





COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members of Council
DATE:	April 11, 2025
SUBJECT:	White Church & Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion Official Plan Amendment Applications - Correction on Location of April 14, 2025 City Held Open House
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Purpose:

The purpose of this Communication Update is to inform Council of a change in location for a City hosted Open House for both the White Church and Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion Official Plan Amendment applications.

Background:

A Communication Update, dated March 11, 2025, was issued indicating an application had been received for the White Church lands. The Communication Update indicated an on-site Open House and virtual Open House for the application would be held mid-April.

A Communication Update, dated March 26, 2025, was issued indicating an application had been received for the Elfrida lands. The Communication Update indicated a joint in-person Open House would be held the evening of April 14, 2025, at the Really Living Centre, and a joint virtual Open House would be held the evening of April 17, 2025 for both the White Church and Elfrida applications.

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Staff received a cancellation by the Really Living Centre on March 28, 2025, noting reasons beyond their control for the cancellation. The cancellation has required staff to find a new location for the April 14, 2025, date. At this point, some notifications and correspondence has been mailed out for this date and location.

Staff immediately searched for another location in proximity to the lands subject to the expansion applications but had a limited timeframe to do so while still being able to provide notice of a new venue but being able to use the same date. Staff selected the Convention Centre as the venue can accommodate many participants, public transit is easily accessible, and notifications of the new venue could be quickly mailed out to provide sufficient notice of the meeting.

Notices including the new location at the Convention Centre have been mailed out to all property owners within the subject lands, property owners within 400 metres of the subject lands, as well as those on the extended GRIDS2 e-mail list. Notices have also been placed in the newspaper and information on the Open Houses is available on the City's website.

The following represents the confirmed dates, times, and location for the joint in-person and virtual non-statutory Open Houses:

In Person	Virtual
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 Time: 7 to 9pm Location: Hamilton Convention Centre Wentworth Ballroom 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton Drop in format, registration not required.	Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 Time: Beginning at 7:00pm Information on how to register will be available at www.hamilton.ca/ube/ by April 7 th , 2025.

Next Steps:

A Special Planning Committee meeting will be held on June 25, 2025, for the statutory public meeting for each application and consideration of recommendation reports. The Special Planning Committee Meeting will be followed by a Special Council meeting directly after to ratify any Committee decision before the 120 day Planning Act decision deadline.

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Other Matters:

The City's urban boundary expansion staff team is setting up meetings with Department and Division staff to assist in explaining the applications and process with an aim towards receiving comments on the application to form part of staff reports.

Resources:

- March 11, 2025, Communications Update-White Church Urban Boundary Expansion Official Plan Amendment.
- March 26, 2025, Communications Update-Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion Official Plan Amendment.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable