

## Public Consultation and Communication Summary

In order to present the draft rural zones to members of the public, various methods of communication and consultation were utilized. In addition to including notices within Community Newspapers, postcards were mailed out to all Rural property owners notifying them of the January 2014 Open Houses as well as the November 2014 Drop-in Sessions.

### 1.0 Communication Tools

The different methods utilized by staff to present and gain input on the draft rural zones included:

- Open Houses – panels, presentations, large thematic zoning maps, individual zoning maps, handouts, comment sheets, staff on hand to answer questions including representatives of various conservation authorities;
- Stakeholder Group Presentations and meetings (i.e. Chambers of Commerce and Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture);
- Advisory Committee Meetings (i.e. Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee);
- Meetings with Agencies (i.e. various conservation authorities);
- Individual Meetings and Site Visits with property or business owners, when requested;
- Individual Meetings with Councillors, when requested;
- Rural Zoning Website – posting reports, draft zones, mapping, presentations, on-line comment forms and any revised information; and,
- Drop-in Centre – email to all participants from Open Houses, panels, large thematic zoning maps, individual zoning maps, handouts, comment sheets, additional City staff on hand to direct and answer questions including representatives of various conservation authorities.

### 2.0 Follow-up Correspondence By Staff

In addition to the handouts that were available during the November/December 2013 and January 2014 Open Houses as well as the November 2014 Drop-in Centres, there was extensive correspondence between staff and residents and business owners through various means of communication. The following chart highlights the total number of various correspondence that took place as a result of the Open House and Drop-in Sessions.

<b>November/December 2013 and January 2014 Open Houses</b>	<b>Total</b>
Map Requests (at Open Houses)	80
Requests for Information/Clarification (phone calls, emails, regular mail)	327
Comments/Concerns Received	82
Meetings with residents and business owners	15
Site Visits	3
<b>November 2014 Drop-in Centres</b>	
Map Requests (at Drop-in Centres)	61
Requests for Information/Clarification (phone calls, emails, regular mail)	172
Comments/Concerns Received	57

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Meetings with residents and business owners	10
Site Visits	3

### **3.0 Additional Meetings and Presentations to Advisory Committees, Agencies and Stakeholder Groups**

Through the Rural Zoning project staff have met with various advisory committees, agencies and stakeholder groups to discuss the proposed rural zones and regulations and revisions thereto. In addition, staff have attended meetings to discuss specific concerns raised by the various committees, agencies and groups. The following chart highlights those various additional meetings attended as well as presentations made by staff.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
July 8, 2013	Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting
February 12, 2014	Meeting with Conservation Authorities (Conservation Halton, Hamilton Conservation Authority, Grand River Conservation Authority and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority)
March 24, 2014	Meeting with Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture
June 23, 2014	Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting
November 12, 2014	Presentation to Flamborough Chamber of Commerce
January 8, 2014	Meeting with Business owners of Rural Industrial Zoned properties in Flamborough (Meeting organized by Councillors Pasuta and Partridge in conjunction with Flamborough Chamber of Commerce)
January 15, 2015	Presentation to Glanbrook Chamber of Commerce
January 15, 2015	Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting