



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ZONING BY-LAW 10-04 (as amended)
OF THE TOWN OF GRAVENHURST**

Respecting a Housekeeping Update to the Town of Gravenhurst Comprehensive Zoning By-law 10-04

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst will hold a Public Meeting in relation to the application on

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026
at 3:00 p.m. at the
Gravenhurst Municipal Offices
(Council Chambers)
5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst, Ontario

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting will be to consider a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 10-04 (as amended) of the Town of Gravenhurst pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION is attached to this notice for your information and review:

- An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the Proposed By-law;
- **No key map is provided as the proposed housekeeping update applies to all lands located within the Town of Gravenhurst.**

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written submissions either in support or opposition to the Proposed By-law.

ALTERNATIVELY, ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may also provide verbal comments during the meeting electronically using MVI EasyConf Connect Conference System (NOT Zoom), in accordance with Section 238 of the Municipal Act and the Town's Procedural By-law.

A request to address Planning Council electronically must be completed at www.Gravenhurst.ca/PublicParticipation and **submitted prior to 12:00 pm (Noon) on the day before the Public Meeting.** Please note that the public meeting is taking place in person and any issues with electronic participation will not prevent the meeting (and a potential decision) from proceeding.

IF A SPECIFIED PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Gravenhurst to the Ontario Land Tribunal, but the specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Gravenhurst, before the Zoning By-law is passed, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

IF A SPECIFIED PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Gravenhurst, before the Zoning By-law is passed, the specified person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Town of Gravenhurst in respect of the proposed By-law, you must make a written request to Melissa Halford, Director of Development Services

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 10-04 is available from the Development Services – Planning Division. For further information, please contact Angela Ghikadis, Senior Planner at 705-687-3412 ext. 2246 or email angela.ghikadis@gravenhurst.ca or Adam Ager, Manager of Planning Services, 705-687-3412 ext. 2224 or email adam.ager@gravenhurst.ca

DATED at the Town of Gravenhurst this 4th day of March 2026.

Melissa Halford, Director of Development Services.

Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Zoning By-law

On December 20th, 2016 the Town adopted the new Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan. The Plan was subsequently approved by the District Municipality of Muskoka on May 15th, 2017. Since that time, a number of By-law updates have been approved to the Town of Gravenhurst Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2010-04 in order to: ensure it is in conformity to the Official Plan; ensure it remains up to date with current provincial legislation; and, to address housekeeping and other technical matters.

This set of proposed amendments are intended to clarify the intent of a number of regulations within the Zoning By-law and to remove duplication within it. Specifically, proposed changes to the By-law generally include but are not limited to the following:

- Require **“Pools”** to be setback a minimum of 30.0 metres from any “watercourse”;
- Define and require **“Sports Courts”** to be setback a minimum of 30 metres from any “watercourse”;
- Include a **“Septic Treatment System”** in the definition of Septic System Leaching Bed (for zoning purposes only to require a setback from any “watercourse”);
- Clarify the definition of **“Established Building Line”** to confirm it does not apply for setbacks to a “watercourse”;
- Update the definition of **“Gazebo”** to cap the size at 18.6 square metres and to require that at least half of the Gazebo walls must be screened or open;
- Clarify the definition of **“Lot Frontage”** on waterfront properties to confirm that frontage is measured at the water’s edge, not at the 30.0 metre setback;
- Remove the Holding Symbol (H12) from all properties on Muskoka Bay which is no longer classified as being Over Threshold or Vulnerable in the District of Muskoka Lake System Health Program;
- Update the definition of **“Kennel”** to confirm that more than three (3) dogs is

classified as a Kennel;

- Include a definition for “**Barn**” and clarify that Barns are exempt from height in the zones that a “**Farm**” is permitted;
- Replace “**Shoreline Storage Building**” with “**Boathouse**” throughout the Zoning By-law; and
- Additional technical revisions.