




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	September 15, 2023
SUBJECT:	Staff Meeting with the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Jason Thorne General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council that today, City staff attended the first formal meeting convened by the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator regarding lands removed from the Greenbelt by the provincial government.

The meeting pertained to lands in the Book Road area, which is one of the three land areas that were removed from the Greenbelt by the provincial government. The meeting was facilitated by the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator. City staff attendance included General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Jason Thorne, Chief Planner Steve Robichaud, Chief Development Engineer Ashraf Hanna, Planning staff Charlie Toman, Shannon McKie and Melanie Pham, and City Legal staff Susan Nicholson and Rachel McVean.

At the outset of the meeting, City staff advised all participants of Council's direction, which is that our participation in the discussion is under protest.

As directed by Council, City staff also requested that the meeting agenda, participants, and minutes be made publicly available following the meeting. The parties present consented to the public release of the meeting agenda, which has been attached to this Communications Update. The parties did not consent to the release of any other materials.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator expressed a desire to continue the discussions through future meetings. The scheduling of any further meetings will await the outcome of the September 27, 2023 Council meeting.

With respect to the White Church lands and the Barton Street lands, no meetings have occurred nor have any meetings been scheduled with the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator.

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Jason Thorne, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development by e-mail at Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-4339.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” – Meeting Agenda (Friday, September 15, 2023)

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Date and Time:	Friday September 15 8:30am – 11:00 am
Location:	71 Main Street West, Hamilton Boardroom 192 - 1st Floor of City Hall
Chair:	Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator

Any documents and information shared during this meeting will be shared in confidence and shall not be distributed further or communicated without the express written consent of the individual or party that discloses information or provides documentation. Any statements or information shared during the meeting is “without prejudice”.

INVITED PARTICIPANTS

Representatives from:

Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator

City of Hamilton

Proponent / Landowner

AGENDA

Item
1. Introductions and remarks from Office of Provincial Land and Development Facilitator
2. Development Agreement Process
3. Feedback from City on the Open House and Special Committee Meeting
4. Preliminary Development Concept
5. Proposed Community Amenities
6. Servicing Requirements
7. Approach to Zoning Consistent with Phasing of Development
8. Next Steps