

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:

Thursday, November 19, 2020 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:

At this virtual Public Meeting, a Special Committee of the Whole – Community Development will hear public representations in respect of the proposed plan, *City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051,* and a presentation from City staff. The Committee will consider a City staff recommendation to adopt the new Official Plan.

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 November 19, 2020. 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, will be posted on the City website at <u>www.brantford.ca/officialplanreview</u> on Thursday, October 22, 2020. A hard copy of each document will also be available for public viewing on and after Thursday, October 22, 2020 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: October 16 and October 20, 2020