

## Consultation Summary Waterdown Node Secondary Plan

**Event:** Library Pop-up

**Location:** Waterdown Library  
163 Dundas Street East, Waterdown

**Date:** June 3, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am

**Participants:** Approx. 50 viewers and 10 discussions

### Event Description

City Staff held a drop-in public consultation at the Waterdown Library. An information table was set up at the entrance of the library with information panels on the Waterdown Community Node Secondary Plan and the Waterdown Village Built Heritage Inventory. Staff were available to receive oral comments and answer questions. In addition, FAQ sheets and Secondary Plan pamphlets were provided.

### What We Heard

#### Transportation

A concern was raised about road safety, specifically for children, due to heavy traffic, especially truck traffic. The need for traffic calming measures in the area was identified.

Comments were made about traffic congestion along Dundas Street between Hamilton Street and Mill Street due to growth; and along Centre Road due to the Lion Safari. Other areas identified as requiring enhancement include the left (east) turn from the north side of Dundas Street, west of the village core and parking provisions for new townhouse and condo developments that cause overflow visitor parking in the surrounding historic neighbourhoods.

There was also concern raised about transit frequency and availability.

#### Heritage Resources

The “Clunes” property on Main Street was identified as a historic property that contributes to the historic character of the area. However, a comment was made that the Victorian character of the area has been degraded, an example being the renovations to Memorial Hall that added a modern addition and accessible entry.

Staff outlined how the Secondary Plan process is their opportunity to provide input on policies to guide future change in the village. The Heritage Inventory will identify properties that have heritage value and inform design guidelines to ensure that the village’s historic character is maintained and enhanced in the future.

#### Community Services and Amenities

A participant expressed frustrations with changes made since amalgamation, including impact on property taxes with not much to show in terms of reinvestment into the village services. In addition, a comment was made that there is a perceived increase in crime



and vandalism in the community, specifically near the high school on Parkside Drive.

A participant identified elementary school growth and construction of portables as something that requires long term solutions.

The value of natural heritage especially the Bruce Trail and side trails (many of which are outside the Secondary Plan and Heritage Inventory study areas) were identified.