



**TOWN OF MINTO**

**MEETING DATE:** May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
**REPORT TO:** Mayor Turton and Members of Council  
**SERVICE AREA:** Building Department  
**SUBJECT:** PLN 2024-021 – Official Plan Amendment 123 – Designation of Future Development Lands

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto receives report PLN 2024-021 regarding Official Plan Amendment 123 and directs staff to submit comments to the County of Wellington Planning Department.

**BACKGROUND**

Council may recall providing comments to the Planning Department of Wellington County in past few years with regards to OPA 123.

This Official Plan Amendment is intended to redesignate lands currently designated as Future Development to a specific land designation type. Town staff met with Planning staff previously to discuss the redesignation of parcels within the Urban Boundaries which formed the basis of redesignation of certain parcels within Minto, as outlined in OPA 123.

**COMMENTS**

Since the time that Town Staff met with our Planning Staff and that OPA 123 was paused by the Province while other Official Plan Amendments were sorted out, the dynamics within the Town and development potentials of certain parcels have changed, and as such, staff’s recommendation to Council has changed regarding 3 parcels within Palmerston.

Town Staff supports the redesignation of the parcels within Clifford and Harriston contained within OPA 123 but have reconsidered the Town’s position on 3 properties in Palmerston – 65 Lorne St N (the Heinmiller Farm); 221 Mary St (the Ruest Farm); and, 300 Toronto St (TG Minto).

Previously, staff’s recommendation was to redesignate 65 Lorne St N and 221 Mary St to a Residential designation and 300 Toronto St to an Industrial designation. However, since that time, Town staff have been working with the owners/developers of the parcels and at this time, staff’s recommendation is to leave the Future Development designation on these parcels, as the development potential on each of these parcels could become either residential or industrial, and staff does not want to hinder either development type.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Goal 3: Strong Vibrant Economy**

Progressively support our local businesses while leveraging Minto's competitive advantages to attract new economic investment.

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