

Draft Brampton Plan: Public Open Houses

Wednesday, May 18 &
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Engagement Summary

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Public Open Houses

1.1.1 Purpose

On Wednesday, May 18th and Thursday, May 19th, 2022, two City-wide Open Houses were held for the draft Brampton Plan. The purpose of the meeting was to share with the public how the draft Plan had been formed, how engagements held to date have shaped the Plan, and for the public to provide comments and feedback that would help to further refine the policies in the draft. Staff would also be available to answer any specific questions members of the public or stakeholders may have on the draft policies and schedules currently available online for consultation.

1.1.2 Structure.

The event was organized as follows:

Part 1 - Introduction and Housekeeping: Indigenous land acknowledgement; introductions and welcome statements from City staff and the consultant, WSP.

Part 2 - Presentation: City staff, in collaboration with the consultant WSP, provided a presentation with an overview of the contents of the draft Plan.

Part 3 – Question & Answer: Public engagement question and answer period.

Part 4 - Next Steps: Survey and key dates for the finalization of Brampton Plan (the new Official Plan)

Consultation materials are available online at the following link: <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/city-hall/official-plan/Pages/Welcome.aspx>



1.2 Meeting Overview

1.2.1 Meeting Details (Venue, # of Attendees, Meeting Participants)

The two City-wide Open Houses had approximately 32 participants on May 18th and 71 participants on the May 19th, both which were held using the WebEx platform. Comments were received during the session through the Question & Answer section, through the WebEx chat box throughout the workshop, as well as emails received by the City. A range of stakeholders, including residents, developers, planning consultants, regional and local planning staff were represented during the sessions.

A post-presentation follow up survey link was shared to gain a better understanding of the participants and provide an opportunity to share their perspectives on the draft Plan, including sharing additional comments on the draft Plan, feedback on what they like about the Plan and what they think is missing or could be expanded upon through Brampton Plan. The comments received through the survey have been integrated into Appendix A. In addition, the materials used for the presentation were printed on display boards and placed in the Conservatory at City Hall for residents to view. Staff made themselves available throughout the week of May 23rd to speak to the display boards and share information about the draft Brampton Plan in person.

1.3 Outreach

The meeting was promoted through the following outlets:

- City of Brampton Webpage
- City of Brampton Media Release
- Social Media Platforms:
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Instagram
 - LinkedIn
- Presentations to several public-facing (virtual) events
- E-blast Outreach to citizen-advisory committees and community groups
- E-blast to several internal group mailing lists.
- E-blast Outreach to Nurturing Neighbourhoods mailing list.
- E-blast Outreach to the Official Plan Review mailing list.
- Formal Public Notice posted in print and online version of Brampton Guardian.

2 Feedback

2.1 Comments Received

Comments and questions were received by email to the City of Brampton as well as on the WebEx chat box. All the feedback received has been outlined in Appendix A. The recordings are also available on the Brampton Plan project webpage.

3 Next Steps

3.1 Upcoming Events

While staff is preparing to draft Brampton Plan, we are still accepting comments, ideas and thoughts on key considerations for the City of Brampton's new Official Plan. Engagement materials, when available, can be accessed by visiting the project webpage and can be found under 'Engagement Recaps'. The Statutory Public Meeting to be held on May 30th, 2022 provides another opportunity for members of the public and stakeholders to make deputations to Council and hear more details about the draft Brampton Plan. In addition, a commenting tool is available online to add comments on the draft Plan and will be available on the webpage until June 3rd, 2022.

Email the City at the email address below to share your comments and feedback on the draft Brampton Plan: opreview@brampton.ca.

