



MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO IMPLEMENT A NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM STRATEGY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN, AS AMENDED NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the Manitoulin Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting for the purposes of receiving public comments regarding the adoption of a Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS):

PUBLIC MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, January 28 th , 2025
TIME:	7:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Manitoulin Planning Board Office 40 Water Street, Unit 1, Gore Bay ON P0P 1H0

The Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin was adopted by the Manitoulin Planning Board by By-law No. 2016-01, in 2016. The District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on October 29th, 2018, subject to several modifications. Modification No. 21 states that:

'Within the three years after the approval of the Official Plan, the Manitoulin Planning Board shall prepare an Area-Wide Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS)'

An information session for a draft NHSS was held at the Mindemoya Community Hall, on Wednesday August 21st, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; an electronic information session was held on Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; and a Public Meeting was held on November 22nd, 2022 at the Planning Board Office. Information has been made available on the Manitoulin Planning Board website as well as in the local paper (The Manitoulin Expositor), including public notices, and a draft text and draft mapping. Due to Covid 19 this project was delayed. The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) recommended amendments to the draft NHSS (2022) on November 19th, 2024. The Planning Board is ready to proceed with the next steps and will be holding a Public Meeting to consider adopting a NHSS for the District of Manitoulin, and passing a By-law to this effect. Then it will be sent to MMAH for their approval.

If you wish to provide comments/concerns/recommendations, or wish to attend the Public Meeting, or be notified of the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board on the proposed NHSS, you must make a written request to The Manitoulin Planning Board, 40 Water Street, Unit 1, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0, **before January 27th, 2025.**

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions to the Manitoulin Planning Board 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 Manitoulin Planning Board 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed text and proposed mapping for the NHSS is available on the Manitoulin Planning Board website www.manitoulinplanning.ca and are available to the public for inspection during regular business hours at the Manitoulin Planning Board Office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

DATED at the Town of Gore Bay
this 8th Day of January, 2025.

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