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County Launches Major Review of Picton-Hallowell and Wellington Secondary Plans

Picton ON – On January 12th, the County of Prince Edward commenced a new planning process to update the Picton-Hallowell and Wellington Secondary Plans. The new Secondary Plans will identify where housing will be built and businesses will be located, and will address matters such as municipal roads and services, parks, cultural heritage, and natural environment. The County is taking this initiative to ensure that its policies reflect current community values as well as current and anticipated growth.

"The existing Plans are 30 years old," said Commissioner of Planning Services, Gerry Murphy. "It is definitely time to replace them with up-to-date plans that recognize and prepare for the changes these communities will face as popular locations to live, work and invest."

Creating the Picton-Hallowell and Wellington Secondary Plans is a community driven process, and participation by the public is critical to its success. There will be many opportunities for all interested parties to provide input. Information about upcoming meetings and project updates will be available soon. A survey will be provided on the County website at www.pecounty.on.ca as well as at community meeting places, such as libraries, community centres and recreation facilities. As they are prepared, project documents will be available online and in County offices at Shire Hall and The Edward Building.

"The Picton-Hallowell area and the Town of Wellington are areas poised for growth," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "This is the public's opportunity to help shape that growth so that it reflects our unique County culture and values. I encourage everyone to follow and participate in this process."

To assist in preparing its Secondary Plans, the County has retained the IBI Group. IBI Group will work closely with a Council-appointed Steering Committee, County staff, residents and other stakeholders.

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