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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE  
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File: D08-Official Plan Review 2015

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 26 (3) AND (4) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, AS AMENDED, IN RESPECT TO THE FIVE YEAR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW.**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the General Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie will hold a public meeting on **Monday, June 15, 2015**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 70 Collier Street, to initiate a 5 year review of the City of Barrie Official Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

An **Official Plan** is a long range planning document that guides the use of land in the City as well as its future growth and development for the next 20 to 30 years. The Official Plan provides direction on how and where change and growth should take place and identifies the services and facilities needed to support the development of healthy and complete communities while setting out measures to conserve our natural and cultural heritage.

The Official Plan is an important document that affects everyone who lives, visits or stays in Barrie. This document sets the stage for protecting what we value, while paving the way for establishing a resilient, liveable, healthy sustainable community for future generations. It provides guidance and direction for Citizens, Council, Staff and the Development Community as to how to achieve the vision and build the community we want to live in.

**WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 2015?**

1. An overview of the changes in the land use planning context that have occurred since 1994 and why a New Official Plan is being considered;
2. An outline of the work plan and process, what we will be reviewing and
3. How the Public, Community and Citizens will be consulted over the next two years.

The City has recently finalized a comprehensive secondary planning process which resulted in a long-term plan for the annexation area. This 5 Year Review will not change these Secondary Plans

The Planning Act requires municipalities to have an Official Plan and to consider updating the Official Plan every five years. It is important to update the plan regularly to ensure it remains current and relevant.

The current Official Plan document was originally adopted by Council in 1994. Since the original drafting of the Plan, new issues, strategic priorities and development trends have arisen which have been incorporated into the Plan through individual amendments and 5 year reviews. Local and Provincial planning policy has changed and even the boundaries of the City of Barrie have been expanded over the last two decades. It is time to consider undertaking a new Official Plan that will integrate new provincial policy initiatives, current planning philosophy and will provide an up to date vision for the future growth based on what the community view as important for the future development of our City.

This Public Meeting is the first of various opportunities which will be provided for you to engage in the process, through traditional public meetings and open houses, social media, and on-line engagement.

**Any person wishing further information or clarification with regard to the Official Plan Review should contact the Planning Services Department during regular office hours at 705-739-4208 and/or at [OfficialPlan2015@Barrie.ca](mailto:OfficialPlan2015@Barrie.ca).**

Any person may attend the meeting and make representation or present submissions respecting this matter. Any person may make representation at the meeting, however, written submissions are encouraged and should be directed to Legislative and Court Services by June 9, 2015.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of The City of Barrie before the Official Plan is adopted:

- (a) the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of The City of Barrie to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- (b) the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decisions of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie in respect of the proposed Official Plan review, you must make a written submission to the undersigned.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. provided for or at the Public Meeting are considered public records. This information may be posted on the City of Barrie website and/or made available to the public upon request. Questions about this collection should be directed to the undersigned.

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