



## NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 17(17) OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.13 (AS AMENDED), TAKE NOTICE THAT AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

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

**LOCATION OF LANDS AFFECTED:** City-wide

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, November 5, 2020  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
There will be a brief presentation at 6:30 pm.

### **PURPOSE OF OPEN HOUSE:**

The purpose of this virtual Open House is to provide an overview of the new Official Plan and to highlight changes made to the Draft Official Plan issued on June 30, 2020. The changes include revisions made to the proposed Settlement Area to address recent amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, as well as revisions made to address various comments received on the Draft Official Plan. Following a brief presentation by City staff, members of the public will be able to ask questions about the new Official Plan and additional background information noted below.

### **LOCATION OF OPEN HOUSE:**

To ensure compliance with COVID-19 pandemic preventative measures that remain in place, this Open House will be held virtually with no in-person attendance. Members of the public are invited to participate in writing or via email, by telephone, or electronically via the Zoom platform. The Open House will be viewable live on the City of Brantford Neighbourhood Planning Meetings YouTube channel. To access the link, please visit the City's website at <http://brantford.ca/planningmeetings>.

Participants will be able to ask questions during the virtual meeting; however, members of the public can also submit questions in writing or via email in advance of the Open House. Written questions and/or comments can be submitted by emailing [awaterfield@brantford.ca](mailto:awaterfield@brantford.ca) prior to the meeting or by mail to Alan Waterfield, Planning Department, City of Brantford, 100 Wellington Square, P.O. Box 818, Brantford, ON N3T 5R7. Questions/comments can also be placed in the drop box in front of Brantford City Hall.

All individuals who wish to participate by telephone or electronically via the Zoom platform must pre-register for the Open House by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Please visit <http://brantford.ca/planningmeetings> or contact the Planning Department at 519-759-4150, ext. 5546 for more information about how to pre-register and submit questions.

### **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 [www.brantford.ca/officialplanreview](http://www.brantford.ca/officialplanreview) 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 [clerks@brantford.ca](mailto:clerks@brantford.ca), 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 [awaterfield@brantford.ca](mailto:awaterfield@brantford.ca). 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 if the approval authority is the Minister.

**NOTICE DATED:** October 16 and October 20, 2020

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