



INFORMATION UPDATE

CITY WIDE IMPLICATIONS

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Re:	Airport Employment Growth District - Secondary Plan and Infrastructure Servicing Studies - Phase 2 - Project Update (City Wide)		

Council Direction

City Council on June 25, 2008 authorized the Planning and Economic Development and Public Works Departments to proceed with the Phase 2 of the Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Secondary Plan and Infrastructure Servicing Studies. The Secondary Plan will be prepared in accordance with the Planning Act and Infrastructure Servicing Studies will fulfill the requirements of Phases 1 & 2 of Municipal Engineer's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

Background

Since our last Information Update to Council in November, 2008, staff together with the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and the consulting team led by Dillon Consulting developed a draft Vision and Objectives document (Appendix A) to guide the future development of this area. The Vision document was categorized into several key principle areas such as Sense of Place, Built Form, Movement and Connections, Relationship with Surrounding Land Uses and Infrastructure component. Through further discussion and refinement, ideas were put forward on possible development concepts based on servicing and infrastructure needs and social, environment and economic factors. These ideas along with the Vision and Objectives document were used to develop three (3) land use options

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(Appendices B-D) to guide the future development of this area. It also led to the development of Evaluation Criteria to evaluate and analyze the Land Use options.

The project team also met with the CLC on April 28, 2009 to get the input from CLC members on the draft Land Use options and the Evaluation Criteria and circulated to the staff of the key stakeholder departments in the City of Hamilton for feedback before the upcoming Public Information Centre in May 2009.

Proposed Schedule

At the CLC meeting on April 28, 2009, the three (3) land use options were presented. The Committee was asked to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each option. To assist the study team, the CLC suggested some refinement to these options and discussed the development of alternative solutions to address key issue areas such as servicing constraints and opportunities, social and environmental factors. Some of the key discussion areas focused on the provision of a variety of land use designations to suit the immediate and future needs of industry and the transitional areas between existing residents both within an along the periphery of the study area and agriculture.

The CLC together with the project team are now in a position to bring forward these Land Use options for public input. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are scheduled in May, 2009. One on Monday, May 25 in Downtown Hamilton at the Scottish Rite Club of Hamilton and a second one on Tuesday, May 26 in Mount Hope at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. The Notice of these events will be published in the Hamilton Spectator and in all local newspapers. The Notice will also be sent by regular mail to the area residents and commenting agencies. The public and commenting agencies will be invited to attend the PICs and provide input on the the three (3) Land Use options and the Evaluation Criteria to the project team and the CLC for consideration.

During the summer of 2009, the project team in consultation with the CLC will develop a preferred land use plan with specific policies for the AEGD, a zoning by-law and urban design and eco-friendly development guidelines based on public submissions, agency comments and supporting technical studies. The Study team will also focus on developing and analyzing infrastructure alternatives based on comments received from the CLC, staff, commenting agencies and the public.

In September 2009, another PIC will be held to present the Preferred Land Use Option and alternatives, analysis of alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Infrastructure Options (Transportation, Water and Wastewater and Stormwater) for the study area. Again, the study team will be soliciting public, commenting agency and staff comments before presenting the final recommendations to the Council in October / November, 2009.

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Once, the City of Hamilton Council endorses the Land Use and Infrastructure Master Plans, the Plans will be put on public record for a minimum of 30 days review period in accordance with the Municipal Engineer's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (June 2000 as amended in June 2007).

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