

WE ARE CHANGING HOW WE PROVIDE NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WHAT
changes are we making?



Beginning in January 2020, the Town will no longer be providing Notice of Complete Application(s) or Notice of Public Meeting in the newspaper, as standard practice for development applications under the Planning Act.

This change affects applications for zoning by-law amendments, draft plans of subdivision and official plan amendments. For such applications, per the Ontario Planning Act, notices of a Public Meeting will be mailed to residents within the required circulation radius (120 metres, or about 400 feet) and by having signs posted on the frontage of the affected property(ies). The Town may provide notice in the newspaper on a case-by-case basis, for prominent or large development proposals. To replace these newspaper notices, the Town will post notices of public meetings for development applications on its website at www.wasagabeach.com.

The Town will continue to post notices in the newspaper for applications for minor variance and consent to sever.

WHY
are we making
these changes?



In 2019, the Province introduced the More Homes, More Choices Act (Bill 108), which came into effect in September. That Act shortened the timeframe for municipal councils to make decisions on certain development applications before an applicant can appeal a lack of decision. As a result, the Town reviewed its practices in processing development applications, and is implementing changes to help reduce the risk that appeals are filed due to the amount of time spent between when applications are received and when decisions are made.

HOW
can you get Notice of
development applications
in the future?



For more information about these changes and how to ensure that you are notified of development applications in the future, please contact the Town's Planning Department. Planning staff can be reached at Town Hall (30 Lewis Street), by phone at (705) 429-3847, or by email at planning@wasagabeach.com. For a copy of the staff report through which the changes outlined above and others were presented to Town Council, please use the following URL:
<https://bit.ly/2sZFx6U>.



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