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**NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17(15) & 17(16) OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, AS AMENDED, IN RESPECT TO A DRAFT NEW OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BARRIE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Barrie has prepared a draft new Official Plan and in accordance with subsection 17.15 and 17.16 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, an Open House and Public Meeting have been scheduled.

The **Open House** has been scheduled for **Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM** and will be held via Zoom. The purpose of the Open House is to present the draft new Official Plan to the public and give an opportunity to ask questions. The first of two presentations will be given at 4:00 PM, followed by a Q & A session with staff. The second presentation will be given at 6:00 PM and will be followed by another Q & A session. The public is welcome to attend either presentation and Q & A session.

The **Public Meeting** has been scheduled for **Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM** and will be held via Zoom. The purpose of the Public Meeting is for staff to present the draft new Official Plan and give the public an opportunity to make comments regarding the draft new Official Plan.

Due to restrictions on public gatherings due to COVID-19, these meetings will be held in a virtual forum with electronic participation **via ZOOM**. To participate, you will need access to a computer with internet service or a telephone.

**PURPOSE OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN**

An Official Plan is a long-range planning document that sets out a high-level strategy and vision for how land will be used within a municipality. It contains maps and land use policies that manage and guide growth and development in accordance with applicable Provincial policy and a municipality's vision for the future.

The draft new Official Plan for the City of Barrie – titled '*One City, One Vision, One Plan*' – establishes a structure to help manage how and where Barrie will grow into the year 2051. Further, the draft new Official Plan is organized around key community-oriented themes that emerged through public consultation. Each theme addresses how to further build Barrie as a thriving, sustainable and attractive complete community.

As the draft new Official Plan will apply to all lands located within the City of Barrie, a location map has not been provided.

A copy of the draft new Official Plan is available to view at [www.buildingbarrie.ca](http://www.buildingbarrie.ca) from the date of this notice. For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact the City of Barrie Clerk by emailing [cityclerks@barrie.ca](mailto:cityclerks@barrie.ca) or calling 705-739-4220 x5500 during regular office hours prior to June 2, 2021.

### **HOW TO REGISTER TO ATTEND**

To register to attend the virtual Open House, the virtual Public Meeting, or both, please contact the City of Barrie Clerk by emailing [cityclerks@barrie.ca](mailto:cityclerks@barrie.ca), calling 705-739-4220 x5500 during regular office hours, or visiting [www.buildingbarrie.ca/officialplan](http://www.buildingbarrie.ca/officialplan).

**Deadline to register to attend the Open House is Wednesday May 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Deadline to register to attend the Public Meeting is Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

After you register, you will be provided information on how to attend.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS**

You are welcome to make a submission at the virtual Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

If you wish to make a written submission concerning the draft Official Plan, please **submit your comments in writing** to [new.barrieop@barrie.ca](mailto:new.barrieop@barrie.ca) or via mail to Barrie City Hall, 70 Collier Street, P.O. Box 400, Barrie ON, L4M 4T5.

**Deadline to submit comments is Wednesday, June 2, 2021 by 12:00 p.m.**

Mail correspondence dated on or before June 2, 2021 will be accepted. Any person may make representation at the meeting, however written submissions and advance registration are encouraged.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. provided for or at the Public Meeting are considered public records. This information may be posted on the City of Barrie website and/or made available to the public upon request. Questions about this collection should be directed to the undersigned.

### **AMERICAN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETERS:**

**American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters are also available upon request. Please contact the Development Services Department staff at 705-739-4208 or [planneroftheday@barrie.ca](mailto:planneroftheday@barrie.ca) regarding a request for an ASL Interpreter as soon as possible, to ensure availability.**

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