

**PLAN REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Monday June 26, 2006 AT 12:00 PM**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL: Councillor Starkey, Councillor Martin, Councillor Ceschi-Smith

STAFF: Ted Salisbury, Sandra Lawson, Don Radford, Matt Reniers, Russ Loukes,
Tricia Givens, Rob Smith

LIASONS: Cynthia Compeau (County of Brant)

CONSULTANTS: Sue Cumming, Bernie Hermsen, Kevin Jones

REGRETS: Councillor Kings, Councillor Lancaster, David Cole (Six Nations)

ABSENT: Councillor Carpenter

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

2. ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **Moved by** Councillor Ceschi-Smith
Seconded by Councillor Martin

"THAT the agenda to the Plan Review Steering Committee Meeting of June 26, 2006 **BE
ADOPTED."** **CARRIED**

4. MINUTES

It was **Moved by** Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Ceschi-Smith

"THAT the Minutes to the Plan Review Steering Committee Meeting of March 6, 2006 **BE
APPROVED."** **CARRIED**

5. REPORTS / ITEMS

5.1 Purpose of the Meeting

S. Cumming provided a strategic review of where the project stands today. In terms of the Official Plan Review, the draft amendment will be given to staff on July 14th, 2006. This will be circulated to the Technical Committee for review and comment. Once those changes have been incorporated into the draft OPA, it will be presented to the Steering Committee in late August. This material will then be presented to the public at the third public consultation centre, which

will be held in mid-September. The statutory public meeting will be in late September, with the final Council decision occurring in early October.

S. Cumming then went on to summarize progress of the TMP. It is anticipated that a draft TMP will be produced in late August. This will be presented in the same timeline as the draft OPA, with the joint public consultation centre August.

5.2 Public Consultation – Updates

S. Cumming summarized the outcomes of the public consultation centre #2 held on May 31, 2006 and the downtown transportation workshop held in early May. Summaries of these meetings are attached as Attachment #1 and Attachment #2 to these minutes.

S. Cumming told the committee that a second newsletter would be produced and distributed over the summer. It is hoped that it will be produced in time to distribute so that accurate dates can be included in the publication. Updates will also be put on the project website. It is important to ensure all information is being shared with the public in a timely fashion and that the public has an opportunity to comment throughout the study phases.

5.3 Transportation Master Plan Update

K. Jones discussed the six transportation strategy options put forward in the report entitled *Development of Transportation Strategy for the City of Brantford*. K. Jones stated that we have heard from the public, now it is time to get input from the steering committee in terms of the appropriate direction to move in with regards to the strategy options. Each category has three options, ranging from passive to aggressive approaches. The report and executive summary outline each option in detail. The six strategies, possible options, and decision of the committee are as follows:

Strategy	Option	Steering Committee Selection
Walking & Cycling Options	Recreational Based	
	Downtown + Recreational Focus	★ → with movement towards citywide focus.
	City-wide focus	
Parking Strategies	Add supply	
	Manage Demand	
	Combination	★
Transit Strategies	Status Quo	
	Modest Improvement	★ → with focus on #3 in the long-term.
	Transit Focus	
Arterial Road Capacity Optimization	Status Quo	
	Key Arterial Roads	
	City-wide	★
Transportation Demand Management	Passive TDM	
	Targeted TDM	★ → with movement towards aggressive TDM in the long-term.
	Aggressive TDM	
Truck Routes	Permissive Truck Routes	
	Restrictive Truck Routes	
	Hybrid	★

5.4 Official Plan Review – Presentation of Reports

B. Hermsen summarized the recommendations from the Phase 2 report. Members of the committee brought up areas of the report that were of concern to discuss specifically.

Councillor Starkey stated his concern with regards to home occupation. Should this be allowed in all homes, or should this type of use be designated only in particular areas throughout the city? B. Hermsen will further review the recommendation based on this question.

Councillor Starkey brought up concerns with regards to second residential units as of right. It was discussed that perhaps ground rules should be established in new neighbourhoods that would set the parameters for secondary residential units; however, perhaps they should not be permitted citywide.

M. Reniers explained that specific zones within the City already permit secondary residential units. T. Givens pointed out that under the proposed Bill 51 amendment to the Planning Act, second residential units as of right may be permitted. To this end, B. Hermsen agreed that further review of Bill 51 would preclude any changes to the policy.

It was pointed out that not all members of the committee had received the updated version of the Phase 2 report, therefore, staff were to provide the areas missing including:

- Section 3.3 Preparation of Design and Development Guidelines for Intensification and Redevelopment Projects
- Section 7 Built Heritage
- Study Area 7.4 The Lower Plateau Lands West of the NW Industrial Area
- Section 10 Transportation

(Note: these sections were provided to all members of the Steering Committee on June 29, 2006)

In regards to the site-specific geographical recommendations, the steering committee requested that a copy of this portion of the Phase 2 report be provided to each member of Council. The due date for comments in regards to this information was set at July 4, 2006.

(Note: this information was provided to all members of council during the June 26, 2006 Committee of the Whole meeting).

6. INFORMATION ITEMS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. ADJOURNMENT: 3:15 PM