

Planning, Design & Development Department

May 30, 2006

Re: Status Report – Brampton Official Plan Review (File P25 OV)

The following recommendation of the Planning, Design and Development Committee Meeting of May 15, 2006, was approved by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton on May 24, 2006:

- PDD144-2006
1. That the report from D. Waters, Manager, Land Use Policy, and C. Lo, Policy Planner, Planning, Design and Development, dated May 8, 2006, to the Planning, Design and Development Committee Meeting of May 15, 2006, re: **Status Report – Brampton Official Plan Review (File P25 OV)** be received; and
 2. That staff continue with the public consultation program as outlined in the report as a means of encouraging the public to participate in the review of the draft Official Plan; and,
 3. That the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of the report and Council resolution to the Regions of Peel, Halton and York, the City of Toronto, and to the area municipalities of Mississauga, Caledon, Halton Hills and Vaughan for their information.



Brampton

REPORT

Planning, Design & Development Committee

Standing Committee of the Council
of the Corporation of the City of Brampton

Date: May 8, 2006

File: P25 OV

Subject: STATUS REPORT
Brampton Official Plan Review

Contact: David Waters (905-874-2074)

OVERVIEW:

- On April 24, 2006, Council passed a resolution directing staff to release the draft Official Plan (dated April 10, 2006) to the general public and to circulate it to agencies and stakeholders for review and comment. Staff have requested comments to be submitted to the City by June 2, 2006.
- In addition to the June 26, 2006 statutory public meeting stipulated in the *Planning Act*, additional opportunities will be provided for public participation in the review of the draft Official Plan. These include a workshop scheduled for June 6, 2006 and an open house to be held the same afternoon of the public meeting.
- The basic notice provisions of the *Planning Act* will be supplemented by advertising the meeting date on the City's web site and posting notices to those on the Official Plan review mailing list.
- During the next few months, staff will analyze the input received from public consultation and the agency circulation and report back to Planning, Design & Development Committee on September 18, 2006, including any proposed changes that need to be made to the draft Official Plan before presenting a final plan for Council to adopt on October 11, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the staff report entitled "Status Report, Brampton Official Plan Review" dated May 8, 2006 and attachment (File P25 OV) be received;
2. THAT staff continue with the public consultation program as outlined in this report as a means of promoting the public to participate in the review of the draft Official Plan; and,

3. THAT the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this staff report and Council resolution to the Regions of Peel, Halton and York, the City of Toronto, and to the area municipalities of Mississauga, Caledon, Halton Hills and Vaughan for their information.

BACKGROUND

On April 24, 2006, Council passed a resolution to ratify recommendation PDD113-2006 that directed staff to release the draft Official Plan (dated April 10, 2006) to the general public and to circulate it to agencies and stakeholders for review and comment. Direction was also given to continue with the Official Plan Review Program, including the convening of a statutory public meeting on June 26, 2006 to present and receive input on the draft Official Plan.

The draft Official Plan is an important planning document for Brampton which charts the course for the City's sustainable growth over the next 20 to 30 years. In partnership with Corporate Communications Services (formerly the City's Public Relations Office), an extensive public consultation program has been launched since 2004 under the "Our Brampton, Our Future" campaign to proactively promote public consultation in the Official Plan Review. The communications plan continues to ensure that everyone who has an interest in the planning process, whether they be residents, businesses or governmental agencies, are informed of and given an opportunity to participate in the Official Plan review.

To this end, staff have prepared this report to advise Council of the public consultation program for the Official Plan review and to summarize its remaining steps.

CURRENT SITUATION

In addition to the June 26, 2006 statutory public meeting stipulated in the *Planning Act*, additional opportunities will be provided for public participation in the review of the draft Official Plan. The key components of the public consultation program are described below.

Circulation of the Draft Official Plan

The draft Official Plan was circulated to agencies and stakeholders for review and comment on May 1, 2006 including government and public agencies (Provincial departments, Region of Peel and area municipalities); Conservation Authorities, utility companies, the development industry, business associations, interested consultants and environmental groups. Staff have requested comments to be submitted to the City by June 2, 2006.

Workshop

The workshop is proposed to be held on June 6, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Brampton. It is intended to provide an added opportunity for continued dialogue with and obtaining input from stakeholder groups and the general public on the draft Official Plan. The structure of the workshop will include a number of breakout sessions to facilitate more in-depth discussions on key focus areas including commercial (retail and office), environment/open space, cultural heritage and urban design.

Statutory Public Meeting/Open House

As set out in the staff report approved by Council on April 24, 2006, the Statutory Public Meeting to receive input on the draft Official Plan (as required by the *Planning Act*) is scheduled for the evening of June 26, 2006. Notice will be placed in the Brampton Guardian in accordance with the *Planning Act* requirements. The basic notice provisions of the *Planning Act* will be supplemented by advertising the meeting date on the City's web site and posting notices to those on the Official Plan review mailing list.

Preceding the Statutory Public Meeting will be an Open House which is scheduled in the afternoon of June 26, 2006 in the Atrium of City Hall. At the Open House, information about the draft Official Plan will be exhibited for public review and Planning Department staff will be present to answer questions and receive comments.

Ongoing Communications Plan

Building on the success achieved in the earlier stages of the Official Plan Review, the communications plan includes the following ongoing and planned initiatives to continue to proactively promote public participation in the review of the draft Official Plan :

- Posting of the Draft Official Plan on the special OP Review website (available since May 1, 2006);
- Distribution of copies of the Draft OP to all City libraries for public review (available since May 1, 2006);
- A mailer to those on the Planning, Design and Development Department's OP Review mailing list (week of May 15, 2006);
- Newspaper advertisements (throughout the months of May and June 2006);
- Bus Shelter ads and posters (starting in mid May 2006);
- Posters/Flyers in all City libraries, public kiosks and recreation centers (starting in mid May 2006);
- Ethnic media promotions (throughout the months of May and June 2006);
- News releases (ongoing); and,
- Update in Ward Reports (ongoing).

NEXT STEPS

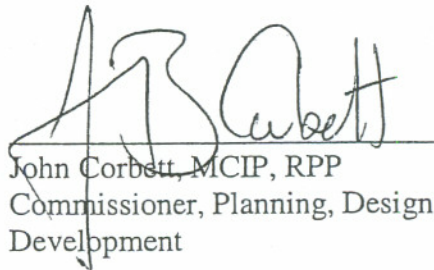
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A chart presenting the remaining steps of the Official Plan review program is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Appendix A - Official Plan Review Program

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