

Corporate Report

Report from Planning & Development Services, Implementation

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Subject: Zone Your St. Catharines – Draft Zoning By-law Review
Release of Draft Zoning By-law and Public Participation Process

Recommendation

That Council receive for information the report from Planning and Development Services dated March 12, 2013, regarding the draft zoning by-law content and public engagement process. FORTHWITH

Report

Public Release of Draft Zoning By-law

The draft zoning by-law was released to the public on March 18, 2013. It includes modern standards that encourage sustainable growth and good urban design. The draft zoning by-law is in conformity with the Garden City Plan and Provincial legislation such as Bill 140, Strong Communities through Affordable Housing Act. The document uses concise and simple language and everyday terms where practically possible. The draft zoning by-law proposes the creation of universal standards that reflect contemporary best zoning practices from throughout Ontario. The draft zoning by-law broadly defines uses and creates provisions which allow flexibility for good design and development while maintaining certainty and compatibility.

A digital copy of the draft zoning by-law is available on the City's website. Print copies will be available at City Hall, in Planning and Development Services beginning March 21, 2013. Copies are also available in all public libraries, and the City's community centres.

"Zone Your St. Catharines" Public Participation Process

Staff is committed to keeping the public informed with complete and detailed information to assist them in understanding the draft zoning by-law, alternatives, opportunities and solutions. As outlined in the March 4, 2013 report from Planning and Development Services, outreach to the public will continue with a special March 28th edition of the Garden City Current. Planning and Development Services staff will be hosting a booth at the Lifestyle Home Show at Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre, from March 28 to 30, 2013.

The Home Show venue will provide an opportunity to outreach to the public on the draft zoning by-law as well as provide guidance on building permits, current zoning regulation and the similar building and land development issues.

Neighbourhood Meetings

Public engagement will continue with open house sessions. These neighbourhood meetings are planned from April to mid-June at various locations. See [REDACTED] Neighbourhood Open House Meeting Schedule for details of the meeting dates and venues. This first round of neighbourhood meetings will provide opportunities for dialogue with the public. A second round of neighbourhood open houses will take place in the Fall of 2013, with the release of a final draft by-law.

All open houses will be advertised on the City's website, the City's and the "Zone Your St. Catharines" Facebook pages, the March 28, 2013 edition of the Current, and in the St. Catharines Standard. Individual notices of the open houses will be distributed to any person who has requested notification.

Future Meetings

In the Fall of 2013, staff will report to Council on all comments and feedback received. The intent of the public participation process is to create dialogue, to obtain input, to understand public concerns and to ensure all concerns are considered prior to the final zoning by-law being presented to Council for adoption also in the Fall of 2013.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The draft zoning by-law has been completed and has been released for review and comment. A series of public open house sessions is scheduled for April, May and June to receive feedback on the draft zoning by-law. Continuing opportunities for public participation will be provided with social media, i.e. City website and 'Zone Your St. Catharines' Facebook page.

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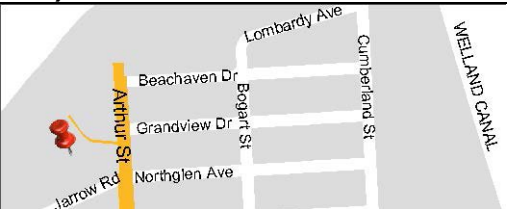

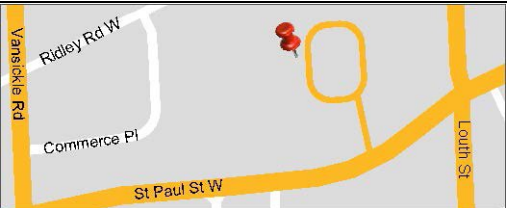
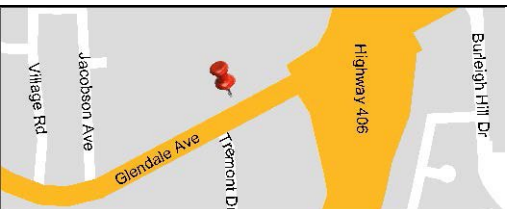
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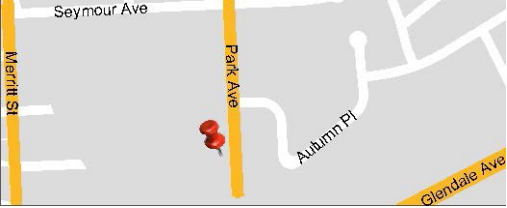
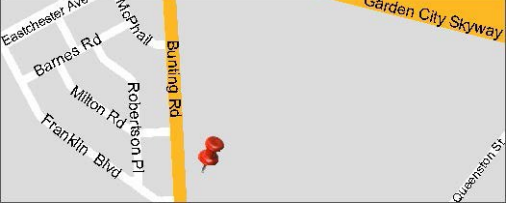
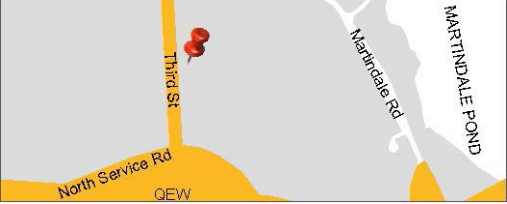
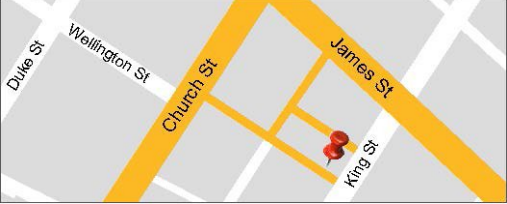
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Draft Zoning By-law Neighbourhood Open House Meetings Schedule

| Date and Times | Location |
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| Tuesday April 9th , 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm |  <p>Grantham Optimist Club, 188 Linwell Rd (behind the fire-hall)</p> |
| Tuesday April 16th , 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm |  <p>Club La Salle, 111 Arthur Street</p> |
| Tuesday April 23rd , 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm |  <p>Port Dalhousie Lions Club, 201 Main Street</p> |
| Tuesday April 30th , 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm |  <p>Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre, 240 St. Paul Street West</p> |
| Tuesday, May 7th , 2 pm to 8 pm |  <p>Pen Centre Mall, 221 Glendale Avenue, near Danier Leather</p> |

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| <p>Tuesday, May 14th, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm</p> |  <p>Merritton Lions Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue</p> |
| <p>Thursday, May 23rd, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm</p> |  <p>C.A.W. Hall, 124 Bunting Road</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, May 29th, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm</p> |  <p>Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third Street Louth</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, June 12th, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm</p> |  <p>Market Square, King Street</p> |