

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 17(17) AND SUBSECTION 26(4) OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.13 (AS AMENDED), TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

REGARDING: The New City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:30 pm (with a ½ hour break at 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm)

LOCATION OF LANDS AFFECTED: City-wide

PURPOSE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING:

This virtual Public Meeting is a continuation of the Special Committee of the Whole – Community Development held on Thursday, November 19, 2020, regarding the proposed, new *City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051.* At the meeting in November, the Committee heard a City staff presentation as well as public delegations in respect of the proposed plan, but did not make a decision regarding the adoption of the proposed plan. The Committee deferred their decision to a Special Committee of the Whole – Community Development meeting to be held on January 19, 2021. The Committee also identified three potential changes to be considered before Council makes its final decision in regard to the adoption of the new Official Plan. The potential changes are described below:

- 1. To amend Modified Policy Area 4 Mohawk Lake/Greenwich Mohawk District Area in Section 6.9.i of the proposed Official Plan, to permit museums and cultural facilities as additional uses on the Mohawk-Greenwich lands; and
- 2. To change the designation of Earl Haig Park from "Lower Downtown" to "Parks and Public Open Space" on Schedule 5: Downtown Urban Growth Centre of the proposed Official Plan; and
- 3. To add a new Modified Policy Area in Section 6.9 and Schedule 10: Modified Policy Areas of the proposed Official Plan, to encourage the redevelopment of the motel properties along Colborne Street East between Wayne Gretzky Parkway and the east City limit.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this Public Meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. Members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting, either via Zoom or via telephone, will be required to register by 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 2021. Please visit <u>http://brantford.ca/VirtualCouncil</u> for more information about how to register and/or to view the livestream of the virtual meeting. For more information about alternative formats and communications supports, please contact the City of Brantford Municipal Accessibility Coordinator at (519) 759-4150 or by email at accessibility@brantford.ca

Members of the public are also able to provide their comments in writing or via email in advance of the Public Meeting. Comments can be submitted by emailing <u>clerks@brantford.ca</u> at any time prior to the meeting or by mail to City Clerk, City of Brantford, 100 Wellington Square, P.O. Box 818, Brantford, ON N3T 5R7. Comments can also be placed in the drop box which is available at the front of City Hall.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN:

The new Official Plan guides how and where the City of Brantford will grow and intensify to the year 2051. It will replace the current document with updated land use policy and schedules (maps) and includes the municipal boundary adjustment lands transferred to

the City from the County of Brant in 2017. The land use designations, policy and schedules identify where various land uses can be located, such as residential, commercial, institutional, mixed-use, industrial employment lands, agricultural, parks, open space and protected natural areas, as well as the major infrastructure required to service the community. The new Official Plan will provide a framework for future zoning by-law regulations.

Upon approval, the new Official Plan will implement a recommended Settlement Area expansion and will conclude a provincial conformity exercise that ensures it conforms with the updated Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, has regard for matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 under the *Planning Act*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A copy of the proposed Official Plan and additional background information, including the Addendum Report to the Municipal Comprehensive Review, as well as the Comprehensive Block Plan Terms of Reference, Urban Design Manual and Infrastructure Staging Report, are posted on the City website at <u>www.brantford.ca/officialplanreview</u>. A hard copy is also available for public viewing at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, by contacting the Planning Department at 519-759-4150, ext. 5873 to schedule a viewing appointment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Brantford on the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the City Clerk at <u>clerks@brantford.ca</u>, or via mail to City Clerk, City of Brantford, 100 Wellington Square, P.O. Box 818, Brantford, ON N3T 5R7.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Alan Waterfield, Senior Planner, at 519-759-4150, ext. 5163 or by email to <u>awaterfield@brantford.ca</u>. If Council adopts the new Official Plan, it will then be sent to the Province of Ontario for review and approval. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority. Pursuant to Section 17(36.5) of the *Planning Act*, the Minister's decision is final as there is no appeal in respect of a decision of the approval authority is the Minister.

NOTICE DATED: December 10 and December 17, 2020