

Recolour Grey - A 20 Year Vision for Grey County

What should Grey County look like in five, ten or even 20 years? What should Grey County's priorities be for growth and development?

Recolour Grey is the name of Grey County's five-year review of the County Official Plan. Recolour Grey challenges everyone to think 20 years into their future and envision the County the way they want to see it.



What is the County Official Plan?

The [County Official Plan](#) sets goals related to development, communities and our natural resources. This plan divides the county into different land uses (agricultural, wetland, urban etc.) and sets policies for each designation.

The Official Plan is active for 20 years and is revised every few years to ensure it is effective and relevant. Now is a perfect time to "recolour" the plan to ensure it's meeting the expectations of the Grey County's diverse communities.

The success of Recolour Grey relies on meaningful public input and everyone can contribute. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, a resident of Grey or a visitor. We want your input to help us preserve what matters most and to grow opportunities for the next 20 years.



The Recolouring Process

Recolour Grey will officially kick-off at a special meeting of Council on May 19th. At this meeting, Council and staff will look to you, the public, to provide early ideas about changes you want to see to the Official Plan.

Thursday, May 19th
7:00 p.m. in Grey County Council Chambers
595 9th Avenue East in Owen Sound

The special meeting of Council will include break-out sessions where we will ask attendees questions around specific themes. The themes include the following:

1. Agriculture, Rural, and Resources
2. Environment
3. Settlement Areas
4. Transportation
5. Recreation/Tourism

The questions being asked for consideration under each theme are:

- What do you like most about your community? What is missing from your community?
- What should be included in the Official Plan today to address the needs of the community now and into the future?
- What policies are working? What policies are not working?
- What policies should be considered to build on and support the assets in Grey County?

After the launch, Grey County will be active in the community attending events and asking the public to share their vision for Grey County. If you would like us to speak to attend one of your events, please email planning@grey.ca to arrange details.

Other activities include online surveys, public meetings and more. Send your comments, thoughts and questions about Recolour Grey to planning@grey.ca.

After the public shares their opinions, staff will draft policies and collect further feedback. Adjustments will be made and the recommendations will be shared with Grey County Council for consideration. The Province must provide final approval.

Stay Connected

This website will be your best resource for all Recolour Grey activities. You can also join the conversation online by following us on [Twitter](#) and liking us on [Facebook](#).

We know your time is valuable. [Sign up for the Recolour Grey Newsletter](#) to receive updates about events and activities, draft documents, meeting notices and other opportunities.

Recent Studies

Grey County staff have a number of ideas for changes to the plan based on work that has been completed in recent years. A number of studies and technical reports have been completed or are in the works including the following:



- [Transportation Master Plan](#)
- [Updated Growth Management Strategy](#)
- [Historic Landfill Study](#)
- [On-Farm Business Study](#)
- [Green in Grey Natural Environment Study](#) (ongoing)
- [Updated Housing Study](#)

Other topics to be included in the plan are Drinking Water Source Protection Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement 2014.

These studies are only a part of the Official Plan changes. No final decisions have been made. We need your input on these topics and any others you are passionate about!

When Will Recolour Grey Finish?

Timelines for Recolour Grey will depend on the amount of feedback we get from the community. We expect the project will wrap up by the end of 2017 but deadlines may be adjusted to ensure the review is done right. Grey County is committed to keeping everyone informed and involved every step of the way!

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