

Rural Municipality of Miscouche
Official Plan Review

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

Draft Plan Engagement
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INTRODUCTION



ABOUT THE PROJECT

In October 2025, the Rural Municipality of Miscouche began a process to review and update its Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw. These planning documents play an important part in guiding and managing growth and development in the municipality. Essentially, they establish the policies and regulations that determine how, where, and under what conditions development can occur.

The *Planning Act*, which gives Council the authority to create these documents, requires them to be reviewed every 5 years to ensure they remain current. The Municipality’s most recent Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw were approved in 2008 and have provided the framework for guiding land use development within the community for nearly 20 years. As such, a full review of these documents is needed to best reflect current needs and conditions. The main goal of this project is to create a new set of planning documents that will meet the needs of the community and serve as a clear blueprint for future growth and development in Miscouche.

One of our top priorities is to work closely and collaboratively with community members and stakeholders. This will help ensure that the planning documents align with the community’s vision for itself and addresses topics and issues that are important to residents. By working together, the Plan will respond to residents’ needs and help the municipality adapt to change over the coming decade in a thoughtful and sustainable way.

This Plan Review is being carried out by UPLAND Planning + Design Studio in collaboration with municipal staff.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The project kicked-off in November 2025 with a comprehensive background review and site visit to the Municipality. This was followed by the first round of engagement, which launched in early January. Based on community input and a technical review, we developed a draft Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw. Once the drafts were complete, we launched the second round of engagement in late May.



How This Report Will Be Used

This report captures what we heard during the Draft Plan Engagement phase, ensuring transparency and accountability by sharing how community input has been gathered and considered.

Feedback gathered during this phase of engagement will be used to refine the drafts before finalizing and sharing with Council for adoption. The final documents are intended to be presented to Council in Summer 2026.

WHAT WE DID



ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Draft Plan Engagement was open from May 28 to June 29, 2026 and included an online survey and interactive map where participants could view the proposed zoning and provide feedback on what they like and what they think is missing. Our team also hosted a public meeting designed to share information about the draft documents and encourage discussion.

PROJECT WEBSITE

The project website was updated with the draft planning documents and used to promote opportunities to share feedback either online or in-person.

You can visit the project pages at the link below:

<https://speakupland.ca/miscouche-plan-review>



About the Project

In October 2025, the Rural Municipality of Miscouche initiated a process to comprehensively review and update its Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw. These planning documents play a significant role in guiding and managing growth and development in Miscouche, and establish policy and regulations about how, where, and under what circumstances growth and development can occur. This project aims to review these documents and develop revised versions that best reflect the needs of the community.

Draft Engagement is Happening Now!

Based on what we heard during the initial round of engagement, the Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw

Document Library

-  **Official Plan - Public DRAFT**
(PDF 5.91 MB)
-  **Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw - Public DRAFT**
(PDF 65.68 MB)
-  **Miscouche Draft Planning Documents - Fact Sheets**
(PDF 5.75 MB)

ENGAGEMENT PROMOTION

The Municipality shared two posts to their Facebook page during the engagement period. Additionally, posters with the project website, QR code, and information on the public meeting and feedback form were distributed around the community to encourage participation.



ONLINE ACTIVITIES

To gather feedback on the proposed planning documents, community members were invited to share comments on an interactive map or through a feedback form. The activities were promoted through the Municipality's social media accounts and posters in the community. Residents were also able to provide feedback via email at **consultation@uplandstudio.ca**.

During the engagement period, we received responses from two community members.

PUBLIC MEETING

An in-person meeting was hosted at the Miscouche Community Office on the evening of June 4. The session was an opportunity for community members to learn about the proposed changes to the Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaw and ask questions directly to the project team. While members of Council and the Planning Board attended the meeting, no other residents were present.



WHAT WE HEARD



Feedback received during the second round of engagement was limited. One participant identified an error in the proposed zoning map, noting that two residential properties on Kelly Drive had been incorrectly zoned as Commercial.

Additional revisions to the draft planning documents were requested by the Planning Board during the engagement period. These included permitting shipping containers within the Commercial Zone and requiring development permits for accessory buildings exceeding 100 square feet.





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