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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## County of Hastings Seeks Public Input for Draft Official Plan

Hastings County – In a statement released today, Hastings County Warden Rodney Cooney announced the launch of a new webpage dedicated to information on the County's Draft Official Plan (OP), marking the start of the Public Consultation process for gathering input.

"We are excited to start public consultation on the County of Hastings Draft Official Plan", says Warden Rodney Cooney. "Significant work has gone into drafting this plan and we look forward to receiving the valuable input members of our community have to offer."

As part of the draft OP process, the County is seeking the public's input. The policies and objectives in the OP help shape the future of the County's member municipalities, which is important to everyone who lives, works, or visits here. The purpose of the OP is to guide growth and physical change in communities, implement policies relating to infrastructure, protect and enhance natural resources, and conserve cultural heritage resources.

Copies of the Draft OP are available at the Hastings County administration office or online on the new Hastings County webpage at <a href="https://www.hastingscounty.com">www.hastingscounty.com</a>.

Comments can be submitted either by mail, via the County's website or by emailing <a href="mailto:OPReview@hastingscounty.com">OPReview@hastingscounty.com</a>.

The County will be hosting four (4) open houses on the following dates and locations:

- Monday, August 28, 2017 from 9:30am 12:00pm at the Hastings Highlands Municipal Building 33011 Hwy 62 North, Maynooth
- Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 3:00pm 5:00pm and 6:00pm 8:00pm at the Dungannon Recreational Centre 26596 Hwy 62, L'Amable
- Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 3:00pm 5:00pm and 6:00pm 8:00pm at the Township of Tyendinaga Rec. Centre, 363 McFarlane Rd, RR1, Shannonville
- Tuesday, September 5, 2017 3:00pm 5:00pm and 6:00pm 8:00pm at the Township of Madoc Municipal Hall, 15651 Hwy 62, Madoc

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