

NOTICE OF A FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 58, INCLUDING: CITY-INITIATED OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW (PHASE 1) (CITY-WIDE)

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo will hold a Formal Public Meeting, pursuant to Sections 17, 21 and 26 of the Planning Act, on Monday, December 2, 2024, at a time to be determined, in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Waterloo City Centre, 100 Regina Street South, Waterloo, to consider the above-noted City-initiated Amendment to the Official Plan (2012).

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan provides city-wide direction on growth management, land use planning, and development related matters over the course of a 20+ year timeframe. The purpose of the Official Plan Review (Phase 1) 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.

At the Formal Public Meeting, the City Council will consider proposed OPA No. 58 that will provide an updated policy framework for making land use planning decisions and setting a structure for guiding growth, facilitating housing, and managing infrastructure.

Specifically, OPA 58 will:

- update and modify development policies and land use Schedules (maps) to the Official Plan to address local, regional and provincial planning requirements;
- update growth forecasts to the year 2051;
- include 'housekeeping' Amendments to the Official Plan to update and streamline policies as well as providing further clarification with regard to interpretation of the Official Plan in several areas; and,
- Defer a portion of the Official Plan in relation to the Laurel/Clair Creek SPA and certain lands identified on the land use Schedules (maps) to the Official Plan.

This meeting shall constitute the formal public meeting required under Sections 17, 21 and 26 of The Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended. It is expected that Council will decide whether the City-initiated Amendment No. 58 to the Official Plan should be approved, denied or amended.

A copy of the staff report IPPW2024-061 and the recommended Official Plan (Phase 1) will be available prior to the Public Meeting at www.engagewr.ca/waterloo-official-plan

If Council approves the proposed Amendment No. 58, a by-law to adopt the Official Plan Amendment will be passed.

For further information regarding the above matter, 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

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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

TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments received **before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, will be included in the City Council Agenda. Written comments received after 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 will be provided to City Council for consideration prior to the Formal 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**, ric.martins@waterloo.ca
- 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 **"Formal Public Meeting, OPA No.58"** at the top of the letter/correspondence.

TO SPEAK TO THE APPLICATION

If you wish to speak to the application, please contact the **Legislative Services Division no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 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 these important Official Plan Amendment. The public is informed and notified that names, addresses and comments may be made public.

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 by-laws are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal. In addition, 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 by-laws are passed, 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 do so.

Julie Finley-Swaren, City Clerk, City of Waterloo