



## Notice of a Public Open House Concerning a Township-Initiated Zoning By-law Update

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will be holding an in-person public Open House to consider a Township-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment and is notifying the public in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

### **Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment:**

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to update the Township's Zoning By-law. The Township Zoning By-law currently in effect is By-law No. 80-20 and By-law No. 80-21, first approved by Council in 1980. Since 1980, the Township Zoning By-law has been amended from time to time through approval of privately initiated zoning by-law amendment applications and through general amendments/reviews initiated by the Township. In October 2018, a new District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved to be consistent with Provincial policies. The *Planning Act* requires municipalities to update their Zoning By-law after an update to their Official Plan. Pursuant to the *Planning Act*, this update will bring the Township Zoning By-law into conformity with the District of Manitoulin Official Plan, and by extension into conformity with the other Provincial planning policies in effect.

### **Public Open House:**

A public Open House is scheduled for **March 27, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** to provide information regarding the Township-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment. The public Open House will be held at the **Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street in Manitowaning**. The format of the public Open House will be a drop-in where you will have the opportunity to review the draft proposed new Zoning By-law, ask questions related to the proposed draft, and provide input in advance of the Township hosting a Statutory Public Meeting.

### **Location of the Subject Lands:**

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment applies to the entire Township and therefore a key map has not been provided.

### **What is the Township of Assiginack Zoning By-law?**

It is a By-law passed by Council to implement the District of Manitoulin Official Plan to control the use of land and the use and construction of buildings/structures. For example, it states:

- How land may be used;
- Where buildings and other structures can be located;
- The type of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used;
- The minimum and maximum lot sizes, parking requirements, building height, and setbacks from a property line; and
- Other building and land use controls as deemed appropriate.

### **What stage is the Township at with its Zoning By-law Review?**

Township Staff and the Township's Planning Consultants have reviewed the relevant Provincial and District policy documents and consulted internally with the various departments and certain

outside agencies to prepare an initial draft of a proposed new Zoning By-law for public review and consultation. The proposed draft will alter the structure and format of the Zoning By-law and revise several zones, provisions, and mapping to conform to District and Provincial planning policies.

**Representation:**

Any person may participate in the public Open House and/or make written or verbal representation regarding this matter. Written submissions can be sent electronically to [hferguson@assignack.ca](mailto:hferguson@assignack.ca) or dropped off at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please ensure your name and address are included as required for the public record.

**Appeal Rights:**

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Assiginack before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Assiginack before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment:**

A copy of the Notice of Passing will be sent to each person who has filed with the Clerk a written request for a Notice of Passing.

**Next Steps:**

A Statutory Public Meeting, pursuant to the *Planning Act*, will follow the public Open House to provide another opportunity for the public to express their comments, and request to be kept informed. At a future date, once staff has been able to review all of the public comments and make edits accordingly, a recommendation report will be presented to Council.

**Additional Information:**

Additional information relating to the Zoning By-law update will be available on the Township's website (<https://www.assignack.ca/by-laws/>) on **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, or for inspection by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please contact the Clerk at [hferguson@assignack.ca](mailto:hferguson@assignack.ca) or call (705) 859-3196 to arrange for an appointment.

Dated at the Township of Assiginack this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Heidi Ferguson, Clerk  
Township of Assiginack