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## **South Algonquin Official Plan Project**

### **UPDATE**

In July 2007 the Township of South Algonquin formally commenced the process of creating its first-ever Official Plan. Once adopted, this Plan will outline land use policies for all areas of South Algonquin over which the Township has planning authority. An Official Plan usually spans a time horizon of 20 years or more and deals mainly with issues such as the location of new housing, industry, and retail and the evaluation of future service needs (roads, parks, schools, etc.). The Official Plan is slated for presentation to the Township of South Algonquin Council by mid-2010 for approval.

At the invitation of the Township Council, Professor Christopher Fullerton, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Brock University, has taken the lead role for this project. Since the project began, Professor Fullerton and several of his students have compiled a great deal of community input in order to ensure that South Algonquin's Official Plan reflects, to the greatest extent possible, the values, goals and objectives of the Township's residents. Several public meetings and workshops were held between January and October 2008. Between February and September 2008 Township year-round and seasonal residents were also invited to participate in the Community Questionnaire. The results of these endeavours can be found in the following reports, all of which can be downloaded from the Township's website (<http://www.township.southalgonquin.on.ca/>) or picked up at the Township office:

- *Township of South Algonquin Community Profile*
- *Preliminary Issues Report*
- *Community Meetings and Workshops Summary Report*
- *Community Questionnaire Results and Analysis Report*
- *Youth Integrated Planning Assessment Report*

The Official Plan Committee is a committee of the whole of the Township Council. Individual representatives from the community of South Algonquin will also be invited to join the Official Plan Committee to provide input in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

As part of the planning process, several public meetings will be held over the next twelve months. Meetings of the Official Planning Committee will also be open to the public. Meeting dates and locations will be advertised on the Township's website, in the Barry's Bay This Week and Bancroft This Week newspapers, and on community bulletin boards.

Residents are also invited to address their questions, comments or concerns regarding the formulation of the official plan to: **Professor Christopher Fullerton, Department of Geography, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, L2S 3A1. (Email: [chris.fullerton@brocku.ca](mailto:chris.fullerton@brocku.ca); Telephone: (905) 688-5550, ext. 3487)**