

# Brampton

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING BRAMPTON OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW and GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

April 18, 2005

### Official Plan is our Blueprint for the Future

The City of Brampton Official Plan establishes goals, objectives and policies to guide the overall physical development of the City for the next 20 to 30 years. The current Official Plan was approved by Council in June 1993 and by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in March 1997.

### Responding to Brampton's High Growth Rate

Since 2003, the City has implemented the "Growth Management Program" (GMP) to respond to the challenges and opportunities of the high rate of growth which is expected to continue in the future. Recently, City Council has also approved several enhancements to the GMP including a proposed cap on residential development to ensure growth can be effectively managed and supported. This decision has set the stage for the ongoing Official Plan Review.

### Official Plan Review is Focussed on Specific Topics

Section 26(1) of the Planning Act requires that an approved Official Plan be considered every five years to determine its need for revision. A special meeting was held in June 2002 to receive input from the community and relevant stakeholders regarding the need and extent of the revision required for the Official Plan. Based on the comments received, Council directed staff to carry out a strategic review of the Official Plan to address the following areas:

- Revised long term city-wide growth forecasts,
- Retail,

- Office,
- Environment/open space,
- Urban design,
- Cultural heritage, and
- Miscellaneous housekeeping matters.

We have now reached Phase 2 of the Official Plan Review process where staff have identified the issues to be addressed and possible changes to be made to the Official Plan. These findings and recommendations will be presented in a series of Discussion Papers to facilitate your input before we proceed to drafting new policy statements for the Official Plan. An example is the recently released Discussion Paper on Growth Management Strategies (already available on the City's Web site) which presents the latest growth forecasts for Brampton.

### Our Brampton...Our Future

The Citizens of Brampton are our partner in this important project of designing the blueprint for the City's future. You have provided valuable input to the earlier part of the Official Plan Review process in helping to identify the topics under review. At this important juncture, we invite you to join us again to review the work completed to date and to help us decide on what direction policy changes should take.

### To start, a Public Information Meeting is scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 18, 2005, 7 p.m. to 9.30 pm  
City of Brampton Council Chamber, 4th Floor  
2 Wellington St. W., Brampton, ON

### Official Plan Review and Growth Management Strategies Public Information Meeting

The Meeting will begin with a presentation by City Staff on the status of the Official Plan Review, an overview on the various review components, and the proposed strategic responses to high growth including the development cap. Following the presentation will be an interactive discussion to hear and respond to comments from participants. For more information, please see the announcement in the Brampton Guardian (April 6, 13 and 17, 2005), and the City's website.

### Other Activities

In addition to the Public Information Meeting, a variety of opportunities are planned for the Brampton community and stakeholders to participate in the

**We look forward to seeing you at the Public Information Meeting and to your continuous support for the project.**



Official Plan Review including focus groups, workshops and open houses to review the topic of each Discussion Paper.

### Further Information

Information about the City's Official Plan Review and Growth Management Program can be obtained from the following:

- Christina Lo, David Waters or Adrian Smith at Planning, Design and Development Department 905-874-2050 or ourfuture@brampton.ca
- Your Councillors
- Community, business and professional organizations
- Our City website

