

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN  
NOTICE OF AN OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING  
CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

**FORMER ST. THOMAS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL  
(HOSPITAL LANDS)**

**TAKE NOTICE that:**

- a) pursuant to Subsection 17(10.7)(a) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Municipality of Central Elgin is considering an amendment to the Official Plan for the lands of the former St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital. Access to the information and material provided under subsections (10.1) and (10.2) in support of the application is available for public access, and
- b) an Open House, pursuant to Subsection 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, will be held on the **24<sup>th</sup> day of February, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**, at the Masonic Centre of Elgin, 42703 Fruit Ridge Line.
- c) a Public Meeting, pursuant to Subsection 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, will be held by the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin on the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.** to consider a proposed amendment to the Central Elgin Official Plan. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to afford any person that attends an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Official Plan Amendment. The meeting will be conducted in person in the Council Chambers, Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas and by Zoom Webinar. Should you choose to attend by ZOOM, detailed instructions to join the Zoom meeting can be found at: <https://www.centralelgin.org/en/building-and-development/current-planning-applications.aspx>

**Purpose & Effect** – The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to amend the Central Elgin Official Plan relative to the entirety of the lands of the Hospital Lands to:

- Add the entirety of the Hospital Lands to the Norman Lyndale Settlement Area (Urban Area) in order to conform to the Settlement Area boundary in the recently approved County of Elgin Official Plan;
- Establish the development plan and policies for how the Hospital Lands will be developed; and,
- Establish the approach and requirements for implementing the development of the Hospital Lands.

The effect of the proposed amendment is to create a complete community that achieves the following:

- Creation of new housing in a variety of forms – houses, apartments, townhouses;
- Creation of new parks;
- Creation of a new downtown business area including an area for a grocery store;
- Creation of the roads and active transportation routes to support new development;
- Construction of infrastructure to support housing, jobs, and community facilities;
- Identification of an area within the Hospital Lands for future provincial government services;
- Address how built heritage will be addressed;
- Identification and protection of the natural heritage features; and,
- Protection of archaeological sites.

**ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

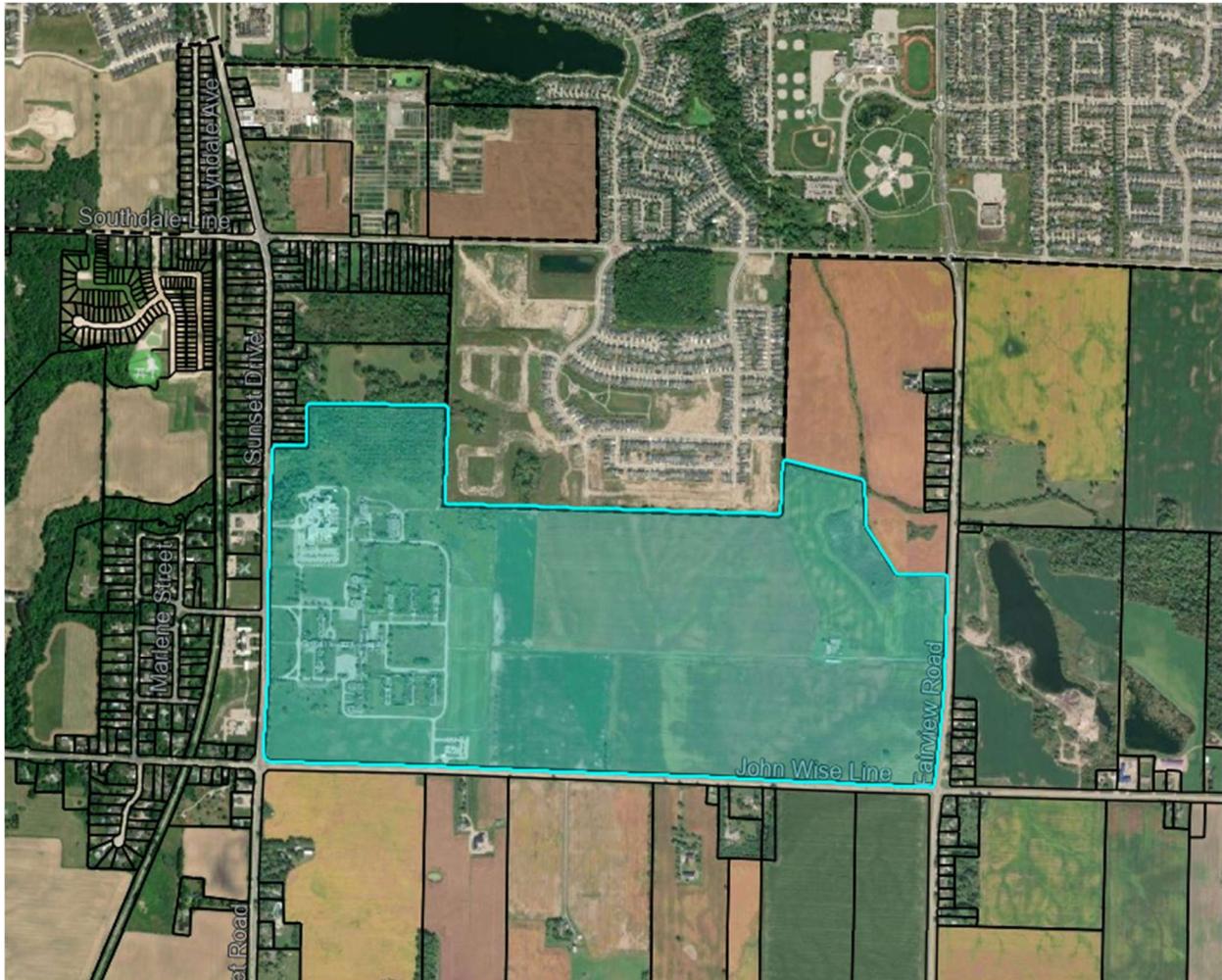
If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Central Elgin before the Official Plan Amendment is passed, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Central Elgin before the Official Plan Amendment is passed, the specified person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION** relating to the proposed Official Plan Amendment may be accessed on the Municipality's website <https://www.centralelgin.org/en/businessdevelopment/current-planning-applications.aspx> under 'Current Planning Applications'

**Key Map:**



**Subject Site**

**DATED** at the Municipality of Central Elgin, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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