

Consultation Summary Waterdown Node Secondary Plan

Event: Stakeholder Meeting #2
Mary Hopkins Elementary School Council

Location: Mary Hopkins Elementary School
211 Mill Street North, Waterdown

Date: April 15, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Participants: 13

Event Description
<p>The Stakeholder meeting with the Mary Hopkins Elementary School Council consisted of two Staff presentations: one on the Waterdown Community Node Secondary Plan study, including an updated timeline for a larger community meeting, and one on the Waterdown Village built Heritage Inventory. The presentations were followed by a Q&A and discussion period as well as a visioning exercise where participants were asked to describe what the Waterdown Node should look like in 10 - 20 years and what needs to be maintained or changed to achieve their vision.</p>
What We Heard
Community History
<p>The group expressed that growth is welcomed provided the historical components of the community are recognized and preserved. Cultural festivals and the incorporation of the history of the community into school curriculum were identified as ways to recognize the community's past.</p> <p>Interest was expressed by Council members for staff to do a student engagement activity related to the projects, which staff were receptive to. There is opportunity to connect with Waterdown newcomers to share the history of the community.</p>
Policy Framework
<p>A question was raised about the scope of a Secondary Plan and if community facilities, roads and other considerations that cross the geographic boundary of Secondary Plans are considered. Staff advised that the City considers all these aspects on a wider basis through other plans such as Transportation Management Plans or Recreation Plans which reach across larger boundaries.</p> <p>In addition, a question was asked about how growth and development fits with the rest of the City and whether city-wide policies are applicable or whether there are unique requirements to Waterdown. Staff explained the difference between an Official Plan and a Secondary Plan and elaborated on other policies and plans such as the City's Transportation Master Plan.</p> <p>There was a question raised about the cost of the various studies. Staff advised that both the Heritage Inventory and the Secondary Plan study are being done internally by City staff. Consultants will be hired for the Urban Design Guidelines and a Cultural Heritage</p>

Review. The Urban Design Guidelines is estimated to cost less than \$100 thousand. The Heritage review is a much smaller study with a lower cost.

Staff responded to a question confirming that the Transportation Study is still being completed and that staff is coordinating with them for the community meeting in the fall. Staff advised the group they can provide input on the study by completing the online survey or emailing comments to the project team.

Visioning Exercise

What do you think central Waterdown should be like in 10-20 years? What needs to be maintained or changes to achieve this?

Transportation

- Improve traffic congestion (8)
- Improve transportation network to allow for walking, bicycling and driving i.e. traffic calming measures and walking paths/ sidewalks (8)
- Add roundabout on Parkside
- Public transit
- Divert cut-through traffic
- Reduce side street overflow
- Improve parking (2)

Heritage

- Maintain heritage resources and historic feel (5)
- More education and recognition of the community history (6)
- Reduce homeowners' responsibility for the upkeep of heritage homes
- Preserve historic downtown
- Recognize school's 100 year (2)

Community Services

- Improve law enforcement and increase police presence (3)
- Programs and activities for youth i.e. mental health focused (2)
- Snow removal
- Improved safety
- Community Centre for all ages and abilities (4)
- Community Pool (2)
- Improve school maintenance (4)
- Recreation facilities
- Better grocery store
- Senior focused activities
- Continue to support local businesses (2)
- Support for Community events and festivals (2)

Open Space

- Maintain and increase parks, trails and green space (9)
- More farmland (2)



- Engage community with parks and rec spaces
- Dog park

New Development

- Cap building development
- Reduce commercial development in village core
- Maintain low density – no more townhouses (2)
- Add more affordable housing (4)
- Maintain small community feel (3)
- Manage growth
- Consistency between Waterdown and the rest of Hamilton
- Separate Waterdown from Hamilton