

**THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK  
BY-LAW NO. 2026-08**

**A BY-LAW TO ADOPT AMENDMENT NO. 16 (OPA 16) TO THE COUNTY OF  
LANARK OFFICIAL PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation has been made to the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lanark by the Economic Development Committee of the Whole that Amendment 16 to the County of Lanark Official Plan, be adopted by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lanark enacts as follows;

1. That Amendment 16 to the County of Lanark Official Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule A and forms part of this By-law, is hereby adopted.

**By-law read a first and second time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

**By-law read a third time and finally passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

  
Jasmin Ralph, Clerk



  
Richard Kidd, Warden



**SCHEDULE A - BYLAW 2026-08**  
**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 16 (OPA 16)**

**Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment**

OPA 16 amendments to the policies of the Lanark County Official Plan (the Plan). No changes to the mapping Schedules of the Plan are proposed.

**Details of the Amendment**

The Lanark County Official Plan is hereby amended as follows:

**Item No. 1**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add "The definition of affordable as it relates to housing shall be the same as the PPS. The County strongly encourages the development of locationally appropriate affordable housing throughout the County. The County also encourages the development of accessible housing in concert with, and in addition to, affordable housing." to the start of the preamble.

**Item No. 2**

Amend Section 8.2.9.3 to change "Ensuring a minimum 10-year supply of residential land at all times." to "Maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years through lands which are designated and available for residential development."

**Item No. 4**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.7 " Local municipalities shall establish housing mix, intensification, redevelopment and affordable housing targets in their Official Plans and shall track, monitor and report on progress meeting these targets. Where established, municipalities shall use the PPS provided definitions. In setting targets local municipalities shall consider the outcomes of the Lanark County & Town of Smiths Falls Municipal Tools to Support Affordable Housing (2022) report or any subsequent or supplemental report.

**Item No. 5**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.8 "The County may sell or lease County-owned surplus land and/or buildings which have been deemed appropriate for residential uses below market value for the development of affordable and/or supportive housing. Local Official Plans are encouraged to adopt policies that catalogue and facilitate the sale below market value or re-use of surplus land and/or

buildings for affordable and/or supportive housing where deemed appropriate by local Councils.”

**Item No. 6**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.9 “Serviced communities shall permit mixed use developments in their downtowns, strategic growth areas, and other areas where deemed appropriate in local Plans, and provide the policy framework to facilitate redevelopment, infill and conversion of non-residential buildings to include residential uses.”

**Item No. 7**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.10 “Local Official Plans shall permit Additional Residential Units (ARUs) as required by the Planning Act and PPS, and are encouraged to provide the policy framework to facilitate development of ARUs beyond the minimum standards of the Planning Act, where deemed appropriate by local Councils.

**Item No. 8**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.11 to add “All affordable housing developments which receive financial or non-financial assistance from the County shall have a minimum of 25% of affordable housing units which meet or exceed the accessibility requirements of the Ontario Building Code and all common areas shall be barrier-free, unless otherwise expressly exempted by Council.”

**Item No. 9**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.12 to add “The County encourages locally appropriate approaches to shared housing. Shared housing models generally involve unrelated parties co-habituating in the same dwelling unit, sharing common element.”

**Item No. 10**

Amend Section 8.2.9.1 to delete “social assisted housing for households and seniors” and replace it with “affordable and additional needs housing”.

**Item No. 11**

Amend Section 8.2.9 Affordable Housing to add 8.2.9.13 to add “The County will work to coordinate land use planning and planning for housing with the County’s Service Manager and have regard for related County plans and studies such as the County’s Housing and Homelessness Plan (HHP)”.