



TOWNSHIP OF MADAWASKA VALLEY ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

(pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended)

Applicant: The Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley
Location: Township-Wide

Purpose and Effect of the Application

The Township's current Zoning By-law No. 2006-26 was originally approved by Council on May 1, 2006. Since the original approval there have been numerous updates to the County of Renfrew Official Plan, several updates to the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS), and several changes to the Ontario Planning Act.

The Planning Act requires that a municipality review and update their Zoning Bylaw within three years of a new Official Plan or update to an existing Official Plan. It is recognized that the County of Renfrew Official Plan, being the Local Official Plan for the Township of Madawaska Valley, was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 26, 2020, and updated by the County of Renfrew on August 19th, 2021, under Official Plan Amendment No. 31.

The update to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law applies to lands throughout the Township of Madawaska Valley. The changes being considered by Council include:

- Provisions for Additional Residential Units (ARU's)
- Provisions for accessible parking standards
- Provisions for backyard chickens
- Removing minimum sizes of dwelling units
- Increased accessory building height
- Increased maximum lot coverage for lands in the General Commercial (C) and Highway Commercial (HC) zones

The draft Zoning By-law will be available on the Township's website (<https://www.madawaskavalley.ca/business-development/planning-development/comprehensive-zoning-by-law-update/>) on January 29, 2026. Paper copies will be available at the Township Office, by request.

About the Public Open Houses

Two Public Open Houses in the Township of Madawaska Valley will be held for members of the public, one in Barry's Bay and one in Combermere.

Barry's Bay Public Open House Information (Hybrid):

Date: Tuesday February 17, 2026
Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Place: Township of Madawaska Valley
85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay, ON K0J 1B0

Note that those wishing to attend the Barry's Bay public open house can do so either in person or virtually via Zoom. To obtain a link to join the virtual meeting please contact the Deputy Clerk by phone: 613-756-2747 ext. 212, or by email: cstecko@madawaskavalley.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 17, 2026

Combermere Public Open House Information (In-person):

Date: Monday February 23, 2026
Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Place: Combermere Community Centre
1095 Farmer Road, Combermere ON, K0J 1L0

The Open Houses are being held to allow for members of the public to ask questions in an informal setting related to the draft Zoning By-law Update. If you are unable to attend the Open Houses and would like to provide feedback on the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment, the Township will be accepting comments until March 2, 2026. Please submit your comments by mail (P.O. Box 1000, 85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay, Ontario, K0J 1B0) or by e-mail to jbelaire@madawaskavalley.ca

About the Statutory Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday March 3, 2026
Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Place: Township of Madawaska Valley
85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay, ON K0J 1B0

This Public Meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the proposed changes to the zoning by-law, ask questions, and/or make statements either in favour of, or in opposition to, the proposed changes. If you have questions, we encourage you to contact the Township's Planning Department directly in advance of the meeting as they may be able to answer your questions.

How to Participate in the Statutory Public Meeting

1. Attend the meeting in person at the Township of Madawaska Valley Council Chambers. Any members of the public who wish to speak will be given the opportunity to do so.

2. Submit written comments to the Township by mail (P.O. Box 1000, 85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay, Ontario, K0J 1B0) or by e-mail to jbelaire@madawaskavalley.ca. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and staff. Please be aware that if you are submitting correspondence to the Township of Madawaska Valley regarding this application, your name, contact information, and communications may become part of the public record that will be available to the general public, pursuant to the Planning Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act.

How to Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the Decision of Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley, you must make a written request to the Township of Madawaska Valley by mail (P.O. Box 1000, 85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay, Ontario, K0J 1B0) or by e-mail at jbelaire@madawaskavalley.ca

For more information about this application, including information about appeal rights, please contact the Madawaska Valley Planning Department by e-mailing jbelaire@madawaskavalley.ca

Other Information

If specified persons, public body or the registered owner of land who would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council for the Township of Madawaska Valley to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Madawaska Valley before the by-law is passed, the specified person(s), public body or registered owner of land is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If specified persons, public body or registered owner of land who would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council for the Township of Madawaska Valley does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Madawaska Valley before the by-law is passed, the specified person(s), public body or registered owner of land 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.

DATED at the Township of Madawaska Valley this 29th day of January, 2026.

Calvin Stecko
Deputy Clerk
Township of Madawaska Valley