

Consultation Summary Waterdown Node Secondary Plan

Event:	Waterdown Ribfest Pop-Up
Location:	Waterdown Memorial Park 266 Main Street North, Waterdown
Date:	June 29, 2019
Time:	11 am to 6 pm
Participants:	82

Event Description

City Staff held a drop-in public consultation at the Waterdown Ribfest in Memorial Park. Participants were asked to consider and comment on three questions: “What do you like about the Waterdown Core?”, “What buildings do you think are special?” and “If you could improve one thing about the core, what would it be?”. Participants were encouraged to write their answers to the questions on a large piece of brainstorming paper. Staff were available to discuss these comments and answer questions.

What We Heard

What do you like about the Waterdown Core?

- Quiet (4)
- Nice area (3)
- Small community / village feel (10)
 - Even with surrounding area growing
 - Feels separate from Hamilton and Burlington
 - Running into people you know
- Quaint
- Location (2)
 - Flamborough
 - Proximity to Toronto
- Heritage resources and associated history (2)
- Walkable (2)
 - Compact, convenient and accessible
 - Convenient location of amenities (i.e. YMCA)
- Natural features (i.e. big trees and waterfall)
- The people / community (friendly) (5)
- Commercial uses on Hamilton Street
- Ribfest
- Mary Hopkins Public School
- Gardens visible from the road
- Locally owned businesses
- Parks (i.e. baseball park)
- Riding a bike and skating



What buildings do you think are special?

- Dundas Street
- Copper Kettle building (good infill) (2)
- Buildings that complement the small village element
- Memorial Park (2)
- Village core (i.e. restaurants) (2)
- Old Church – 21 Mill Street (2)
- Old Library – 25 Mill Street (2)
- YMCA building
- Pause Awhile restaurant
- Tea room / factory (2)
- American House
- Majority of buildings (2)
 - Specifically, heritage homes
- Joe Sam's park

If you could improve one thing about the core, what would it be?

- More parks / green space (5)
- More recreation facilities (5)
 - Rec Centre with a pool
 - Skateboarding facilities
 - Replace skating coop with outdoor skating rink for skating in winter and roller-skating in summer
- Improve north west of core
- Improve traffic and congestion (by-pass will help) (14)
 - i.e. Mill Street is getting too busy
- Infrastructure improvements (3)
 - Road widening
 - Potholes
- Parking
- More schools (i.e. Catholic high school)
- Improve Mill/Dundas intersection
- Affordable housing options (3) and reduced property taxes (2)
- More entertainment
- Having to drive everywhere
- Improve community involvement / make community feel heard (2)
- Bring historic buildings to code and make better use of them (i.e. Memorial Hall)
- Improve police presence (2)
 - Especially after 10 pm in store parking lots
- Small businesses
- More restaurants with patios
- New subdivision
- Bigger mall / shopping centre (concentrate shopping) (2)
- Cohesiveness and communication



- Movie theatre
- Condo development at corner of Hamilton St and Dundas St
 - Against condos in order to keep small town feel
- Too many people
- Public transportation (i.e. commuting)
- Access to hidden lake (Lake Meadad)
- Compatibility of infill
- More garbage cans
- Hospital, medical care and urgent medical centre