

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC MEETING RE: OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. Chairperson (Mayor) calls meeting to order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers along with Councilor Nunzio Scarfone, Bernadette Kerr, and David Coombs. Councilor James Gauthier was absent with regrets. Staff members present was CAO Jenny Leblond. Members in attendance are recorded on the attached sheet to these minutes.

2. Chairperson explains reason for meeting to those in attendance.

Chair person Gail Degagne made the following opening remarks:

*The township is looking for input on a proposed township Official Plan Amendment. The basis of this amendment is for two reasons: 1) to allow for more than 1 and up to 3 residential units on any one piece of property in the Rural and Agriculture Zones as per changes to the Provincial Policy Statement in May 2020 and 2) to make changes to the number of consents to get closer to meeting our target of establishing 15 new lots per year.*

*We are taking this OPA very seriously and do want public input. In looking at this Official Plan Amendment, we are following the vision from the introduction of the Official Plan which is "to protect the natural environment, encourage economic development, conserve natural resources, protect agricultural areas and protect the character of the developed and undeveloped areas." This vision is intended to guide our planning decisions until 2033.*

*Between 2013 and 2021 there was an average of 4.6 severances per year; well below our target of 15. Though we are proposing the ability to sever more lots, we are trying to balance the need for more housing while protecting of our farmland and rural character.*

*To allow for additional dwelling units is part of the changes to the PPS and we must do.*

3. Chairperson ask CAO to speak.

CAO added that comments have not been received yet from the Planner or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

4. Chairperson asks if any members of the public have any comments to voice

The following comments were made from the public:

- There is a sufficient supply of rural lots, but not an adequate supply of vacant land.
- Open to working with housing shortage issue but also want to protect the farm land in the Nipissing District Sector who provided 16 million in 2021, 722 Jobs contributing 12 millions to GDP.
- Additional units closer to cluster areas in suitable land that is different from farmland. Language should be adjusted to tighten.
- Should be bringing the land back from the 80's. houses were severed off and now new houses need to be built.
- Economic realities of farming has changed. Cannot generate enough income to be a full time farmer. Large amounts of land is needed to make a living.
- Fully support the submission to council for the Official Plan Amendment.
- Language to be sent OFA office. Allowing more houses may limit existing farm operations to develop in that it limits the locations for new barns.

5. Chairperson asks Council to give their comments on the matter.


Council made the following comment:

- felt that farming will not be affected that much.

6. Chairperson thanks the public for attending.

7. Chairperson declares the meeting closed at 6:37 p.m.

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Mayor, Gail Degagne



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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

Sign-In Sheet – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Public Meeting and Council meeting

Name:

Name:

Jason Leblond	Edward J Skeller
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Bob Burns	Kelly Brubacher
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<del>John</del>	
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Albert Wassink	
Judy Steigert	
Kim Cabelder	
Jeff J. Cabelder	
Kendra D.	
Matt Dehaan	
John E. Miller	
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