

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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RE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - INTENSIFICATION

DATE: APRIL 16, 2018

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise members of Council that Community Engagement Sessions will take place in the next few weeks; specifically April 17 and May 8, 2018. A new engagement website [www.buildingbarrie.ca] that was launched on April 5th, 2018 related to this initiative.

The Departments of Planning and Building Services and Marketing and Communications are excited to share the newest opportunities to engage City of Barrie residents, business owners and stakeholders about intensification. Increasing awareness and providing early opportunities for input on this topic is a critical step in planning for Barrie's future today.

The community is invited to envision growth at a drop-in workshop and new online platform — buildingbarrie.ca. The conversation will focus on intensification and the opportunities it presents for our city to transform, mature, embrace vibrancy and seize economic development.

A drop-in workshop is taking place on April 17, 2018, (7-9 p.m. at the Sheba Shrine Centre, 142 John Street). It is open to the public and no registration is required to participate. A second session specific to the Essa Road Corridor is being planned for May 8, 2018 (7-9 p.m. at the South Shore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive). The workshops will be fun and interactive – think beyond poster boards and formal presentations.

Opportunities to join this discussion opened online April 10, 2018 [www.buildingbarrie.ca] and will be available until April 30, 2018. As of April 12, buildingbarrie.ca has had 322 visits and 21 registrations. It's being promoted on barrie.ca, This Week in Barrie, through the City's social media channels and with geofencing ads. The Essa Road Corridor online engagement activities will be launched in early May 2018. We encourage you to visit the website, see comments from residents joining the conversation and participate yourselves.

This is the first of many "Changing the Conversation" topics Planning & Building Services plans to have with Barrie residents, business owners and stakeholders. We look forward to reporting back to Council with future updates and initiatives.

APPENDIX

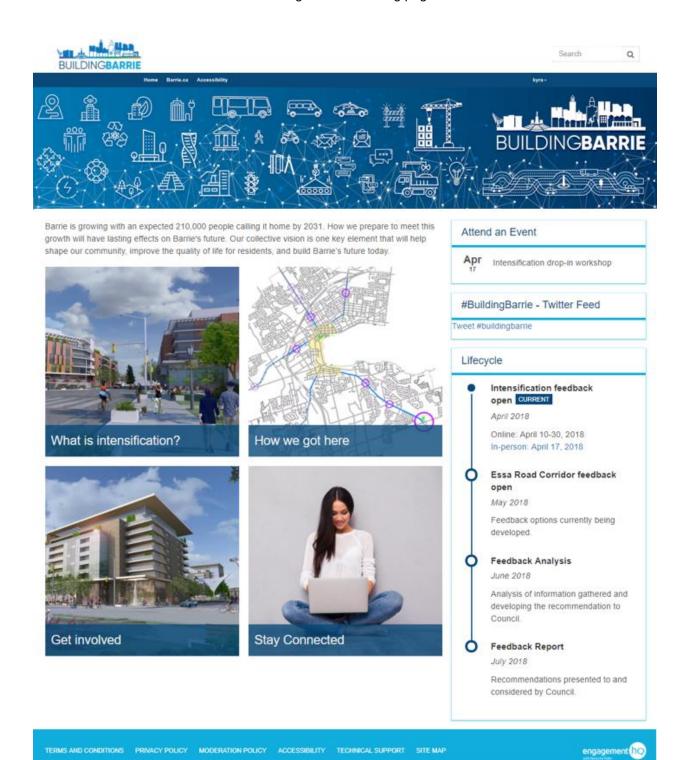
Appendix "A" – Buildingbarrie.ca landing page

Appendix "B" - "Get Involved" community engagement



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Appendix "A" Buildingbarrie.ca landing page



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Appendix "B"

"Get Involved" section of website which encourages community engagement

