



The decision of LEAR by Mississippi Mills Council is only the first step in the process to formally implement the LEAR study. Mississippi Mills Council will be presented with a recommendation report for the implementation of the LEAR study in the form of an Amendment to the Community Official Plan.

The Official Plan Amendment and LEAR study will then be sent to Lanark County for approval.

Lanark County is the upper tier municipality and the approval authority for any amendments that Mississippi Mills approves to its Community Official Plan. The County also needs to ensure that both Mississippi Mills Official Plan and the County Official Plan are aligned. Therefore, an Amendment to the County Official Plan will also be required.

As part of the process at Lanark County, the Amendment and LEAR study will be circulated to other agencies for comment, including OMAFRA. These agencies may suggest changes to the Official Plan Amendment or may accept the Official Plan Amendment as presented.

The County will also hold its own public meeting to hear from the public regarding the Official Plan Amendment to the County's Sustainable Communities Official Plan.

County staff will present a recommendation report and the Official Plan Amendments to Mississippi Mills Official Plan and the County Official Plan to County Council for approval.

Once approved, notification of the passing of the Official Plan Amendments will be provided to anyone who participated in the LEAR process.

Once notification is provided, the 20-day 'appeal period' will begin and anyone that participated in the process can submit an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

If the LEAR Official Plan Amendments are appealed, the amendments will not come into 'full force and effect' until all of the appeals are resolved.

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