



# CITY OF PETERBOROUGH OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The City of Peterborough is undertaking an Official Plan Review in order to update the planning principles and policies that will determine how our City grows and develops over the next 20 years. Some of the policies in the Official Plan start shaping the City immediately, while others are more long-term. Whether the policies take effect over the short or long term, they are based on a common vision. The City will be looking to the public and to community stakeholders to formulate this appropriate vision.



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## **What is an Official Plan?**

An Official Plan is a document that has status in law pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act. It provides for a long-term comprehensive framework for land use decision-making in our community. It affects your everyday life through policies about where and how housing, employment and other land uses will be developed. It shapes how our neighbourhoods will look and feel in 20 years. Reviewed every 5 years, the Plan aims to create a better living environment within the City by taking into consideration important social, economic, cultural, and environmental factors.

The aspect of the Plan that the citizens of Peterborough encounter most frequently is the Zoning By-Law. These by-laws regulate the structure of buildings, their uses, and their associated facilities (e.g. parking requirements). The Zoning By-law implements the Official Plan and must conform to it. The Zoning By-law will be amended after changes are made to the Official Plan. The City's current Official Plan can be viewed on the City's website.

## **Why is the Official Plan being reviewed now?**

The authority for preparing and adopting an Official Plan is set out in provincial planning legislation known as the Planning Act. This Act requires the City to review its Official Plan at least every 5 years. Since the City's Official Plan was last reviewed, the Province of Ontario has made significant changes to provincial land use planning legislation such as a new Provincial Policy Statement in 2005 and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe in 2006. Also, studies recently completed by various City departments may or may not be reflected in the Official Plan. The City's review of the Official Plan will serve the purpose of not only ensuring that the Plan continues to reflect the changing priorities and issues of the community, but also that it's up-to-date and in compliance with the over-ruling Provincial planning legislation.

## **Why is the Official Plan important to me?**

Whether you live or work in the City, the Official Plan affects just about every aspect of your everyday life. The Plan determines where new houses, stores, industries, schools, cultural facilities, social services, parks, trails, and other land uses will be built; it protects our natural environment; and it directs the construction of new infrastructure such as sewers, water mains, transit and roads. It sets out the community's vision for its future.

## **How can I provide input and learn more about the Official Plan?**

The City will be seeking your input into the Official Plan through a range of consultation activities. There are several ways in which you can become actively involved:

- ✓ Regularly visit the City's Official Plan Review website at [\*\*www.peterborough.ca/planit\*\*](http://www.peterborough.ca/planit)
- ✓ E-mail us at [\*\*planit@peterborough.ca\*\*](mailto:planit@peterborough.ca) to join the e-mail list to be notified of news updates
- ✓ Respond to questionnaires
- ✓ Submit comment cards that will be available at various City locations
- ✓ Attend public/stakeholder workshops and meetings
- ✓ Send us your comments/questions at any time. **All comments/feedback received will be considered.**

For further information regarding the Official Plan Review, please contact:

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## **Upcoming Official Plan Review Events**

The City will be learning from residents and stakeholders through the following:

- ❑ Respond by March 31, 2011 to the questionnaire: **"What I love about this City: My ideas for Peterborough's future"** at [\*\*www.peterborough.ca/planit\*\*](http://www.peterborough.ca/planit)
- ❑ Participate in one of the Public Workshops
  - Thursday, April 7, from 4 to 8
  - Tuesday, April 12 from 6 to 9
  - Potential Saturday morning in May
- ❑ Stakeholder Forum – second week of May 2011
- ❑ Youth Forum with elementary/secondary school students
- ❑ View displays at key public venues during April and May

Check out the City's Official Plan Review web site for further details on how you can get involved.



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	2011																																				
	March		April			May					June				July				Aug.				Sept.				Oct.				Nov.						
	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
<b><u>Phase 1: Issues and Options</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Planning Committee Meeting (March 21)</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Launch of OP Review Website</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Community Consultation</u></b>																																					
• Public Workshops (3)																																					
• Stakeholder Workshop																																					
• Follow-up Stakeholder Interviews																																					
• Youth Workshops at Elementary and Secondary Schools																																					
• Information Displays at various locations (e.g. libraries, shopping malls, arenas)																																					
<b><u>Draft 'Directions Report' Prepared</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Public Workshops on Draft 'Directions Report'</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Final 'Directions Report' Prepared</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Report to Council: Final 'Directions Report'</u></b>																																					
<b><u>Phase 2: Official Plan Policy Renewal</u></b>																																					
• Official Plan Amendments																																					
• Multi-year program																																					





1. How do you envision the City of Peterborough to **look** in 10-20 years? Think of how you would like its streets, buildings, and land to be used.
  
2. What keywords should describe the City's development over the next 20 years?
  
3. The following is a preliminary list of topics/issues that have been identified as being important to the City's future development. This is not a complete list. Please select the 5 topics that you feel are most important to the future development of the City.
  - \_\_\_ develop mixed-use neighbourhoods
  - \_\_\_ high quality design of buildings, streets
  - \_\_\_ preserve natural environment/green spaces
  - \_\_\_ design pedestrian-oriented streets
  - \_\_\_ additional affordable rental housing
  - \_\_\_ expand/enhance trail network
  - \_\_\_ residential intensification of downtown and built areas
  - \_\_\_ maintain a vibrant downtown core
  - \_\_\_ preserve heritage buildings
  - \_\_\_ design streets to support a variety of transportation choices
  - \_\_\_ land use to support diversity of employment
  - \_\_\_ community design that addresses needs of our aging population

What other topics/issues would you like the City to consider as part of the Official Plan Review?

4. What is the best way for the City to obtain your input into the Official Plan Review?

☐ public workshops

☐ on-line surveys

☐ other (Please describe)

Thank you for your input. Please check our web site- [www.peterborough.ca/planit](http://www.peterborough.ca/planit)- for regular updates on the OP Review. If you have further comments/questions you may also contact us at anytime.

Please tell us about yourself. This information will let us better assess our results.

#### Demographic Information

Age (select one)

☐ Under 15

☐ 16 - 25

☐ 26 - 35

☐ 36 - 50

☐ 50 - 65

☐ Over 65

Sex (select one)

☐ Female

☐ Male

Employment (select one)

☐ work in City

☐ work outside City

☐ retired

Resident of (select one)

☐ City of Peterborough

☐ County of Peterborough

☐ elsewhere

How long have you lived in the community? (select one)

☐ less than 1 year

☐ 1 - 5 years

☐ 6 - 10 years

☐ 11 - 20 years

☐ more than 20 years