

# Municipality of Trent Hills

## Notice of Public Meeting



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**This meeting will be held in-person, and members of the public may attend or may participate virtually in accordance with the Municipality of Trent Hills Procedural By-law.**

**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Application(s):** Official Plan Amendment No. 13  
**Agent / Owner:** Municipality of Trent Hills

**Take Notice** that the Council for the Municipality of Trent Hills has received a complete application to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment, under Sections 22 of the Planning Act 1990.

Official Plan Amendment No. 13 proposes to allow the limited creation of farm parcels in the Prime Agricultural Designation under specific conditions, and where they will be preserved for agricultural purposes. Historically, the minimum size for most farm parcels has been 40 hectare/100 acres, stemming from the original surveys and Crown Land grants conducted by British and Canadian settlers from the late 1700s and onwards.

Within the *Greenbelt Plan (2017)* and *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017)*, the minimum farm size is stated to be 16 hectares/40 acres for specialty crop areas, and 40 hectares/100 acres for newly created standard farm parcels. Outside of these Provincial Plans, municipalities are generally in charge of establishing lot sizes for farm parcels in Prime Agricultural Areas, following the policies of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024. The 2024 PPS states that newly created lots with Prime Agricultural Areas must be of an appropriate size for the type of proposed agricultural uses common in the area, but that lot creation is discouraged.

The purpose of the amendment is to add policies to provide direction for limited lot creation within the Prime Agricultural Designation. In general, lot creation will still be discouraged within the Prime Agricultural Designation. Surplus Farm Dwellings were previously under the Rural Policy Area of the Official Plan, despite only applying in Prime Agricultural Areas, and has been moved to the correct section. For farms that have historically consolidated multiple original farm parcels and are greater in size than 80 hectares/200 acres, these parcels will be permitted to form back into two separate 100 acres farms.

The amendment also adds a new section for the limited lot creation of farm parcels less than 40 hectares/100 acres in size, with the requirement that the primary use of both parcels remains for agricultural purposes. Where it can be displayed that a smaller farm operation will remain a viable farm operation, such as by a change in the type of farming operation, lot creation may be supported. Additionally, in cases where the creation of a new lot less than 40 hectares/100 acres would aid in succession planning for an existing farm operation, lot creation may also be supported.

A draft copy of the Official Plan Amendment is available on the Municipality of Trent Hills website. A full list of the proposed amendments, the basis of the amendment, and the applicable policies are contained within the text of Official Plan Amendment #13.

**Purpose of the Public Meeting:**

The Public Meeting is held in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. The purpose of the meeting is for Council Members to formally hear and receive public and agency comments. The intent of this statutory Public Meeting is to receive public feedback and incorporate it into a recommendation report from Staff. No decision will be made during this meeting.

## **Written comments (via email or in writing) before a meeting:**

Residents are encouraged to make written comments or submissions before a meeting. Comments can be emailed to [planning@trenthills.ca](mailto:planning@trenthills.ca) or delivered to the Municipality of Trent Hills, 66 Front Street South, P.O. Box 1030, Campbellford, Ontario K0L 1L0.

Individuals who submit a letter and other information to Council should be aware that all information, including contact information, contained within their communications may become part of the public record and may be made available through the agenda process which includes publication on the Municipality's website.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Trent Hills 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 Municipality of Trent Hills before the subject application is passed, the person or public body is **not** entitled to appeal the decision and that 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. Please be further advised that written submissions received prior to the public meeting may be made available to the Applicant.

## **Attending in-person:**

The Public Meeting will be open for the public to attend in person in the Council Chambers located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Emergency Services Base, 50 Doxsee Avenue South, Campbellford.

## **Attending virtually:**

Members of the public and the applicants will also be able to participate in Public Meetings through Zoom. Interested residents and applicants can register by emailing [planning@trenthills.ca](mailto:planning@trenthills.ca) with their name, phone number, and the agenda item(s) they wish to speak to, or by calling 705-653-1900 and leaving a message with their name, phone number, and the agenda item(s) they wish to speak to. Those who have registered will be provided with the Zoom meeting information prior to the meeting date. Registration will close by 4:00 p.m., the day prior to the meeting.

The Public Meetings will be live streamed, available through the Municipality of Trent Hills [www.trenthills.ca](http://www.trenthills.ca). The video will also be posted online following the meeting in the event you were unable to watch it live at the time it occurred.

## **How to ask a question during the meeting:**

The Chair of the meeting will open the floor to public comments. Those wishing to speak will identify themselves and will be placed in queue to provide comments at the podium. Please state your name and address for the public record.

Those registered to participate virtually will be able to provide comments and ask questions during the Public Meeting in the same manner as in-person meetings. Please identify yourself and you will be placed in queue to provide comments. Please state your name and address for the public record.

If required, instructions will be provided to members of the public who have registered to participate in the Public Meeting.

## **How to submit comments after a meeting:**

You may submit comments following the Public Meeting, you may email your comments to [planning@trenthills.ca](mailto:planning@trenthills.ca). The Municipality requires these comments no later than seven (7) days after the meeting to ensure the comments can be reviewed by Planning Staff before they prepare a final recommendation report to Council.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Municipality of Trent Hills on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Municipality of Trent Hills, 66 Front Street, P.O. Box 1030, Campbellford, K0L 1L0.

## **More Information:**

Additional information regarding the application is available by contacting the Municipality of Trent Hills Planning Department by email: [planning@trenthills.ca](mailto:planning@trenthills.ca).

**Dated** at the Municipality of Trent Hills this Wednesday, October 15, 2025.