

The Corporation of the City of Belleville

By-law Number 2025-

A By-Law to Approve an Amendment to the Official Plan (2021) of The City of Belleville in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of The Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P.13, as Amended

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Belleville enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. X to the Official Plan (2021) of the City of Belleville, consisting of an explanatory text, and schedule is hereby adopted.
2. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

Read a first time this **DDth day of MMM, 2025.**

Read a second time this **DDth day of MMM, 2025.**

Read a third time and finally passed this **DDth day of MMM, 2025.**

Neil R. Ellis, Mayor

J. Douglas Irwin, Clerk

Amendment No. X to the Official Plan (2021) of the City of Belleville

PART "A" - PREAMBLE

I Title

The Title of the Amendment is "Amendment No. X to the Official Plan (2021) of the City of Belleville", hereinafter referred to as the "Amendment".

II Relative Parts

Part "A" - THE PREAMBLE does not constitute part of the Amendment, and is intended only to provide the background for Part "B".

PART "B" - THE AMENDMENT of this document constitutes Amendment No. X and is comprised of the following sections:

1. Introduction
2. Details of the Amendment
3. Statement of Policy
4. Implementation
5. Interpretation

III Location of the Amendment

This Amendment No. X applies to the entirety of the City of Belleville, County of Hastings.

IV Purpose of the Amendment

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to revise the Official Plan to update policies in accordance with the Parkland and Recreation Master Plan and the Planning Act.

V Basis of the Amendment

This Amendment No. X was initiated by the Corporation of the City of Belleville and the basis of this Amendment is contained in the Staff Report APS-2025-XX dated MMM DD, 2025.

PART "B" - THE AMENDMENT

1. Introduction

The whole of this Part "B" constitutes "Amendment No. X" to the Official Plan (2021) of the City of Belleville, which consists of the following text.

2. Details of the Amendment

The Official Plan of the City of Belleville is hereby amended as follows:

1. The City of Belleville Official Plan (2021) is hereby amended by the following changes, which shall constitute the Amendment No. X to the City of Belleville Official Plan (2021):
 - a. Amend Sections 3.8.4 b), 4.1.2 c), 7.2.1 a) vxii), and 7.11.2 d) by replacing all instances with “cash-in-lieu” with “**payment-in-lieu**;”
 - b. Amend Section 3.6.1 by removing the mention of “would” from the first sentence;
 - c. Amend Section 3.6.2 c) by removing the mention of “for acquisition” from the first sentence;
 - d. Amend Section 3.6.2 e) by removing and replacing the first sentence with the following statement: “Points of ingress and egress for open space areas should be established to ensure safe **and accessible** movement of vehicular, **pedestrian, and cyclist traffic from** the public street and the subject and adjoining lands;”
 - e. Amend Section 3.6.2 f) by removing and replacing the “open character” with “**natural landscape**;”
 - f. Amend Section 3.6.2 g) by appending the first sentence the “**and screening**;”
 - g. Amend Section 3.6.2 h) by removing and replacing the “safe” with “**safe and accessible**;”
 - h. Amend Section 7.11.2 a) by replacing the section in its entirety with the following:

“As a condition of development or redevelopment of land the following parkland dedication or payment-in-lieu requirements, Council may require:

 - i. **For commercial or industrial purposes, a rate of 2% of the land area.**
 - ii. **For residential purposes, a rate of 5% of the land area.**
 - iii. **For purposes that contain a mixed-use, a rate of 4% of the land area; and**
 - iv. **For any other purposes not listed above, a rate of 5% of the land area. “**

- i. Amend Section 7.11.2 d) by appending the bulleted list with the following: “such contribution may be more effective in achieving service levels and objectives of the Parkland and Recreation Master Plan;”
- j. Remove and redact Section 7.11.2 e);
- k. Amend Section 7.11.2 f) by appending the bulleted list with the following:
 - i. “Lands containing stormwater management facilities;
 - ii. Lands encumbered by liens or non-city utilities;
 - iii. Lands that do not contain street frontage;
 - iv. Lands which the size and configuration limits or restricts the City’s ability to use the land for park development; and/or
 - v. Lands previously used for a temporary construction yard and/or traffic.”
- l. Amend Section 7.11.2 f) by appending the section with the following:

“Land that is conveyed to the City for stormwater management facilities, overland flow routes, floodplain or conservation purposes, roadways, walkway blocks or any other non-parkland purpose will not be credited against the required parkland dedication in accordance with the *Planning Act*, as amended. Over dedication of parkland provided willingly shall be given gratuitously and will receive no compensation by the City.”
- m. Amend Section 7.11.3 by replacing the section in its entirety with the following:

