

**City of Oshawa Integrated Columbus Part II Planning Act and Municipal Class
Environmental Assessment Act Study**

Columbus Community Advisory Committee (C.A.C.) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2019 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Location: Columbus Community Centre, 3265 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, ON

Attendees:

- Liz Anderson, Member
- Heather Bishop, Member
- Peggy Vitek, Member
- Stephen LaForest, Member
- Liz Howson, MSH
- Katie Black, Brook McIlroy
- Tom Goodeve, City of Oshawa
- Laura Moebs, City of Oshawa
- Councillor John Neal, City of Oshawa (to observe)

Absent:

- Rudy Joss, Member
- Valerie Hunt, Member

Matters Discussed

Item	Discussion
<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moebs welcomed members to the first Columbus C.A.C. meeting and attendees introduced themselves.
<p>2. Study Background and Work Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Howson provided a presentation on the Study background and work program, which consists of 4 stages and indicated that we are nearing the end of Stage 1 of the Study. • A member asked about the implications for Columbus from a heritage perspective. Liz Howson noted that the historic core of Columbus is not anticipated to change significantly from a development perspective. • A member asked for clarification on the deferred lands in Columbus. Liz Howson and Tom Goodeve provided background information on the deferred lands and informed the members that a hearing will be taking place to address the deferred lands in June 2019. It was mentioned that the Province recently withdrew

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	<p>their Party status from the upcoming appeal proceedings to address the deferred lands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked about the population per hectare in Columbus and Liz Howson provided the density requirements as set out in the Growth Plan for greenfields (e.g. the Province is proposing to decrease the density target in greenfields from 80 units/jobs combined per hectare to 50 units/jobs combined per hectare). Liz Howson also acknowledged that Columbus is currently a low-density community and the Project Team will be looking at various options for future development of Columbus, which the public will be able to comment on. • A member asked how much of the land in Columbus is owned by developers. Laura Moebs provided the members with a map illustrating the land owned by developers in the Study Area that are a part of the Columbus Developers' Group. • A member asked who the Project Team is meeting with throughout the Study process. It was noted that the Project Team is gaining input from a variety of stakeholders, including the C.A.C., Technical Advisory Committee, Columbus Developers' Group, and various agencies (e.g. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority). • Liz Howson and Tom Goodeve provided an overview on the planning structure in Ontario and outlined how this Study fits into the hierarchy of planning policy. The Province identifies certain requirements through Provincial plans (e.g. the Growth Plan) and the Region of Durham and City of Oshawa must conform to these policies through their Official Plans. It was emphasized that the City of Oshawa has a legal obligation to conform to the policy requirements as set out in the Durham Region Official Plan and the Provincial Growth Plan. • Liz Howson provided an overview of the Columbus Subwatershed Study. A member mentioned that the lands surrounding the daycare in Columbus (i.e. west of Simcoe Street North, south of Columbus Road) are susceptible to flooding, which is a concern to the nearby property owners. Liz Howson indicated that the

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	<p>Subwatershed Study team will be reviewing the entire Study Area and will look into this issue through the Subwatershed Study. It was noted that Laura Moebis will relay the flooding issue back to the Subwatershed Study team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Howson provided background information on the Consultant Team.
<p>3. Role of the C.A.C. in the Study/Meeting Procedures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Howson outlined the role of the Columbus C.A.C. and identified meeting procedures.
<p>4. Background Studies Highlights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Howson provided a high level overview on the various background studies that have been prepared for the Study, which consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subwatershed Study ○ P.I.C. #1 Visioning Session Summary ○ Phase 1 Transportation Report ○ Background Review of Water and Wastewater ○ Demographic, Housing and Economic Analysis Report ○ Retail Background Report ○ Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment ○ Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment ○ Sustainable Development Report • It was clarified that the Subwatershed Study focuses on the natural environmental and not drinking water. • Liz Howson noted that the Project Team will be preparing a Vision Statement for Columbus, which will be prepared using information received at P.I.C. Number 1. • It was mentioned that there was some confusion regarding what was being asked of attendees at P.I.C. Number 1. • A member asked whether or not Simcoe Street North would be expanded into a 4-lane highway in the future. It was noted that the Region of Durham owns Simcoe Street North, it is classified as a Type B Arterial Road, and that the Region has identified Simcoe Street North as a Regional road expansion project in the future. However, the Project Team does not know when the Region plans to expand Simcoe Street North, but indicated that through this Study, the City can make

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	<p>recommendations to the Region on the future design of Simcoe Street North.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that through this Study, the Project Team will be looking at all transportation options in the Study Area. • Members highlighted their concerns over traffic and speeding within Columbus and stressed that this is a very important issue in the community. • Liz Howson indicated that through this Study, the Project Team will be working with engineers to find balance in planning for transportation options for the community. • It was clarified that the type of employment most likely to be found in Columbus is retail and/or office (i.e. doctors' offices, etc.). • It was indicated that many Columbus residents do not work in Columbus and the community lacks employment opportunities. • It was noted that the City will be looking at creative options regarding affordable housing (e.g. permitting second units) in Columbus.
<p>5. Questions, Comments and Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members reiterated their concerns with traffic in Columbus (e.g. speeding along Simcoe Street North, safety concerns, too many school buses travelling along Simcoe Street North, etc.), as well as a lack of public transportation in the area. • A member asked if property owners are required to hook up to Regional services (i.e. water) once they are extended to Columbus. Confirmation with the Region is required to determine this.
<p>6. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if they could get a copy of the Province's letter indicating that they are withdrawing their Party status as part of the upcoming appeal proceedings for the deferred lands in Columbus. City staff indicated that they would follow-up to see if they can share the letter.
<p>7. Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moebis advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C.A.C. meeting minutes will be circulated for review and comment prior to posting on the Study's website. ○ A report will be presented to the Development Services Committee and Council over the next few

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	<p>months to provide an overview of the background reports prepared for the Study and to receive Council authority to hold P.I.C. Number 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ P.I.C. Number 2 will be held in the spring of 2019 (it was noted that all residents in the Study Area boundary will receive notification via mail). ○ The Project Team will be developing and finalizing three road and land use alternatives over the summer of 2019. ○ Once drafted, the C.A.C. will have an opportunity to review and comment on the three road and land use alternatives at the next C.A.C. meeting.