Pre-application Community Meeting Protocol

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Background

Mayor's office Report No. MO-21-19 direct the Director of Community Planning to review the Mayor's Proposed Protocol attached as Appendix A to mayor's office report MO-21-19, incorporate any feedback from Committee and bring a revised protocol for approval in February 2020.

The revised protocol is to replace the current *Applicant's Guide to Preapplication Public Consultation*



Objectives

The objectives of the Recommended Protocol:

- to establish an opportunity for public input to proponents early in the development process;
- to provide proponents with instructions and tools to facilitate a consistent approach to Pre-Application Community Meetings;
 and
- to give clarity to the roles of proponents, staff, council and the public in advance of a development application being received by the City.



Review of Peer Municipalities

10 mid-sized communities in Ontario were reviewed

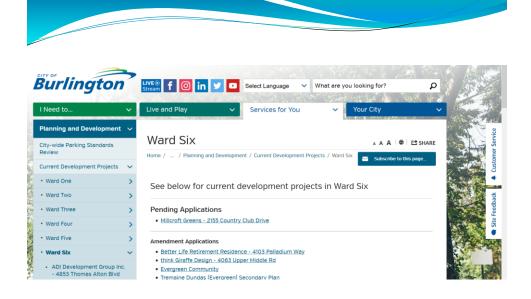
- 5 communities hold no public meeting in advance of an application;
- 1 community instructs consultation with the Ward Councilor;
- 1 community encourages advanced community engagement in specific circumstances;
- 3 communities encourage community engagement in advance of an application.

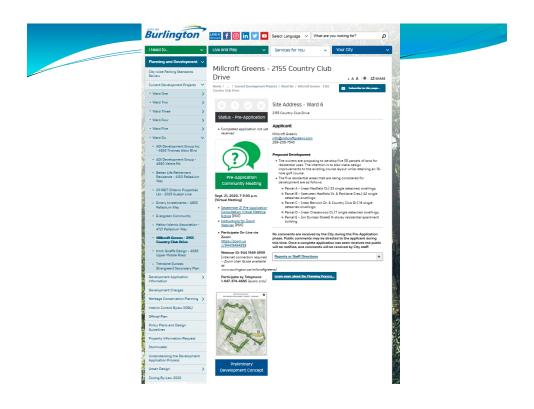


Public Consultation

- Get Involved webpage
 - During the Preapplication stage, all community meetings are posted on the City's calendar.
- Current Development Projects webpages
 - Corporate Communications staff have worked with Community Planning, Capital Works and Transportation to ensure that residents are engaged and kept informed during the entire process of a development (from preapplication to construction).
 - A webpage may also be created for pending applications if a preapplication community meeting has been confirmed or there are staff reports or council directions.







Public Consultation, cont'd

- Meeting and correspondence with members of the City's Halton Development Liaison Committee,
 - Additional red tape
 - Need-based consultation
 - Too prescriptive
 - Consultation can occur after formal submission
 - Privacy proponent's materials



Recommendations

- Proponent led process
- Scheduling of the meeting to be coordinated with the Ward Councilor and Mayor
- Meeting invitation template, distinct from formal public notices
- City's development webpage created earlier in the process



Recommendations

- Meeting agenda template
- Proponent to provide a moderator, who will explain the status of the proposed development, and to explain the roles of all participants of the meeting
- Opportunity for Ward Councilor and Mayor to make a statement
- Planning staff will describe the development application process
- Proponent will describe their development proposal

Recommendations

- Proponent to take notes of the meeting
- Formal application to include summary and response to comments received.
- When a formal application is received, the Current Developments website will be updated with all submission materials

Staff recommend that council endorse staff implementation of the document titled Pre-application Community Meeting Protocol