“Recreation Facilities on Private Lands

 - i. The municipality may require the provision of on-site recreational facilities. These facilities should be oriented to the recreational needs of the residents of the proposed development and should be proportionate in size and scale of the development they service. Such areas should not be considered as part of parkland dedication.
 - ii. Outdoor on-site recreational facilities shall be designed in accordance with the following:
 - 1. A balance of sun and shade exposure, and provide protection barriers as required.
 - 2. Barrier-free pedestrian path from building (s) to amenity area(s) and site elements (e.g. walkways,

- roads, sidewalks, buildings).
- 3. Adequate screening and landscaped buffer from adjacent loading and service areas.
- 4. Gates and fencing as required.
- 5. Separation from vehicular paved areas by a raised curb.
- iii. In some cases, outdoor amenity areas provided in surplus of municipal requirements may be considered for shared use with the Municipality for the purposes of parkland dedication, subject to an agreement to the satisfaction of the Municipality.”
- n. Amend Section 8.7 by appending a new subsection d) with the following statement: “In accordance with Section 42 of the Planning Act, Council may adopt by-law regarding parkland dedication for development or redevelopment of land within the City and stipulate conditions in lieu of parkland dedication. Furthermore, the Council may adopt by by-law establish alternative requirements for parkland dedication in accordance with Section 42(3) of the Planning Act, as amended to ensure the City can appropriately provide parkland to meet the future park needs of the community.”
- o. Amend Section 8.7 by appending a new subsection e) with the following statement: “Council may adopt a by-law regarding the retention, protection, improvement, and revitalization of the City’s urban tree canopy and natural vegetation.”
- p. Amend Section 7.11 by renumbering Sections 7.11.2 and 7.11.3 to Sections 7.11.3 and 7.11.4, and other references to these sections including:
 - i. Amend Sections 3.8.5 b) by replacing all instances of “7.11.2” with “7.11.3”
 - ii. Amend Sections 3.10.2 q) ii) and 4.6.14.1 e) by replacing all instances of “7.11.3(b)” with “7.11.4”
- q. Adding a new Section 7.11.2 with the following and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:
“Parkland Classifications
In accordance with the Parkland and Recreation Master Plan, the future of parks planning will be guided by the classifications below to ensure parks are design-oriented and comprehensively planned to

accommodate the variety of uses and amenities that may be part of a park:

- i. Parkettes are intended to serve as local areas that are generally located in urban or residential areas, providing connections to larger parks and open spaces. These parks generally have a lot size that is less than 1.0 hectare and are generally used as small open spaces that have limited to no recreational facilities or passive programming such as seating and temporary gathering.
- ii. Neighbourhood Parks are intended to serve the local area who live in the general vicinity and can walk or bike to the park. These parks generally have a minimum lot size of 1.0 hectare and are generally used as a combination of active and passive recreation opportunities such as minor sports fields, multi-purpose courts, playgrounds, and informal play areas.
- iii. Community Parks are intended to serve more than one neighbourhood within the City but are not intended to serve the City as a whole. These parks generally have a minimum size of 5.0 hectares and are generally used as active and/or passive recreation such as sport fields, sport course, playgrounds, water play, amenity buildings and on-site parking.
- iv. Destination or Regional Parks are intended to serve as municipal, regional, or provincially significant destinations. These parks may vary in size and are generally used for active and/or passive recreation opportunities that meets the needs of residents but also of interest to visitors.
- v. General Open Spaces are intended to serve as undeveloped lands accessible to the public. These parks may vary in size and are generally used for active and passive recreational activities such as pedestrian pathways, bicycle trails, community gardens, open lawn areas, and remnant parcel of open land.
- vi. Natural Open Spaces are intended to serve as undeveloped lands accessible to the public that contain significant natural features. These parks may vary in size and are generally used for passive recreation activities that do not negatively impact

ecological and biological functions of their natural surroundings.”

- r. Amend Section 3.6.2 a) by removing and replacing the subsection with the following statement: “Public parkland shall be designed to accommodate a variety of complementary activities such as pathways, multi-purpose trail, playgrounds, and sport courts, and provide safe and accessible pedestrian access and circulation on-site in accordance with Section 7.11.2.”

4. Statement of Policy

This Amendment has regard to Section 2 of the Planning Act, is in conformity with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 and is in conformity with the policies of the Belleville Official Plan.

5. Implementation

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville may enact an appropriate Zoning By-Law pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P. 13, as amended.

6. Interpretation

The provisions of the Official Plan, as amended from time to time regarding the interpretation of the Plan, shall apply in regard to this Amendment No. X.