

CHAPTER 2

THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AND THE REGION

2.1 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WOOLWICH OFFICIAL PLAN AND REGIONAL OFFICIAL POLICIES PLAN

The Township of Woolwich is a municipality within the Regional Municipality of Waterloo as created by The Regional Municipality of Waterloo Act 1972 as amended.

On December 19, 1995 the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing granted approval to the Regional Official Policies Plan for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. The policies established by that Plan apply to the Township of Woolwich.

The Official Plan of the Township of Woolwich Planning Area was prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act and the Regional Official Policies Plan.

When approved by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, the Official Plan of the Township of Woolwich shall be deemed to be in conformity with the Regional Official Policies Plan and future amendments to the Township Official Plan shall only be made in conformity with the Regional Official Policies Plan.

The policies adopted in this Plan are considered to be expansion and detail of the area-wide policies contained in the Regional Official Policies Plan to indicate how the regional policies will be utilized and implemented in the Township of Woolwich Planning Area.

Where differences of opinion arise, the Township Council is responsible for interpreting any policy, principle or map contained in the Official Plan except in those instances where such policy, principle or map is of Regional or Provincial significance.

2.2 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

It is intended that the policies as set forth in this Official Plan may be further detailed by means of Implementation Plans, which may deal with any matter covered by the Official Plan.

These Implementation Plans will not become part of the Official Plan but will be implementing planning documents prepared and adopted by Council, by resolution. Implementation Plans will not be used to introduce new policy directions, which could be used for the basis for denying applications under the Planning Act, or for interfering with the natural justice rights of landowners or the public

Implementation Plans will be in conformity with the Official Plan provisions and policies.

Official Plans, amendments thereto and Implementation Plans will be prepared in consultation with the Region, appropriate agencies and the public.

Following adoption of an Implementation Plan by Council resolution, the Implementation Plan shall be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo for consideration and approval of matters of Provincial and Regional significance where required, in accordance with Policy 12.2.3.4 in the Regional Official Policies Plan. **Modification No. 3**

2.3 MATTERS OF REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo may comment on the Regional and Provincial Significance of any Area Official Plan or Amendment thereto, Implementation Plan or Zoning By-law in accordance with the procedures established by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Municipal Board or other legal authority.