



County of Bruce Planning & Development Department

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FILE: BCOPA 204-16.00

Notice of a Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment (Section 22, the Planning Act, 1990)

Take Notice that a **Public Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 9:30 AM**, by the Bruce County Planning & Development Committee (PDC) in the County of Bruce Administration Centre, Council Chambers, 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON in order to consider the Planning Application as outlined below.

County Official Plan Amendment	The purpose is to provide an administrative amendment to the Bruce County Official Plan, as a result of the Green Energy Act and Section 62.0.2 of the Planning Act that has made official plan policies inoperable on matters of renewable energy. The amendment would remove 'wind energy' as a supported alternative energy source to meet environmental objectives or for use in district heating systems for development, from Section 4.3.1(xv) and 4.11(iii), as follows: 1. Subsection 4.3.1(xv) is modified by deleting the word 'wind', as follows: <i>'Encourage the use of alternate energy sources, such as wind, solar, biomass and hydroelectric';</i> 2. Subsection 4.11(viii) is modified by deleting the words 'and wind', as follows: <i>'Incorporating district heating, solar and wind energy and similar designs into residential, commercial, institutional and industrial development'.</i>
Related File(s)	None
Owner	County of Bruce
Applicant	Same
Agent	None
Legal Description	All lands within the County of Bruce
County Official Plan	Section 4.3.1(xv) and 4.11(iii) lists wind energy as a supported energy source
Proposed Official Plan	Remove wind as a supported energy source

Any Person may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support or in opposition to the proposed Amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Bruce before the proposed amendment(s) are adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Bruce to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Bruce before the proposed amendment(s) are adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Written comments should be forwarded to the Planner responsible for the file, **Dana Kieffer** by mail or fax to the above address; or by e-mail at dkieffer@brucecounty.on.ca by **April 15, 2016**

Additional Information relating to the application may be obtained at the Warton Office, at the above address, between 8:30 and 4:30 Monday to Friday. Additional Information

can also be viewed on-line at <http://www.brucecounty.on.ca> under Services, Planning, Applications, and search File Number 'BCOPA204.16.00'

Any Person who has concerns or objections to the application is encouraged to contact the Bruce County Planning Department at the above address prior to the scheduled meeting.

Please note that comments and opinions submitted on these matters, including the originator's name and address, become part of the public record, may be viewed by the general public and may be published in a Planning Report and Council Agenda.

Notification: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed amendment(s), or of the refusal of a request to amend, you must make a written request to the Bruce County Planning Department at the above address.

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