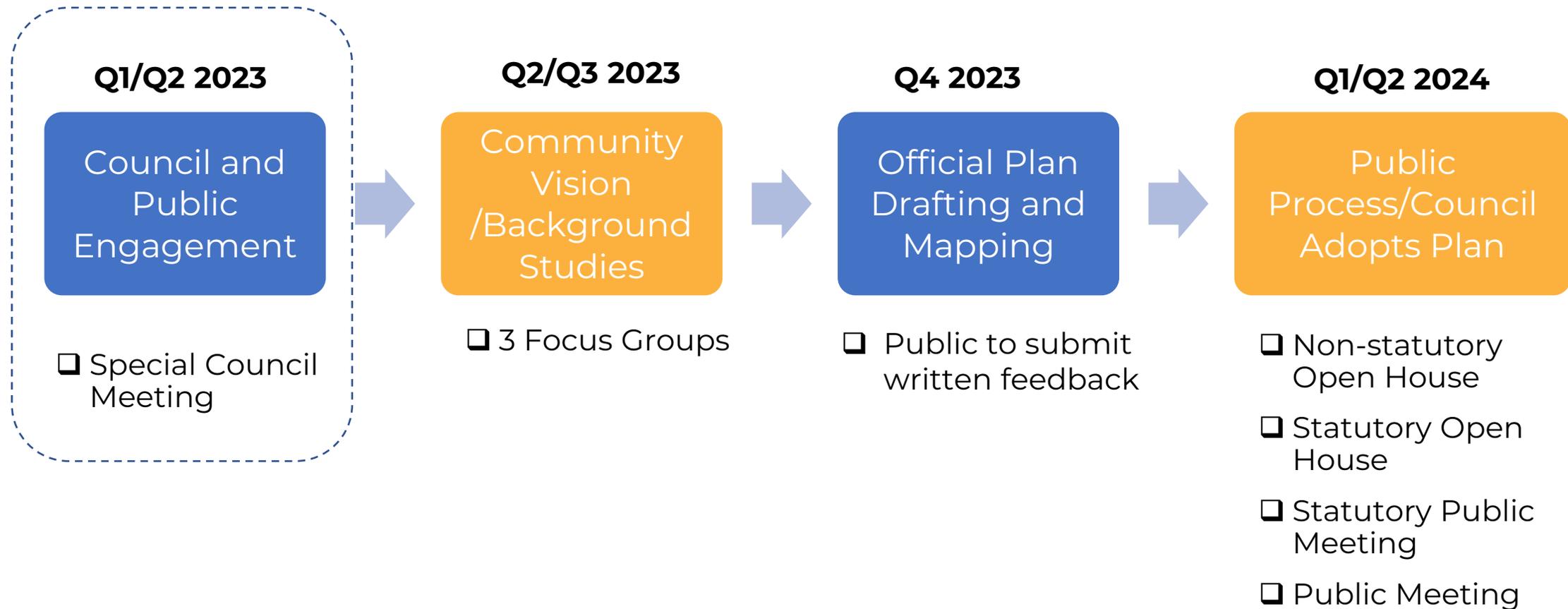
Projected Population Growth (2051): 23,200

Projected Housing Growth (2051): 8,200

Employment Growth (2051): 8,300

Community Engagement

Where you can get involved



Community Engagement

How can you get involved?

- ✓ Attend Open Houses and Public Meetings to learn about the Plan
- ✓ Provide opinion at Public Meetings
- ✓ Provide input and feedback at meetings, online survey, and by phone
- ✓ Written submissions via e-mail or letter to Council or to the Township of Woolwich



Establishing a Community Vision, Goals and Objectives

Focus Group Sessions

Township of
Woolwich
Administrative
Office

WHERE



Thursday, April
20th, 2023

WHEN



10am – 12pm
&
7pm – 9pm

TIME



We Want to Hear From You!

Open to Questions



Feedback from Council and the Public