

# Communication Update

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**Committee Date:** June 15, 2026

**Subject/Report No.:** Neighbourhood Plans Review Engagement

**Ward(s) Affected:** Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14

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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council.

## Summary

This Communication Update provides Council with an update on the Neighbourhood Plans Review Engagement.

## Background

The City of Hamilton has launched public engagement through Engage Hamilton for the Neighbourhood Plans Review project. Residents are invited to review the proposed evaluation criteria for existing Neighbourhood Plans and provide feedback to help inform the review.

Neighbourhood Plans were created between the 1960s and 1990s to help guide development and land use within communities across Hamilton. Since then, the planning framework in Ontario and Hamilton has evolved significantly, with most land use decisions now guided through Provincial policy, Official Plans, Secondary Plans and other City master plans.

Many of the existing Neighbourhood Plans are now outdated and may conflict with newer policies that support greater flexibility and a wider range of housing options. Through this review, the City aims to streamline planning policies, improve clarity and consistency, and ensure that the planning framework reflects current policies and community needs.

### Key Information:

- The city is reviewing all existing Neighbourhood Plans across Hamilton.
- On May 13, 2026, Council repealed Neighbourhood Plans within existing Secondary Plan areas, so the review does not apply to those areas.
- The review will help determine which plans should be retained and updated or removed.
- Outdated plans can create unnecessary barriers, additional review requirements and confusion regarding policy direction.
- The project supports a clearer and more consistent planning framework for development across the city.
- Residents, landowners and community partners are being asked to help shape the review criteria that will guide recommendations.
- Additional opportunities for public input will be available during future phases of the project.
- Residents will have opportunities to participate online and in person through public engagement sessions.

## Details

### Engagement Opportunities:

#### In-person Drop-In Information and Public Engagement Sessions

Westmount Recreation Centre  
Monday, June 22, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre  
Wednesday, June 24, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Virtual Public Engagement Session  
Wednesday, July 15, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6bc43462-9645-4586-92c0-1ce7b4be2e35@60067437-f484-404f-9316-46348e7340a5>



## Next Steps

### Communication:

To support your outreach, we have included a suggested social media post and accompanying graphics (attached). We encourage you to share these through your channels to help increase awareness and participation.

**Sample social media post:**

The City of Hamilton wants to hear from you. Share your feedback on the Neighbourhood Plans Review and help shape the future of planning policies across Hamilton. Learn more and participate at <https://engage.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoodplansreview>

## Appendices and Schedules Attached

N/A