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## **NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSES AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING BURLINGTON'S PROPOSED NEW OFFICIAL PLAN (February 2018)**

February 7, 2018

### **Open Houses and Statutory Public Meeting**

In accordance with Section 17 and Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c.P.13, as amended, you are invited to attend an Open House and Statutory Public Meeting to ask questions and provide comments on Burlington's proposed new Official Plan (February 2018). The proposed new Official Plan articulates Burlington's vision to the planning horizon of 2031 and beyond, and has been developed in recognition of the opportunities and challenges ahead as the city continues to evolve.

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The purpose of the Open Houses is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed new Official Plan (February 2018) with representatives of the city. There will be no formal presentation given.

The City is providing two Open House opportunities:

**Monday, Feb. 12, 2018**

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Haber Community Centre, Community Room 2-West  
3040 Tim Dobbie Drive

**Thursday Feb. 15, 2018**

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 247, level 2  
426 Brant Street

**STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING**

The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments to City Council on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2018), and for Council to consider the feedback prior to adopting the new Official Plan.

A Statutory Public Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018**

1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, level 2  
426 Brant Street

The public is welcome to attend the meeting or watch a live webcast. Delegations are invited to register but are not required to register in advance to speak. All delegations are expected to be accommodated in the afternoon or evening session. Additional time may be scheduled if required.

**WHY HAS A NEW OFFICIAL PLAN BEEN PREPARED?**

The Official Plan is a statutory document that sets out land use policy to guide growth, land use planning and development approvals in Burlington. The Planning Act requires that municipalities revise their Official Plans no less frequently than 10 years for a new official plan and every five years for an update to an official plan. The City initiated an Official Plan Review project in 2011 which included policy, research, analysis, studies, staff reports and community feedback on a number of topics. The review of the City's current Official Plan demonstrated significant changes were required to the document to reflect the city's new priorities established through the city's Strategic Plan. As a result, a new Official Plan was prepared.

The proposed new Official Plan project was undertaken to clarify Burlington's local vision for the future, as well as to conform to Halton Region's Official Plan. It also implements Council's direction to accommodate growth within the urban area and protect Burlington's

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travel options, making efficient use of existing and planned infrastructure, and maintaining a strong economy.

The proposed new Official Plan (February 2018) contains revisions based on feedback received at the November 30, 2017 Statutory Public Meeting and January 23, 2018 Public Meeting, and through written submissions. The proposed new Official Plan also contains the proposed new Downtown Precinct Plan and associated policies, resulting from the Downtown Mobility Hub Area Specific Planning process.

The proposed new Official Plan applies to the entire City of Burlington, and therefore a key map is not provided with this notice.

For more information on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2018) including previous versions (April and November 2017), past consultation, background studies and related materials, visit: [www.burlington.ca/newop](http://www.burlington.ca/newop).

**WHERE CAN I GET A COPY OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN?**

The proposed new Official Plan (February 2018) as well as a tracked change version can be accessed:

- online at [www.burlington.ca/newop](http://www.burlington.ca/newop)
- for viewing at the Clerks Department (City Hall, 426 Brant Street, Main Floor) from Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- for viewing at the City’s public libraries.

**HOW TO OBTAIN THE STAFF REPORT**

A staff report concerning the proposed new Official Plan (February 2018) will be available for public review on February 16, 2018. This report will provide an overview of the changes made to the Official Plan based on the feedback received on the proposed new Official Plan (November 2017). The report will be available on the City’s website at [www.burlington.ca/calendar](http://www.burlington.ca/calendar) by searching for the meeting date for the Planning and Development Committee, which is a standing Committee of Council. Copies of the reports can also be picked up at the City’s Clerks Department on the main level of City Hall.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS**

Please forward your comments on the proposed new Official Plan (February 2018) to the attention of Leah Smith, Planning Department, City of Burlington, 426 Brant Street, P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6, or by email to [newop@burlington.ca](mailto:newop@burlington.ca) by no later than 4:30p.m. on Thursday February 22, 2018, if you want your comments received by the Planning and Development Committee at this public meeting.

**SPEAKING AT THE PUBLIC MEETING**

Since this is a Statutory Public Meeting, you do not have to register in advance in order to speak. However, if you wish to arrange in advance to speak at the public meeting, please register online at [www.burlington.ca/delegation](http://www.burlington.ca/delegation) or contact Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk at (905) 335-7600 Ext. 7413 or [Jo-anne.Rudy@burlington.ca](mailto:Jo-anne.Rudy@burlington.ca). Speakers are limited to a

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distribution and review by all members of the Committee. Please note, the content of all submissions is considered to be public and will be posted to the city's website.

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

A staff report recommending adoption of the proposed new Official Plan is scheduled for consideration at the April 4, 2018 Planning and Development Committee meeting.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Burlington City Council on the proposed new Official Plan, you must make a written request to Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk, City of Burlington, City Hall, 426 Brant Street, P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Burlington before the proposed new Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of The Regional Municipality of Halton (the approval authority) to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Burlington before the proposed new Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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**For more information on the Official Plan Project and how you can get involved...**

- Visit our [Official Plan Project](#)
- Contact us: [newop@burlington.ca](mailto:newop@burlington.ca) or 905-335-7642

**Sincerely,  
The Official Plan team**

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