WELCOME

WATERDOWN PLANNING INITIATIVES

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
Purpose of the Secondary Plan
The Waterdown Community Node Secondary Plan will provide specific policies and detailed direction for land use, heritage conservation, infrastructure, intensification, transportation, environmental protection, and urban design, taking into account local considerations and context. These policies will implement and complement both Provincial legislation, as well as the goals and objectives of the City’s Official Plan.

Context for the Secondary Plan
- Council has provided direction to complete the Waterdown Community Node Secondary Plan. They have also directed that a Transportation Management Plan be completed concurrently with the Secondary Plan.
- Waterdown is experiencing a great deal of growth, which will impact the central “node” area of Waterdown.
- Within the Waterdown Node, there are opportunities for redevelopment and intensification.
- Provincial Policy requires that an increasingly greater proportion of a City’s growth occur within the already built-up area, to avoid sprawl and responsibly use resources. The City’s Official Plan directs a portion of expected growth to a structure of “Nodes” and “Corridors” throughout the City.

A Secondary Plan...
- Is based on a vision of what the community should look like in the future and contains the steps of how to get from where we are today to where we want to be.
- Helps promote new development opportunities while making sure they fit in with the development that exists today.
- Is a tool to guide public and private investment.
Study Area
The current population (2016) of Ward 15 is 27,675 persons. The population of Ward 15 is projected to increase to 39,400 by 2031, before becoming relatively stable. Most of this growth will occur in Waterdown.

### 25 Year Grids Population Projections

![Graph showing population projections](image)

**Projected 2031 Ward 15 Population:** 39,400

**Population Increase in Waterdown:** 11,725

Existing land uses in the Waterdown Community Node are primarily:

- **Residential**
- **Commercial**

![Map of Waterdown Community Node](image)
There is a wide range of building ages in the area. Many buildings were built before 1950, some of which have important heritage value.

Heights vary widely from single storey buildings to a 10 storey apartment building at 1 Hamilton Street South.

Development Activity in the Node

In the past 5 years 4,400 m² of new commercial space and 177 new residential units have been built.

Applied for or under construction:
- 10 new commercial units
- 355 new residential units
TOP 5 THINGS RESIDENTS LIKE ABOUT THE WATERDOWN CORE

• Quiet small community/village feel
• Friendly people and involved community
• Heritage resources and associated history
• Natural features and parks
• Locally owned businesses and commercial uses

TOP 5 IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

• Traffic and congestion, road safety, active transportation and transit
• Housing and services for seniors
• Affordable housing options
• More parks/green space
• More community services and recreational facilities

TOP 10 FUTURE VISION IDEAS

• Maintain the friendly, quaint small town/village community feeling
• Preserve heritage buildings and resources
• Address congestion and improve traffic flow and safety
• Improve active transportation network with better walking and cycling
• Create more seniors housing and establish a senior’s centre/hub
• Provide more affordable housing options for seniors and families
• Maintain and increase parks, trails, and green spaces
• Provide for more community services and recreational uses for all ages and abilities
• Maintain local businesses, shops and restaurants
• Ensure that new development is compatible and encourages more walkable compact and people-oriented design

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK
What strengths do you want us to know about?

Mark them on the map or write a comment.

Area Strengths

- Heritage preservation (cultural and natural)
- Walkability
- Established streetscape
- Community infrastructure (parkland, places of worship, schools, trails)
- Culture (festivals, local theatre)
- Desirable location for living (central)
- High visibility area (lots of through traffic)
- Proximity to regional transit (Aldershot GO Station)
Area Challenges

- Traffic congestion
- Noise/safety on busy roads
- Limited parking in some areas
- Few transit services
- Infrastructure limitations
- Limited space for public realm improvements (City land along streets)

- Limited population to support commercial core
- Majority of sites are built up - limited quick and easy sites for development
- Large format retail competition around Hwy 5/6

What challenges do you want us to know about?
Mark them on the map or write a comment.
• Population is increasing - supports business and jobs
• Active transportation system (facilities for walking and biking)
• Infrastructure upgrades
• Traffic/safety improvements
• Potential for new bus routes through core

• New building design
• Build on established character of the area
• Density/Infill/Intensification
• Streetscape improvements (trees, sidewalks, lighting, etc.)

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT?
MARK THEM ON THE MAP OR WRITE A COMMENT.
A number of different inputs will be used to inform and support the Secondary Plan.

- A review of individual buildings in the Waterdown Village will identify if there are properties that should be added to the City's Heritage Register and studied further for designation.
- Any water and wastewater infrastructure improvements needed to support new development must be identified.
- A review of cultural heritage landscapes will inform Secondary Plan policy and the Urban Design Guidelines. Information from the Heritage Inventory will be used by this study.
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- Urban Design Guidelines will be created through the Secondary Plan process to provide more detailed direction on design.

The Secondary Plan work will run in parallel to the Transportation Management Plan. Each plan impacts the other.

**SECONDARY PLAN**

**HOW IS YOUR INPUT USED?**

Input given at Community meetings is used to help create the plan.

Information from other sources also informs our recommendations:

- Input from local stakeholder groups
- Technical input from City staff
- Provincial Planning Policy
- Existing City plans and policies
THE SECONDARY PLAN AND ITS SUPPORTING STUDIES ARE ONLY SOME OF THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE. OTHER PLANS, DIRECTIONS AND INITIATIVES WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A THRIVING COMMUNITY.

OTHER INITIATIVES UNDERWAY

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PROJECT TIMELINE

WE ARE HERE ➤ PHASE 1
2019
Background Research
Project Launch & Visioning

PHASE 2
WINTER 2019/2020 TO SPRING 2020
Analysis & Development of Options

PHASE 3
FALL/WINTER 2020/2021
Preferred Land Use Plan, Policies and Guidelines

THANK YOU
for attending this Community Workshop. Your participation in this process is an important contribution to the development of the plan.

Please fill in a comment sheet before you leave, or take one with you to fill in later. We would appreciate receiving your comments by THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019.