

# City of Orillia: Technical Evaluation for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion

## You're Invited to a Public Open House

The City of Orillia is considering a Settlement Area Boundary Expansion to accommodate future growth in population and jobs to 2051.

A Public Open House is taking place on June 20, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. to learn more about this project and findings to date, including:

- Providing participants with an update on the City's Land Needs Assessment;
- Presenting the findings of the Technical Land Evaluation for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion; and
- Presenting a range of various intensification and densification targets;
- Outlining next steps in the process.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share comments, ask questions of the Project Team, and provide input that will help inform future recommendations to City Council on the size of the future boundary expansion and appropriate intensification and densification targets.

We look forward to presenting these findings and continuing important conversations around how the City should accommodate forecasted growth over the next 30 years.

### How can I participate in the Public Open House?

The Public Open House will be held on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m.** It will be held in person in the Council Chamber, Orillia City Centre, 50 Andrew Street South and virtually by registering at [orillia.ca/MCR](https://orillia.ca/MCR).

If you choose to participate virtually, you will be able to join the Public Open House via computer or telephone. The meeting link and phone-in number will be automatically emailed to you following registration. If you choose to participate in-person, no pre-registration is required.

We will do our best to provide any requested accommodations. For more information, contact [planning@orillia.ca](mailto:planning@orillia.ca) or 705-325-2622.

A Settlement Area Boundary is the boundary that encompasses the limits of an urban area. Where it is expected that more urban land is needed to accommodate the growth forecasts for a particular municipality, a municipality needs to undertake a Settlement Area Boundary Expansion, guided by Provincial legislation and policies.

## Background

Since 2018, the City has been completing a Municipal Comprehensive Review, including a Technical Land Evaluation, to study and identify the most suitable locations for growth from a planning perspective to accommodate projected growth to the year 2051.

Additionally, the City's Land Needs Assessment, which sets out how much land Orillia will need to accommodate its forecasted population and jobs growth, has been updated to reflect input received from the community and key stakeholders to identify the City's additional land needs if various ranges of higher intensification rates and greenfield densities were to be pursued in the next Official Plan.

The preliminary Settlement Area Boundary Expansion Lands (based on the evaluations completed), the Technical Land Evaluation reports and updated Land Needs Assessment information together, along with a range of intensification and densification target rates, will be presented at the Open House and are available at [orillia.ca/MCR](https://orillia.ca/MCR).

## Why is the City completing a Settlement Area Boundary Expansion?

The City has determined that the existing municipal boundaries do not have enough land to accommodate the City's growth to 2051. An expansion of the City's Settlement Area Boundary is therefore required to plan for the City's anticipated growth into the future.

## If I can't make it to the Public Open House, where can I find more information or submit comments?

We understand that busy schedules mean that this date and time may not work for everyone. Following the live Public Open House, a video recording and a copy of the presentation will be available at [orillia.ca/MCR](https://orillia.ca/MCR). Comments can be provided to [planning@orillia.ca](mailto:planning@orillia.ca) with "Boundary Expansion" in the subject line, or in writing by mail to:

**50 Andrew Street South, Orillia, ON L3V 7T5**

*Attn: Planning and Housing Division – Boundary Expansion*

To receive updates from the City throughout this project, please sign-up for the project email list at [orillia.ca/MCR](https://orillia.ca/MCR).

## What are the next steps?

The input received from the public will be taken into consideration to inform a report that is anticipated to be presented for Council's consideration in the fall of 2023 when the new **Provincial Policy Statement** comes into effect. Council will then determine the preferred intensification and densification targets to inform the City's new Official Plan and the size of the future boundary expansion, which will inform the next Official Plan and future boundary expansion discussions.

