

CALL FOR THREE NEW MEMBERS

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There are three vacancies on the Columbus Community Advisory Committee and the City of Oshawa is inviting interested individuals to serve on this Committee. The mandate of this Committee is to provide a forum for the positive exchange of information and feedback on the advancement of the Integrated Columbus Part II Planning Act and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Act Study (the Study). Committee members must live or own a business in the Study Area, which is generally bounded by Howden Road to the north, the Oshawa-Whitby boundary to the west, Winchester Road to the south and the east branch of the Oshawa Creek to the east.

The Project Team is currently completing Stage 3 of the Study. As part of the work under Stage 3, a draft preferred land use and road plan, associated land budget, a draft concept plan relating to the proposed Columbus Expansion Area outside of the Major Urban Area Boundary, plans related to transportation matters and environmental management matters, the draft policy text, the draft Columbus Community Urban Design Guidelines and the draft Columbus Transportation Master Plan Final Report have been prepared. All Study information, including the Columbus Community Advisory Committee Terms of Reference can be viewed at www.oshawa.ca/columbusstudy.

Specific objectives of the Study are to:

- Advance the Planning Act component and Municipal Class EA component to facilitate the future development of the Columbus Planning Area;
- Advance development that is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe including minimum population and job density targets;
- Advance development that is compliant with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process;
- Emphasize sustainable development and the protection and enhancement of environmental and natural features;
- Protect the South Columbus Industrial Area along the Highway 407 East corridor for employment uses;
- Advance development of the Columbus Planning Area in conformity with the Durham Regional Official Plan and the Oshawa Official Plan; and
- Advance development that is sensitive to the historic community of Columbus.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to Laura Moebs at lmoebs@oshawa.ca and include their name, affiliation, place of residence and/or business within the Columbus community and a brief paragraph as to their interest in serving on this committee by **Friday, October 22, 2021**.