



PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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NOTED: A. BOURRIE, RPP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES
B. PARKIN, P. ENG, GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT
M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: SPECIAL MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT* FOR THE NEW OFFICIAL PLAN PROCESS (ALL WARDS)

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with a brief overview of the Special Meeting of General Committee being held as part of the New Official Plan process.

As required by the *Planning Act* under Section 26(3)(b), as part of the process in updating an official plan, a municipal council must hold a special meeting, which is open to the public, to discuss the revisions that may be required. Given the age of the current official plan (being nearly ten years old) and given all of the policy and legislative changes that have occurred since the last major update to the plan, we are proposing to prepare a new Official Plan.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to allow General Committee, residents and any other stakeholder an opportunity to provide their initial thoughts on what issues should be addressed in the new official plan. These are initial comments only. A full consultation program will unfold as the project proceeds through each phase. A brief presentation (attached) will be made at the beginning of the Special Meeting to provide background and a timeline for the project. We will also highlight work that is underway, the successes to date, and alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities.

The City's Planning and Building Services department has retained the planning consulting services of Dillon Consulting to assist with this project. Mr. Rory Baksh, RPP of Dillon Consulting will be joining members of the Planning Services team in making the overview presentation to General Committee on February 4th.

The Special Meeting of General Committee has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*. Members of the public are welcome to attend this Special Meeting to provide input.