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**Welcome to  
The City of Hamilton  
Planning Committee  
Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

## **PED16040a**

Improving Planning Application Review (CI-15-E),  
City Wide.

**Presenter: Kirsten McCauley**



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**Purpose:**

- Official Plan Amendments to road widening and complete application requirements for development applications
- Adoption of Guidelines:
  - Minor Developments Exempt from Road Widening
  - Public Consultation Strategies
  - Planning Justification Reports

**Council Direction:**

**Improving Planning Application Review (CI-15-E)  
(PED16040) (City Wide) (Item 8.1) (Pearson/Collins)**

That Item 2 of Planning Committee Report 16-003 respecting Improving Planning Application Review (CI-15-E) (PED16040) be referred to the Open for Business Sub-Committee and the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association Development Industry Liaison Group for review and input to the Planning Committee. **CARRIED**



## Consultation

- Staff met with:
  - Development Industry Liaison Group (DILG) on February 22, 2016 and March 21, 2016
  - Open for Business Sub-Committee on May 5, 2016
- Concerns included delays, unnecessary conflict and lack of flexibility.
- Bill 73 – Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015 took effect on July 1, 2016. Among other changes, the amendments require that applications for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, or Plan of Subdivision include a public consultation strategy be submitted as part of a complete application.

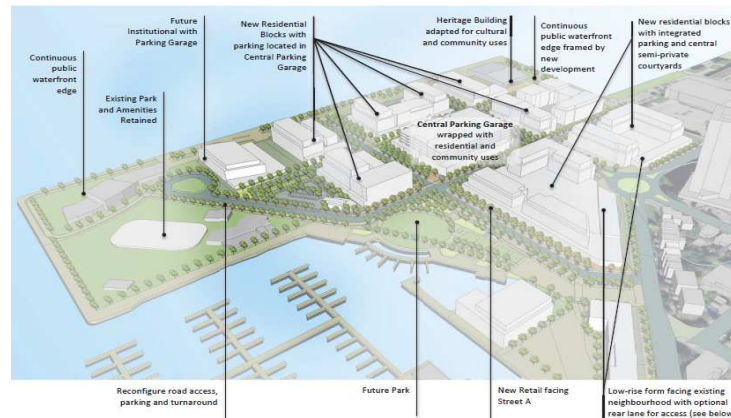


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## Changes made as a result of consultation:

- Public Consultation Strategy
  - Strategy outlining consultation to be submitted as part of complete application
  - Alternative forms of consultation may be considered
  - Required for OPA, ZBA and Plan of Subdivision, may be requested for other applications
  
- Development Review Panel Advice
  - Removed as a requirement
  - Re-evaluated when the staff review the continuance of the DRP



# Public Consultation Strategy Guidelines

Goal: to ensure that the public is informed of proposals in their community and opportunity to obtain information and voice their support/objection.

The Strategy must include:

- Who should be involved?
- Tools to consult/engage
- Timing
- Method to receive and document comments
- Expected/Potential Issues



## **Recommendations on Road Widening:**

- Remains unchanged from previous report –
- More specific criteria provided for considering requests to reduce or waive a road widening requirement. Where not feasible or desirable due to significant adverse impacts on:
  - Existing built form
  - An existing streetscape
  - The Natural Heritage System
  - A Cultural Heritage Resource
- Ability to request a “Right of Way Impact Assessment” to evaluate requests for an alternate road widening requirement
- Permissions to exempt minor site plan applications from widening requirements standardized between both OPs



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## Guidelines

Policies F.1.19.9 (UHOP) and F.1.9.10 (RHOP) state that “the City shall establish guidelines for the other information and materials, to provide direction regarding the intended content and scope of such other information and materials.”

### New Guidelines:

- Planning Justification Reports
- Right of Way Impact Assessment
- Public Consultation Strategy





**Thank You for Attending  
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