



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

London Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments

Encouraging the Growing of Food in Urban Areas

File: OZ-9332/City of London

What is Proposed?

Amendments to the London Plan, Zoning By-law and Site Plan Control By-law to make it easier to grow food in the urban area (ie. within the Urban Growth Boundary) in accordance with the Urban Agriculture Strategy, which was adopted by Council in November 2017. This project focuses on the “Growing” component of the Strategy and is being considered under the Strategy’s guiding principle to develop supportive municipal policies, regulations, and bylaws, and remove policy barriers to urban agriculture. The intent of the changes is to expand the permissions for growing inside and outside of buildings, in urban greenhouses and in shipping containers, consider policies and regulations to permit growing of food in most place types and zones, and review application process requirements for urban agriculture.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Further to the Notice of Application you received on March 31, 2021, you are invited to a public meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to be held

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, November 1, 2021, no earlier than 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, 3rd Floor

Please refer to the enclosed Public Participation Meeting Process insert.

For more information contact:

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london.ca/planapps

**If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it.
We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.**

Date of Notice: October 13, 2021

Application Details

Any change to the Zoning By-law must conform to the policies of the London Plan and the 1989 Official Plan, London's long-range planning documents. There are a number of policies in the London Plan which support urban agriculture, particularly the Food System policies (Policies 648-686). The 1989 Official Plan contains general references to agriculture and horticulture which support those uses in specific designations and zones.

This is a City-wide review of London Plan policies, zoning by-law regulations and the site plan by-law.

The London Plan and the Zoning By-law are available at london.ca.

How Can You Participate in the Planning Process?

You have received this Notice because you have an interest in urban agriculture or are included on the standard City circulation list. The City reviews and makes decisions on such planning reviews in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. If you previously provided written or verbal comments about this planning review, we have considered your comments as part of our review and in the preparation of the planning report and recommendation to the Planning and Environment Committee. The additional ways you can participate in the City's planning review and decision making process are summarized below.

See More Information

You can review additional information and material about this review by:

- Contacting the City's Planner listed on the first page of this Notice; or
- Viewing the application-specific page at london.ca/planapps
- Opportunities to view any file materials in-person by appointment can be arranged through the file Planner.

Attend This Public Participation Meeting

The Planning and Environment Committee will consider the Official Plan and zoning changes at this meeting, which is required by the Planning Act. You will be invited to provide your comments at this public participation meeting. A neighbourhood or community association may exist in your area. If it reflects your views on this review, you may wish to select a representative of the association to speak on your behalf at the public participation meeting. Neighbourhood Associations are listed on the Neighbourgood website. The Planning and Environment Committee will make a recommendation to Council, which will make its decision at a future Council meeting.

Alternative formats to in-person attendance are available through telephone or virtual web streaming (computer) application. Pre-registration is required to access these options and can be found in the Public Participation insert.

Please refer to the enclosed Public Participation Meeting Process insert.

What Are Your Legal Rights?

Notification of Council Decision

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of London on the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9, or at docservices@london.ca. You will also be notified if you speak to the Planning and Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Secretary of the Committee.

Right to Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London 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 City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the 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 add the person or public body as a party.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London 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 City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the 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.

For more information go to <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/>.

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Planning Act, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Cathy Saunders, City Clerk, 519-661-CITY(2489) ext. 4937.

Accessibility

The City of London is committed to providing accessible programs and services for supportive and accessible meetings. We can provide you with American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, live captioning, magnifiers and/or hearing assistive (t coil) technology. Please contact us at planning@london.ca or 519-661-4980 by October 24, 2021 to request any of these services.



Public Participation Meeting Process

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, and in keeping with the regulations and guidelines provided by the Province of Ontario, the Public Participation Meeting process has been modified. The capacity for individuals in City Hall meeting rooms and the Council Chambers Public Gallery will reflect the requirement for 2m physical distancing, with designated seating and standing areas being provided.

Please refer to the public meeting notice for all options available for you to participate in the planning process.

Public Participation Meeting (PPM) Process

- Members of the public are asked to “pre-register” to speak in person at a PPM. Pre-registered speakers will be given priority access to entering City Hall. Speakers will be limited to five minutes of verbal presentation.
 - **Pre-register by calling 519-661-2489 ex. 7100; or by emailing PPMClerks@london.ca** Please indicate the PPM subject matter when contacting the Clerk's Office. Registrations will be confirmed.¹
 - When pre-registering, members of the public will have a brief COVID-19 health screening and will be asked to self-screen prior to entering City Hall.
- Presentations will be strictly verbal; any other submission of photos, slides or written information must be made outside of the PPM. These can be forwarded to the Planner associated with this application and/or to the registration email, noted above. In order to be considered, all submissions should be made prior to the Council meeting when the Planning and Environment Committee recommendation regarding the subject matter is considered.

Public Participation Meeting (PPM) Process – At the meeting

- Members of the public should self-screen before entering City Hall. You likely will be greeted by security upon entering the building. A mask/face covering is required at all times in City Hall.
- Each committee room in use for the PPM will broadcast the meeting taking place in the Council Chambers.
- City Staff will be in each assigned room to assist members of the public.
- When appropriate, individual members of the public will have an opportunity to speak to the committee remotely, using the camera/microphone in the committee room. Floor markings will indicate where to stand.

Council Chambers

- Committee members and staff will be present in the Chambers (physically, or by remote attendance).
- There will be no public access to the Council floor.

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