



April 18, 2018

**Burlington Sustainable Development Committee's Review of
Burlington's Proposed Official Plan (April, 2018)**

Introduction and Overview

The Burlington Sustainable Development Committee (BSDC) would like to thank the Planning Staff for providing feedback on our February 2018 "Red" comments.

BSDC reviewed the tracked changes of the Proposed Official Plan (April 2018) and Appendix P – Feedback Received and Staff Response Summary (PB-04-18) to develop and revise our comments.

The attached SDC Stakeholders Comments Master List provides detailed responses. We have also rated our responses using Green, Yellow or Red:

Green – Agree with response and/or understand why our suggestion could not be followed.

Yellow – Need to watch progress and timing such as Mid-Rise Design Guidelines, that need to be followed-up or not that critical.

Red – Critical issue. Request a more detailed response or need a question answered.

Summary

Two additional rows have been to the General Comments to recognize the Conformity to the Region's Area of Employment and Conformity to Provincial Natural heritage and Agriculture System Mapping. These have been rated yellow as SDC should track progress and comment where required during the development of the Region's Official Plan.

The following Key items still need to be addressed:

People

- A brochure needs to be provided to Citizens outlining how and when citizens can provide input, what rules (such as delegating) need to be followed during development application process

(particularly at Neighbourhood, Statutory, Recommendation and Council meetings). This is particularly true when they have to deal with several departments like Clerks' Department, planning development staff and city's public development consultant.

Recommendation: Direct Staff to develop brochure.

- Citizens should be allowed more time to review the recommendation prior to it going to the Planning and Development Committee one week is not sufficient enough time. E.g. providing comments on February version Proposed Official Plan.

Recommendation: Direct Clerks' Department Staff to provide four weeks for reviewing report such as Official Plan, Development Recommendations etc.

Transportation and Transit

- Policy 6.2.1 (2) states "All transportation facilities shall be designed to provide seamless integration between all modes of local and regional transportation including walking, cycling, transit and public vehicles." Do not see that occurring when it comes to private means such as school buses, company or private buses, airline services, taxis (or similiar services such as Uber), carpooling or other pick-up services. For example not occurring in new buildings like north-east corner of Brant and Jane Streets or school buses covered by provincial initiatives but not recognized in Official Plan. This becomes more important as we get into higher intensification.

Five Year Plan

- A high level five-year plan needs to be developed, outlining the necessary key steps (such as Aldershot or Appleby Mobility Hub Specific Area Plan) and supporting plans to achieve what is envisioned in the New Official Plan. This will be critical to its success.

We look forward to meeting with Planning staff to review and discuss our comments.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTE: Reviewed and approved by the SDC's Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Attached:

SDC Stakeholders Comments Master List