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Burlington's Proposed New Official Plan: Open House Reminder and Staff Reports available

November 20, 2017

Reminder - Two Open Houses Today

In accordance with Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c.P.13, as amended, you are invited to attend an Open House and Public Meeting to ask questions and provide comments on Burlington's proposed new Official Plan.

Monday November 20, 2017
1:00pm - 3:00pm
City Hall, Room 247, Level 2
426 Brant Street

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6:30pm - 8:30pm

Haber Community Centre, Community Room 1-East
3040 Tim Dobbie Drive

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

Staff Reports available

1) Burlington's New Official Plan: Statutory Public Meeting Burlington's Proposed New Official Plan (November 2017)

As part of the New Official Plan Project, Planning staff have prepared a report titled: "Proposed New Official Plan, November 2017: Public Release and Statutory Public Meeting" (PB-50-17).

This report will provide an overview of the key changes made to the Official Plan based on the community feedback received on the draft new Official Plan (April 2017) and will recommend that Council consider the feedback received during the Public Meeting prior to adopting the proposed new Official Plan in early 2018.

The report, including staff recommendations and all appendices, is now available on the city's [Council Agenda Page](#) and will be considered at the Planning and Development Committee meeting of Burlington City Council on **Thursday, November 30, 2017** at 1:00 p.m., 426 Brant Street, Council Chambers, second level, Burlington City Hall.

A presentation on the proposed new Official Plan will be given at the 1:00pm session only.

Click here to view the [meeting agenda](#) and access the staff report and appendices.

For more Information about this staff report, please contact:

Andrea Smith, Manager of Policy and Research at Andrea.Smith@burlington.ca or by phone at 905-335-7600, ext: 7385 or Leah Smith, Senior Planner at Leah.Smith@burlington.ca or by phone at 905-335-7600, ext: 7508.

2) Proposed Downtown Mobility Hub Precinct Plan and Proposed Official Plan Policies

As part of the New Official Plan Project, Planning staff have prepared a report titled: "Proposed Downtown Mobility Hub Precinct Plan and Proposed Official Plan Policies" (PB-81-17).

The purpose of the report is to release the proposed Downtown Mobility Hub Precinct Plan and Official Plan policies developed to date through the Downtown Mobility Hub Area Specific Planning process for community and Council consideration and highlight the key areas of change between the Downtown Mobility Hub draft new Precinct Plan (September 2017, [PB-68-17](#)) and the Proposed Downtown Mobility Hub Precinct Plan (November 2017,

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For more Information about this staff report, please contact:

Rosa Bustamante, Manager of Policy Planning - Mobility Hubs at Rosa.Bustamante@burlington.ca or by phone at 905-335-7600, ext: 7504.

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, and for Council to consider the feedback prior to adopting the new Official Plan.

A Statutory Public Meeting will be held on:

Thursday November 30, 2017
1:00pm and 6:30pm
City Hall, Council Chambers, Level 2
426 Brant Street

A presentation on the proposed new Official Plan will be given at the 1:00pm session only.

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 rural boundary. The Plan directs growth in Burlington based on the principles of protecting the natural environment and agricultural lands, building healthy communities, increasing travel options, making efficient use of existing and planned infrastructure, and maintaining a strong economy.

The proposed new Official Plan contains a number of revisions based on feedback received on the draft new Official Plan released in April 2017. The proposed new Official Plan will contain the proposed new Downtown Precinct Plan and associated polices, resulting from the Downtown Mobility Hub Area Specific Planning process.

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For more information on the proposed new Official Plan including past consultation, background studies and related materials, visit: www.burlington.ca/newop

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

- An electronic copy of the proposed new Official Plan, as well as a tracked change version of the draft new Official Plan and feedback and response tables, are available online at: www.burlington.ca/newop
- A hard copy of the proposed new Official Plan is available for viewing at the Clerks Department (City Hall, 426 Brant Street, Main Floor) from Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- Copies of the proposed new Official Plan are also available for viewing at the City's public libraries.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE STAFF REPORT

A staff report concerning the proposed new Official Plan will be available for public review on November 20, 2017. This report will provide an overview of the key changes made to the Official Plan based on the community feedback received on the draft new Official Plan (April 2017) and will recommend that Council consider the feedback received during the Public Meeting prior to adopting the proposed new Official Plan in early 2018.

Also, a related report, providing an overview of the proposed new Downtown Precinct Plan and associated policies which are included in the proposed new Official Plan, will be available on the same date. The reports will be available on the City's website at 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 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 by no later than 4:30pm on Monday November 27, 2017, 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 or contact Amber LaPointe, Committee Clerk at (905)335-7600 Ext. 7862 or Amber.LaPointe@burlington.ca. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each and are webcasted online. If you have presentation materials, they must be submitted to Ms. LaPointe by noon the day before the meeting to allow for their 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

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 Amber LaPointe, Committee Clerk, City of Burlington, City Hall, 426 Brant Street, P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6.

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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.

Personal Information Collection Notice: Personal information is collected under the authority of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. The City of Burlington collects this information in order to make informed decisions about planning issues and to notify interested parties of City Council's decision as well as the Region of Halton's decision, and to serve you notice of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing. Under the Planning Act, this information is considered part of the public record and will be disclosed, including personal information. Personal information (including your name, address, and comments) may be contained in an appendix of a staff report, published in the meeting agenda, delegation list and/or the minutes of the public meeting, and made part of the public record which may be available for public disclosure to members of the public, at the meeting, through requests or through the City of Burlington website, unless you expressly request the City of Burlington to remove your personal information. Questions about this collection and disclosure should be directed to: Andrea Smith, Manager of Policy and Research, Planning and Building Department, City of Burlington, 426 Brant St, P.O. Box 5013, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Z6 at 905-335-7385.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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

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

Sincerely,
The Official Plan team

As a subscriber to this email list we would like to advise:

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NOTE:

If you do not wish to receive further notice of the City of Burlington's New Official Plan, please select the One-Click Unsubscribe link below. Thank you.

Should you make a submission on the proposed new Official Plan we would like to advise:

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