

User Guide to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law

This User Guide is intended to be used for information purposes, giving an overview of how to read and understand a Zoning By-law and explaining how to apply the provisions to a specific property of interest.

What is a Zoning By-law?

A Zoning By-law is a “rule book” that regulates building and development. Zoning By-laws state how land and buildings are used, where buildings and other structures can be located, minimum lot sizes and dimensions, building heights, and other provisions necessary to ensure suitable development.

Structure of the Zoning By-law

A Zoning By-law is divided into a series of Sections:



This section outlines how the Zoning By-law is applied to the Township, provides guidance for interpreting the provisions, and specifies that penalties can be incurred if the by-law is not followed.



This section contains definitions for key terms used in the Zoning By-law, including permitted uses for additional clarity.



This section contains provisions that apply to all properties in all Zones. For example, provisions for accessory structures can be found here.



This section establishes the requirements for parking and loading in all Zones, including the number and size of parking spaces and loading requirements.



These sections establish the Zones within the Township. Each Zone section outlines the permitted uses, lot and building standards, and additional provisions which may apply in that particular Zone. There may also be Exception Zones with specific provisions for specific properties.