

**Notice of Decision to Modify and Approve
Amendment No. 15 to the Town of Fort Erie Official Plan
Ridgeway – Thunder Bay Secondary Plan**

Purpose of Amendment

Official Plan Amendment No. 15, adopted by Town Council on September 9, 2013, amends the Town of Fort Erie Official Plan as it relates to the Ridgeway – Thunder Bay Secondary Plan Area by providing detailed policies to guide the development of the lands within the Plan Area over the next 20 years. This Amendment affects all of the lands within the Ridgeway – Thunder Bay Secondary Plan Area.

Decision to Approve

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, as the approval authority under the Planning Act, has made a decision to **approve** Amendment No. 15 to the Town of Fort Erie Official Plan.

Process for Appealing a Decision

Any person or public body who disagrees with the above decision may appeal all or part of that decision to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) by filing a notice of appeal with the Regional Municipality of Niagara. If a decision is appealed, the OMB will make the final decision on the Amendment. A notice of appeal must:

- (i) be made in writing to:
Janet Pilon, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Niagara
2201 St. David's Road, P.O. Box 1042
Thorold, Ontario L2V 4T7
- (ii) set out the specific part(s) of the proposed Official Plan Amendment to which the appeal applies
- (iii) give the reasons for the appeal
- (iv) be accompanied by a fee of \$125.00 in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance (this is the fee required by the OMB), and
- (v) be submitted by **December 19, 2013** which is the last day for filing a notice of appeal

The decision of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to approve this Amendment is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the OMB. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the OMB, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Additional Information

Additional information on the proposed Official Plan Amendment and the decision is available to the public for inspection in the office of the Public Works Department (Development Services Division) at the Regional Municipality of Niagara Administration Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Telephone: 905-685-4225 or 1-800-263-7215).

**Date Mailed: November 29, 2013
Last Day for Filing a Notice of Appeal: December 19, 2013**