

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

CITY OF WATERLOO OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW (PHASE 1)

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo will hold an Open House and Public Meeting pursuant to Sections 17, 21 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. The City of Waterloo is seeking input from the community on the proposed Official Plan Amendment that will implement the Official Plan Review. You are invited to attend an Open House and a Statutory Public Meeting to ask questions and provide comments on the City of Waterloo's draft updated Official Plan.

OPEN HOUSE

The purpose of the Open House(s) is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed updated Official Plan with representatives of the Municipality. There will be no formal presentations given. Staff will summarize any comments from the community in a future report for City Council's review and consideration.

Date: Thursday September 12th, 2024

Times: Afternoon Session, 2:00-4:00 pm
Evening Session, 5:00-8:00 pm

Location: Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex (WMRC) - Community Pavilion. 101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo

Please note that the same materials will be presented at each Open House. If you cannot attend the Open House, the information panels will be available in the 'Document Library' on the City Official Plan Review's Engage page at www.engagewr.ca/waterloo-official-plan.

PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of the public meeting is to share information and to hear and consider community comments regarding the Official Plan Review as part of City Council's decision-making process. The public is invited participate by submitting written comments in advance of the public meeting and/or arranging to speak to the draft Official Plan.

Date: Monday September 23, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Waterloo City Centre, 100 Regina Street South, Waterloo

Please note, no decision on the Official Plan review will be made on this meeting. A staff report recommending adoption of the updated City Official Plan will be scheduled for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

Purpose and Effect of the Proposed City Official Plan Amendment

The Official Plan provides city-wide direction on growth management, land use planning, and development related matters over the course of a 20–30-year timeframe. The purpose of the Official Plan Review is intended to provide a required update of the Official Plan policies and mapping to update the City Official Plan for consistency with legislation and current Provincial and Regional policies and plans.

The effect of the proposed Official Plan Review amendment will provide an updated policy framework for making land use planning decisions, including forecasted growth to 2051 and setting a structure for guiding growth, facilitating housing, and managing infrastructure. This mandatory update ensures that Official Plan policies stay current with Provincial plans and policy changes, conforms to the Regional Official Plan, and address local considerations and input from community consultations.

The proposed draft Official Plan can be found on the Official Plan Review Engage page at www.engagewr.ca/waterloo-official-plan.

For further information regarding the above matter, or to review a hard copy of the draft updated Official Plan, please contact the City of Waterloo Integrated Planning and Public Works, 2nd Floor, Waterloo City Centre, Waterloo, Ontario, by calling Ric Martins at 519.747.8518 or email ric.martins@waterloo.ca

Subject Area

The Official Plan review applies to all lands within the City of Waterloo. Accordingly, no key map is included in this Notice.

How to Get Involved

Please provide comments to:

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Integrated Planning & Public Works
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To submit written comments for the Public Meeting

Written comments received before 9:00am on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 will be included in the City Council Agenda for the September 23 Council Meeting. Written comments received after 9:00am on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 will be provided to City Council for consideration prior to the Public Meeting, but will not be included in the Council Agenda. Written comments can be provided in the following ways:

- Via email to Ric Martins
- By dropping off a hardcopy at Waterloo City Hall, addressed to Ric Martins, Planning Division, 2nd floor, 100 Regina St S, Waterloo, ON
- By placing a hardcopy in the Waterloo City Hall after hours mail slot to the left of the side door entrance on William Street

All written submissions should clearly state “Official Plan Review Public Meeting, OPA No. 58” at the top of the letter/correspondence.

To speak to the proposed amendment to the City Official Plan

If you wish to speak to the proposed amendment to the City Official Plan please contact the Legislative Services Division no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024 by any of the following ways:

- By phone at 519-747-8549
- By email to clerkinfo@waterloo.ca

When we receive your registration, we will send you a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the public meeting.

We encourage the public to provide input into this important Official Plan Amendment. The public is informed and notified that name, addresses and comments may be made public.

Notice of Decision and Appeals

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo on the Official Plan Review update, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, Waterloo City Centre, 100 Regina Street South, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4A8.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make



oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the City of Waterloo before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the City of Waterloo before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.