The purpose of the Public Open House is to present the results of best practices review related to the regulation of Group Homes. The meeting is an open house format (no presentation) and an opportunity to provide your input. City staff and the consulting team (WSP) will be in attendance to answer questions.

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 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 is in effect for a six-month period beginning 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.
The Process:

The City’s Supportive Housing review is scheduled to be completed by April 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.

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