

The Corporation of the Township of Southgate Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-law

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate passed Bylaw No. 2025-081 on July 2, 2025, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

This by-law applies to all lands within the Township and so a key map of the area affected is not provided.

The Purpose of the zoning bylaw amendment is amend its Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw regarding renewable energy facilities and battery energy storage systems to implement Ontario's Affordable Energy Future (October 2024), Provincial Interest in Section 2 of the Planning Act, Provincial Planning Statement 2024, Grey County Official Plan, Grey County Climate Change Action Plan (2022), and the Township Official Plan. Official Plan Amendment #5 defines process requirements for renewable energy rezonings, required content for the zoning by-law amendment, and clarifies where renewable energy facilities and battery storage might be permitted as a local private utility providing electricity for individual on-site use.

The Effect of the amendment defines energy storage systems, renewable energy facility, renewable energy systems, adds private windmills as exempt from height requirements in Section 3, includes provisions permitting facilities and energy storage for private use on a single property in any zone as an accessory use, and requires all other renewable energy facilities and battery storage systems supply power to the grid to be considered through zoning by-law amendment.

The Council of the Township of Southgate has adopted this by-law and is now circulating it in accordance with Provincial regulations.

And take notice that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, not later than **July 22, 2025 at 4:00 PM**, a notice of appeal (appeal forms and instructions are available at: https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/ setting out the objection to the by-law, the reasons in support of the objection and including a certified cheque or money order for \$400.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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Dated at the Township of Southgate, on July 3, 2025. Lindsey Green, Clerk

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