

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

# New Official Plan for the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Board of the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area will hold an open house on **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026** to consider a draft Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act.

## What is an Official Plan?

An official plan describes your planning board's policies on how land in your community should be used. It is prepared with input from your community and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of your community.

An Official Plan deals mainly with issues such as:



where new housing, industry, offices and shops will be located



what services will be needed, like roads, sewers, watermains, parks, and schools



when, and in what order, parts of your community will grow

## Share Your Ideas!

**Any person** may attend the Open House and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan.

**Jul 07**

**When: From 4:00pm to 6:00pm**  
**Where: Echo Bay Community Hall**  
253 Church St, Echo Bay, ON P0S 0A5

**Jul 07**

**When: From 7:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**Where: Johnson Township Council Chambers**  
1 Johnson Dr, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

## How to Participate

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Board.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Planning Board to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Planning Board before the proposed official plan is adopted, 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 Planning Board before the proposed official plan is adopted, 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 add the person or public body as a party.

## Purpose and Effect

The purpose of the new Official Plan is to reflect changes in provincial policy and legislation, address emerging trends at the local level, and plan for growth and development over a 25-year planning horizon.

The new Official Plan will affect all lands within the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area.

## Additional Information

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Planning Board Office during Planning Board business hours:

Tuesdays 9 am to 12 pm  
Thursdays 12pm to 4 pm

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Please address all questions and written comments to:

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A draft of the Official Plan is available on the Planning Board's website.

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