



**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: October 22, 2019 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

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

**Attendees:**

- Liz Anderson, Member
- Heather Bishop, Member
- Valerie Hunt, Member
- Stephen LaForest, Member
- Liz Howson, MSH
- Meaghan Harrington, City of Oshawa
- Laura Moebs, City of Oshawa
- Councillor John Neal, City of Oshawa (to observe)

**Absent:**

- Peggy Vitek, Member

**Matters Discussed**

Item	Discussion
<p><b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Moebs welcomed members to the Columbus C.A.C. meeting and attendees introduced themselves.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Heritage Oshawa Presentation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Dulhanty, member of Heritage Oshawa provided a presentation on the benefits and methods of heritage conservation.</li> <li>• Ann provided an overview of Heritage Oshawa and heritage protection in general, including information on heritage designation and heritage conservation districts.</li> <li>• Ann provided an overview of the heritage context in Columbus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Study Status Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Howson provided a Study status update, including an update on the status of the deferred lands in Columbus (the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal issued their decision on October 21, 2019 and the deferred lands are now included inside the Oshawa Major Urban Area boundary).</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz Howson provided a brief overview on the proposed vision and guiding principles for Columbus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Alternatives Review and Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz Howson provided an overview of the three alternative land use and road plans and associated land budgets.</li> <li>A member suggested that the proposed parks be located in Low Density Residential designations to reduce the amount of housing development. Liz Howson responded that in doing so, it would mean that development would need to be more compact and dense, to make up for the loss of housing, as the City has to achieve specific density targets set out by the Province in A Place to Grow: the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019.</li> <li>A member asked whether or not architecture will be considered or regulated for future development in Columbus. Staff advised that it is anticipated that the Part II Plan will include urban design policies to try to encourage a certain style of development that will “fit in” with the existing development.</li> <li>There was a discussion regarding the Ministry of Transportation (M.T.O.) Species at Risk (S.A.R.) Compensation Lands. A member asked why these lands can’t be moved. Staff advised that the City has no say regarding Provincial S.A.R. Compensation Lands, which is dictated by the Province.</li> <li>A member asked whether or not Alternative 2 has to include a roundabout. Staff advised that a roundabout doesn’t necessarily have to be included in the final preferred alternative and the Project Team will look into making Alternative 2 viable without a roundabout.</li> <li>There was a discussion regarding the Subwatershed Study. A member commented that highly vulnerable aquifers which supply the residents’ wells with clean water must be protected, riparian corridors must remain for birds, animals and fish to travel/move and that high volume recharge areas cannot be paved over if they supply highly vulnerable aquifers.</li> <li>There was a discussion regarding the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment background report. Staff indicated that as per the recommendations of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report, any future</li> </ul>

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	<p>developments within the Study Area must be preceded by a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member asked how the Project Team was able to determine the estimated number of future jobs in Columbus. Staff advised that employment density assumptions were made based on best practices.</li> <li>• A member asked what the current population of Columbus is. Staff advised that they will look into this and get back to the C.A.C. members. Staff note that the current population of Columbus is approximately 350.</li> <li>• A member asked what the status is of the commercial development proposed at Simcoe Street North and Winchester Road. Staff advised that they would have to follow-up and get back to the C.A.C. members. Staff note that construction for Phase 1 is underway but is still in the very early stages of development.</li> <li>• There was a discussion regarding Public Information Centre (P.I.C.) Number 3. Staff advised that notice of the P.I.C. would be provided via mail to all property owners in the Study Area, email (to anyone on the Study mailing list), social media, the City’s website, and in the local newspapers. A sign will also be erected on Simcoe Street North, near the Columbus Community Centre.</li> <li>• There was a discussion regarding the status of the Columbus Road East and Ritson Road North intersection.</li> <li>• One of the members indicated that their preference for stream crossings is through the construction of bridges (and not underground).</li> <li>• One of the members indicated that they did not like Alternative 3 and preferred Alternative 2 (including the by-pass), because Alternative 3 had too many roads.</li> <li>• A member asked if the developers had provided any input on the alternatives to date. Staff advised that they have not yet received the Columbus Developers’ Group’s comments on the three alternative land use and road plans.</li> <li>• A member asked what the “whitebelt” lands are. Staff advised that the whitebelt is the land between</li> </ul>

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	<p>Oshawa's Major Urban Area boundary and the Greenbelt lands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff provided some background information on Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan that the Region of Durham is currently undertaking.</li> <li>• There was a discussion about the Natural Heritage System in Columbus.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Moebis advised that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting minutes will be circulated for review and once finalized, posted on the Study website.</li> <li>○ It was noted that P.I.C. Number 3 will be held on November 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Project Team is looking for comments on the three alternative land use and road plans by December 20, 2019.</li> </ul>