

Town of Aurora Official Plan Review

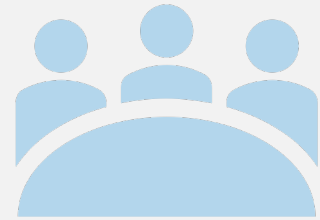
Virtual Public Planning Meeting of Council
Tuesday December 8, 2020



Introductions

Project Team

- Town of Aurora
 - Edward Terry, Project Manager
- SGL – Technical Planning Consultant
- WSP – Public Engagement Consultant



Project Purpose

What is the purpose of the Official Plan?

- To guide growth and manage change for the next 30 years.
- To set out the goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct physical change and the effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment of the Municipality.

Focus Area Themes

- 12 fundamental principles of the current OP have been refined to **4 focus area themes**

- Promoting Responsible Growth Management
- Ensuring Design Excellence
- Building a Greener Community
- Providing a Range and Mix of Housing
- Providing Appropriate Community Facilities
- Protecting Stable Neighbourhoods
- Development Vibrant New Neighbourhoods
- Advancing the Economy
- Building a Successful Downtown
- Establishing a Linked Greenlands System
- Conserving Cultural Heritage Resources
- Providing Sustainable Infrastructure



Growth & Infrastructure



Complete Communities



Natural Heritage



Cultural Heritage & Archaeology

Project Timelines

Phase 1: Background Review

July 2020 – November 2020

CSC Meeting #1
Project Kick-off

LT Meeting #1
Project Kick-off

TSC Meeting #1
Project Kick-off

Public Engagement
Visioning Workshop

General Committee
Project Update

Phase 2: Background Studies & Discussion Papers

October 2020 – April 2021

CSC Meetings #2-5
Discussion Paper Topics

Focus Group Discussions
(businesses, seniors, cultural groups, youth)

LT Meeting #2
Draft Discussion Papers

TSC Meeting #2
Draft Discussion Papers

Public Engagement (4 Open Houses)
Discussion Paper Topics

General Committee
Project Update

Phase 3: Policy Development

April 2021 – November 2021

CSC Meeting #6
Final Discussion Papers

CSC Meeting #7
Draft Policy Directions

LT Meeting #3
Draft Policy Directions

TSC Meeting #3
Draft Policy Directions

Public Engagement (Open House)
Draft Policy

General Committee
Project Update

Phase 4: Official Plan Amendments

November 2021 – June 2022

LT Meeting #4
Draft Amendments

TSC Meeting #4
Draft Amendments

CSC Meeting #8
Draft Amendments

Public Engagement (Open House)
Draft Amendments

Statutory Public Meeting
Draft Amendments

Council Adoption
Final Amendments

Phase 5: Regional Approval

June 2022 – November 2022

Report to Council
Proposed Modifications

Regional Approval

Technical Planning Updates

Fall 2020

- ✓ Background Review
- ✓ Technical Steering Committee Meeting #1

Ongoing:

- Discussion Papers
 - Growth Management
 - Infrastructure
 - Policy Gap Analysis
 - Complete Communities
 - Natural Heritage
 - Cultural Heritage & Archaeology

Public Engagement Updates

Fall 2020

- ✓ Project Media Launch
 - ✓ Establish Community Stakeholder Committee (CSC) & CSC Meetings #1 and 2
 - ✓ Leadership Team Meeting #1
 - ✓ Self-Guided Walking Tour
 - ✓ Vision Workshop
- Ongoing:
- Engage Aurora OPR updates and activities
 - Media releases at key stages



DIGITAL TOOLS

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Interactive Tools Used to Engage the Public



Ideas



Places



Quick Polls



Newsfeed



Guestbook



COMMITTEES

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Committees Established



Community Steering Committee



Leadership Committee



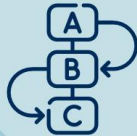
Technical Steering Committee



WEBSITE

796

Visits to the Engage Aurora OPR website



What We Heard



PHASE 1

Initial public and stakeholder input has been critical to first phase of the Official Plan Review process!

EMERGING PRIORITIES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED THROUGH ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND ACTIVITIES



Choice



Affordability



Diversity and Inclusion



Greenspace



INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES



Self-Guided Walking Tour



Vision Workshop



Promoted by mobile signs across Town, a media release and social media

What We Heard Phase 1

What We Heard

Key Themes

The following key themes were identified following analysis of feedback received from the Phase 1 engagement activities:

- **Growth Management**
- **Attainable Housing**
- **Preserving Natural Areas**
- **Sustainability and Climate Change**
- **Diversity and Inclusion**



Next Steps

Discussion Papers - Winter 2020/2021



**Growth &
Infrastructure**



**Natural
Heritage**



**Complete
Communities**



**Cultural
Heritage &
Archaeology**

Next Steps

Winter 2020/2021

- Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meetings #2-5 (**Dec. 2020 – Jan. 2021**)
 - Focused on Discussion Paper Themes

Winter 2021

- Focus Groups (**Feb. – Mar. 2021**)
 - Business owners, seniors, cultural groups, youth
- Leadership Team Meeting #2 (**Feb. 2021**)
 - Presentation on Discussion Paper Findings
- Technical Steering Committee Meeting #2 (**Feb. 2021**)
 - Presentation on Discussion Paper Findings
- Open Houses x 4 (one for each Discussion Paper) (**Feb. – Mar. 2021**)

Conclusions



Thank-you

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