



**MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS
NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION, VIRTUAL INFORMATION
SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION
17(17) OF THE *PLANNING ACT* R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.13.**

**CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS
COMMUNITY OFFICIAL PLAN**

PRIME AGRICULTURAL AREA DESIGNATION REVIEW

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipality of Mississippi Mills has initiated a review of its Prime Agricultural Area designation. This amendment applies to various lands within Mississippi Mills' Rural Area (no key map is therefore provided).

A VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION will be held by the Municipality of Mississippi Mills on April 28, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via ZOOM MEETING to provide information and gather feedback from the public on the proposed official plan amendment (30-minute presentation followed by questions and answers). To register for participation in the Virtual Information Session, please email your request to mrivet@jlrichards.ca or by calling (343) 803-4533 by no later than April 25, 2021. You will receive the participation details on April 27, 2021. Additional information about the Virtual Information Session can be found on the website www.mississippimills.ca.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills Council Chambers, 3131 Old Perth Road, Almonte, Ontario, to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment under Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

AND TAKE NOTICE that as the Province of Ontario declared a State of Emergency and continues to take significant steps to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills continues to protect the health and safety of the public, Council, and employees while at the same time processing *Planning Act* applications.

THIS WILL BE AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING WHERE THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL IN PERSON ATTENDANCE DUE TO COVID-19 MEASURES. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO WATCH/LISTEN TO THE MEETING LIVE AND REGISTER TO SPEAK DURING THE MEETING. THERE ARE ALSO A VARIETY OF OTHER WAYS AS OUTLINED BELOW, THAT YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS, CONCERNS OR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BY-LAW, PRIOR TO THE MEETING, SO THAT YOUR COMMENTS CAN BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL PRIOR TO A DECISION BEING MADE ON THE BY-LAW.

You are encouraged to contact the Municipality by telephone or email if you have any questions prior to the Public Meeting. Physical attendance at the Municipal Office related to the By-law is discouraged as Staff can discuss the proposed By-law and supporting information with you by telephone or email. You can then either provide written comments by mail or email to mrivet@jlrichards.ca referencing "OPA 29" in the subject line, or verbal comments to Mr. Rivet prior to the Public Meeting or register to speak during the Public Meeting.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the Community Official Plan (COP) Amendment is to determine Prime Agricultural Areas; areas where prime agricultural lands predominate. The municipality will be using a Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) approach, as approved by the Province, to determine Prime Agricultural Areas.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 29 applies to lands within the rural area. The subject lands are subject to other planning act applications; details of which could be provided by the Planning Department. The subject lands are also subject to Official Plan Amendment No. 22 (Settlement Area Review) and Official Plan Amendment No. 28 (Rural and Village Review).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION including a copy of the proposed OPA No. 29 and the LEAR, or information for registering and submitting comments, will be available no later than April 6, 2021 by contacting the Marc Rivet at (343) 803-4533 or by e-mail at mrivet@jrichards.ca.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Marc Rivet, Consultant Planner at (343) 803-4533 or by e-mail at mrivet@jrichards.ca.

Dated at the Municipality of Mississippi Mills this 8th day of April 2021.

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