Improving Public Consultation when Developing Public Lands
Difficulties with the process…

- Little information was provided to participants prior to the meetings.
- Single development proposal outlined without possible alternatives hindered constructive feedback.
- Residents unsure of what was taken away from community input, and also what options were still on the table from the city’s point of view.

The proposal presented on Nov 18 was roundly opposed by the community indicating the need for better consultation.
Formation of a Joint Committee of Residents working with the City which would:

- **Save valuable time** for city staff /elected representatives
- **Utilize stakeholders within the community to bring local wisdom** to city staff’s experience for an **appropriate evidence-based decision**
- **Improve communication and engagement**

*E.g. Utilize results of a neighbourhood survey to find common ground for a community supported development proposal.*
Can Council Support the Creation of a Community Working Group to Guide the Development of the Wentworth Lodge Lands?

- Arlene and Edward John’s expertise, time and effort have been invaluable and their leadership, partnering with community representatives, would lead to a welcome end result for this surplus land

Questions?
### Appendix:
Some consensus from the Community Survey

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<th>Priorities (in order of what we want)</th>
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<th>Planning Goals (what we value)</th>
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This feedback can augment existing input. This survey could be professionally redone.