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

Hwy 403 & Waterdown Rd. Workshop
Monday, May 13th, 2013
6:30 pm
Royal Botanical Gardens
Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentation
  - Policy and Regulatory Framework
  - Burlington Official Plan and Zoning By-law
- Exercise – Issue Mapping
- Wrap up/Next Steps
Workshop Goals

• Document existing and emerging issues (e.g. land use conflicts and functional issues)

• Explore options in addressing issues
Staff Direction

• Direct the Director of Planning and Building to review the Official Plan policies and zoning of the “H-RNA1 lands located on the west side of the Waterdown Road at Highway 403 interchange...as a component of the 2012 Official Plan Review in light of traffic and land use impacts created by the full interchange at Highway 403 and Waterdown Rd.”
What is an Official Plan?

- An Official Plan is a statutory document required by the province that describes a city's land-use strategy over the next 20 years.
- It addresses the location and form of new housing, industry, offices and shops as well as anticipated needs for infrastructure. Think: streets, parks, transit, schools, community amenities, all needed for a growing city.
Why are we doing the review now?

- The **Planning Act** requires every city to update its Official Plan at least every five years. The City of Burlington's last Official Plan review began in 2002 and the revised document was approved by Halton Region in 2008.
- As the city continues to change and grow, we must regularly revisit the Official Plan to ensure that we are realizing the city's collective vision and responding to our community's needs.
- The City started with another review in 2012.
Policy Framework

Ontario Planning Act & Other Provincial legislation

Provincial

The Niagara Escarpment Plan

Regional

Halton Regional Official Plan

Municipal

City of Burlington Official Plan

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Study Area
Official Plan Settlement Pattern

Hwy 403 and Waterdown Rd Study Area
Zoning By-law 2020

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RNA1 Zone - Permitted Land Uses

– Detached dwellings
– Outdoor recreation
– Agricultural uses
– Accessory farm commercial
– Archaeological conservation projects
– Forest, wildlife, fisheries management projects
– Veterinary services
Issue Mapping

1. Please outline issues that you have experienced to date.
2. Please share concerns about potential emerging problems.
3. What are some potential opportunities that the City should consider.
Next Steps

• Prepare workshop summary and response document
• Identify the issues that can be addressed through the Official Plan Review
• Present the findings at another meeting
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