

Alternative Notice OPA Track Changes DRAFT

G2.4 Public Participation

It is policy of this Plan that public participation be an integral component of any land use planning process. On this basis, before making any planning decisions, Council shall be satisfied that:

- a) Adequate public notice ~~in accordance with the Planning Act~~ has been given;
- b) Enough information to enable a person to reasonably understand the nature of the proposal and its impact is available prior to any public meeting
- c) All public and agency comments have been assessed and analyzed by staff; and,
- d) Their decision will appropriately balance the overall public interest against the private interest expressed in the application.

Proponents shall be encouraged to pre-consult with neighbouring landowners to obtain their views before a formal application is submitted.

Public Open Houses shall be required for major municipally-initiated planning programs and studies, such as Secondary Plans and Zoning By-law reviews.

Council may eliminate notice to the public and a public meeting for a minor Official Plan ~~or Zoning By-law~~ Amendment that:

- a) Changes the numbers of sections or the order of sections in the Plan ~~or By-law~~, but does not add or delete sections;
- b) Consolidates previously approved Official Plan ~~or Zoning By-law~~ Amendments in a new document without altering any approved policies, ~~provisions~~ or maps;
- c) Corrects grammatical or typographical errors in the Plan ~~or By-law~~ that do not affect the intent of the policies, ~~provisions~~, or maps; and,
- d) Rewords policies or ~~provisions~~ or re-illustrates mapping to clarify the intent and purpose of the Plan or ~~By-law~~, without affecting the intent or purpose of the policies, ~~provisions~~, or maps.

In all other instances, notification to the residents of the Town of public meetings held by Council shall be given ~~a minimum of 20 days prior to the public meeting, unless additional notice is required at the discretion of the Town, in accordance with the following procedures: of the Planning Act.~~

- a) ~~Notice of any privately initiated application requiring notice shall be provided through on-site signage, which is to be provided along each frontage of the subject lands so that it is visible from the street and is in a location that ensures safe sight lines, if posting on~~

the property is impractical, posting will be required at a nearby location chosen by the clerk of the municipality;

- b) Notice of any privately initiated application requiring notice shall be provided by prepaid mail to every owner of land, or condominium owner, and to those people who have requested notice, within 120 metres of the subject lands;
- c) Notice of any publicly initiated application requiring notice shall be provided through digital and online channels as appropriate, or other means as deemed appropriate by Town staff.