Appendix A – Questions & Answers During Public Open Houses

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS FROM CITY OF BRAMPTON STAFF
<p>There are existing capital projects underway to support high-density growth in the urban core and single detached homes along Heritage road. From what I hear, high-rise development is proposed at the intersection of Hansen and Vodden, east of Kennedy Road. Is high-rise development (30+ storeys) appropriate for the area? And should we help preserve some of the existing heritage landscapes along Embleton Road between Mississauga Road and Heritage Road? The houses being built along Heritage Road between Steeles and Embleton I think are stacked on each other and should be a little bit smaller to allow more space between homes.</p>	<p>For specific development applications, staff recommend participating during the Statutory Public Meeting process for these developments to express their opinion on the matter. Additional information on development applications are available online under « Current Development Applications » on https://www.brampton.ca/en/business/planning-development/Pages/welcome.aspx</p> <p>Brampton Plan includes many polices related to growth – where growth should be directed and where it should not to protect mature neighbourhoods, Heritage resources and landscapes, etc.</p>
<p>Hello, how is your team capturing recent site specific OPA's approved by City Council?</p>	<p>The new Official Plan will capture any of the relevant site and area specific policies that should be carried forward from the 2006 Official Plan.</p>
<p>The City needs to learn from the mistakes of the Kennedy Road South Revitalization.</p>	<p>City Staff is looking at Brampton's Parking Plan and will be jumping into a CZBLR to help realize the vision. The zoning for this area does not align with the goals of the urbanist future of building new parking; rules against surface parking can make development infeasible on certain sites.</p>
<p>There is mention of private open spaces, but this is not reflected on the schedule.</p>	<p>Private Open Space is not located on the schedules. Instead, it is the intention that these will eventually be reflected once further work is completed by the Parks team. Mapping for ravines and EcoPark – mapping might come at a later date; Intend to eventually show the Eco Park, what is part of the NHS that requires protection and not suited for development, and park space.</p>
<p>Is there any policies in the Plan about the interconnected trails/ravines across the city as mentioned in the 2040 Plan?</p>	<p>Section 2.2 of Brampton Plan includes policies related to ecological linkages, trail connections, etc.</p>

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<p>How will existing neighbourhoods be updated to the 15 minute neighbourhood model?</p>	<p>City Staff conduct a detailed examination of each neighbourhood and develop a program that will unfold over time to fill in the gaps of our existing neighbourhoods. It is important to understand each community and their uniqueness; each neighbourhood is different. The City also has the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Program where we identify gaps in neighbourhoods across the city. Each Neighbourhood may have elements of 15-minute neighbourhoods that can be harnessed and which can evolve over time. Brampton Plan also includes policies related to school site redevelopment, community services etc.</p>
<p>It seems that when there is a zoning plan that a developer purchases a piece of land and immediately requests a zoning change. Why does the city even entertain the amendment request?</p>	<p>The City must review every amendment request that is submitted and does not have the power to refuse such request. A Landowner can come in to request a change, part of their rights is to do so. Planning will then make recommendations to Council if the application is in the public interest which includes a public process.</p> <p>The City will be working with the team at WSP on the City-wide zoning by-law with the goal of creating an easy-to-understand planning framework that is clear. We will need to implement the Official Plan as our current Zoning regime is out-of date. A lot has changed since the Official Plan was approved back in 2006 and the ZBL is in need of an update.</p>
<p>Is there an opportunity to shorten the OP? Is there a comment matrix being prepared</p>	<p>Staff have been asked to bring forward the Official Plan by Council before the elections and Lane Duck period for Brampton Council. It was a goal of the project to keep the Plan short; but there is a necessity to include all important elements, however staff is working to pair it down.</p> <p>Comment Matrix will become available to the public once changes are made to the draft Plan.</p>
<p>A million trees is only enough to off set a small amount of emissions.</p>	<p>Transportation is a major contributor to our emissions and Brampton Plan takes a comprehensive approach to sustainability.</p>
<p>How does Brampton Plan intersect with other committee's?</p>	<p>One of the core facets of Brampton Plan is to flatten the silos and bring a cross-departmental discipline to building a vibrant city, involving all departments, committees, members of the public, etc.</p>