

CITY OF BRAMPTON – REVIEW OF THE CITY’S SUPPORTIVE HOUSING POLICIES & REGULATIONS

Second Public Open House (Virtual Format) – Two Sessions Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - 2 to 3 pm & 6 to 7 pm Hosted by Brampton’s Planning, Building and Economic Development

The City obtained the consulting services of WSP to undertake a planning review of the City’s supportive housing policies and provisions, including group homes, to identify and recommend the required updates to align with current regulations, best practices, and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. This second public open house will highlight the recommendations proposed at the first open house in early March 2020 and include a pre-recorded presentation from our consultant team.

Electronic Participation

As the Province of Ontario declared a State of Emergency and continues to take significant steps to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the City of Brampton continues to protect the health and safety of the public, Council, and employees, while at the same time proceeding with the review of the City’s Supportive Housing Policies and regulations engaging the community for their input.

The Online Public Open House #2 will be held through electronic participation, in accordance with Bill 187, the *Municipal Emergency Act*, and orders made under the Emergency Management and *Civil Protection Act*.

Each of the two virtual sessions being held on Wednesday, July 29, will begin with a pre-recorded presentation and then move forward with public input. City staff will be available to answer questions.

Pre-registration is required by **Monday, July 27, 2020**, for either event. Please contact Mirella Palermo via email (mirella.palermo@brampton.ca) to register for the event and a meeting invite will be sent by Tuesday, July 28, 2020. For individuals requiring access via telephone, please contact 311 and provide contact details to be forwarded to the above-noted contact. A pre-recorded video providing the audio presentation and material will be available on the City’s website on July 30, 2020, for those unable to attend the two sessions – refer to the project page link below.

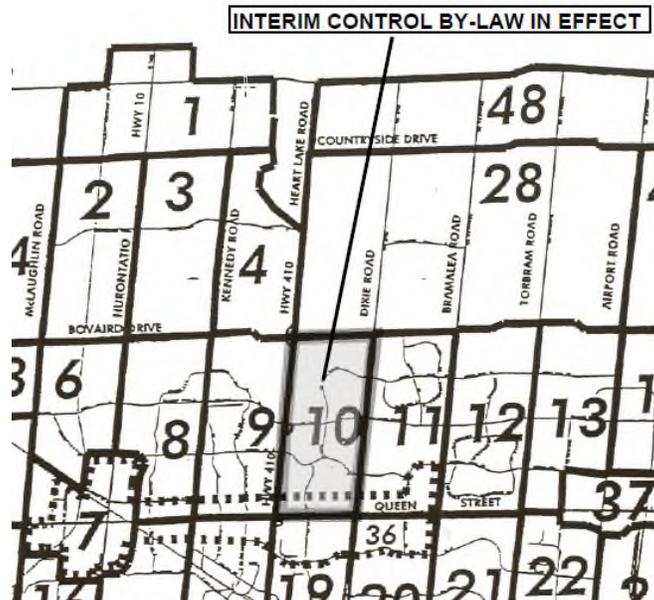
This is the second of three opportunities for the public to provide input to the study. A separate notice will be provided with respect to the Statutory Public Meeting planned for September 14, 2020, which will be the final public engagement event.

The Project:

The City recognizes the need to support and promote the provision of specialized housing for a diverse population, including persons with disabilities and those having special housing needs. Specialized housing is to be strategically located and integrated in the community to provide access to all public amenities, including transportation, parks and open spaces.

In September 2019, Council passed a motion to direct staff to review the City’s policies and regulations with respect to supportive housing, particularly Group Homes, to ensure that the policies and provisions have regard for Provincial legislation and requirements of regulatory bodies.

On November 20, 2019, Council passed an Interim Control By-Law (ICBL) 286-2019 within Area 10, as set out in Schedule A of the Zoning By-Law (see attached map), that prohibits the use of land, building or structures in residential zones, for the purpose of Supportive Housing Facilities, Group Home Type 1 or Group Home Type 2, excluding retirement home, nursing home and senior citizen residence. The ICBL was placed in effect as of November 20, 2019, while the City undertakes a City-wide review of the Official Plan policies and Zoning By-Law regulations with respect to this matter, and will be expiring at the end of August 2020.



The Process:

The City's Supportive Housing Review is scheduled to be completed by October/November 2020 and will be completed in three phases:

- Phase 1 – Background and benchmarking work, review of the Ontario Human Rights guide titled, 'In the Zone: Housing, human rights and municipal planning'.
- Phase 2 –Public Open House, completion of a draft report, draft Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments.
- Phase 3 – Implementation of proposed amendments.

Stay Informed:

For further information pertaining to the study, please visit the City's webpage and access the project page link at <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/planning-development/projects-studies/Pages/Studies.aspx>. To be added to our mailing list for future meetings/correspondence, or for any other inquiries related to the City's Supportive Housing Policies and Regulations, please contact:

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