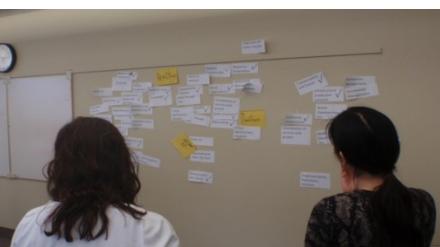
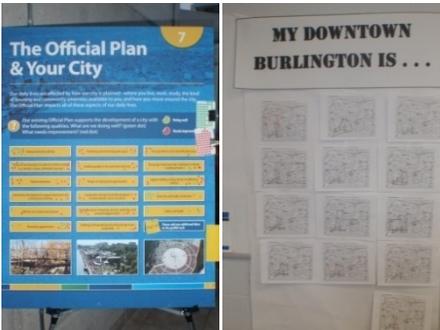


We're Growing in Place [Burlington's Official Plan Review]

City of Burlington Official Plan Review Update: Soft Launch (May 2012)

May 26, 2012

Soft Launch Highlights



Thank you for your participation and interest in *We're Growing in Place* - the City of Burlington's Official Plan review!

As part of the Official Plan review "Soft Launch", interactive Open Houses were held on May 1st and 3rd, as well as a Special Meeting of Council on May 7th. Approximately 100 people signed in at the Open Houses and a number of people provided comments. The purpose of the Open Houses was to begin conversation with those who live and work in Burlington on the future of the city. Some of the highlights of the Open Houses included participants posting ideas on our "graffiti wall" about the city, neighbourhoods, and improving how we get around the city as well as drawing what they considered as part of their "Downtown Burlington". The Special Meeting on May 7th provided citizens an opportunity to make verbal or written submissions directly to Council regarding the Official Plan review and topics for consideration. A total of six delegates made verbal presentations to Council. For the staff report, agenda and minutes, please visit City Council's website at: <http://cms.burlington.ca/Page173.aspx>

Over the last few months, the project team has also met with staff from different departments, citizens' advisory committees, stakeholders, and external agencies. All comments received to date have been considered in defining the scope of the review. We will continue to receive comments throughout the process. A staff report on the scope of the review will be presented at the Community Development Committee Meeting of Council on June 18th. Please visit City Council's meeting website after June 11th to view a copy of the report.

Upon Council's approval of the scope, staff will develop the multi-year work plan and engagement strategy over the summer months and report back to Council by the Fall.

We thank everyone for their participation in the process so far. As the key document that guides long-term growth and development in the city, the Official Plan *affects us all*. That is why we need to hear from you! Your ongoing participation will help us understand how to improve on our current Official Plan and how to move forward with building the city over the next 20 years, making effective use of our land and resources while responding to changing needs in our community.

Please stay tuned on the Official Plan review and opportunities for participation by visiting our website: www.burlington.ca/OPreview. If you have any comments or questions, you can also contact the Official Plan review team at opreview@burlington.ca or 905-335-7642.