
Statutory Public Meeting - Official Plan and Land Use

Meeting Date	Thursday, September 15, 2022	Chair	Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite
Start Time	7:00 PM	Session	Public
Location	Afton Community Center also streamed live on facebook.com/planwestriver		
Present	Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail, Deputy Mayor Robert Clow, Councillor Lori Ashley, Councillor Stephen Gould, Councillor Sabrina Loughran, Councillor Shaun MacArthur, Councillor Aaron MacEachern, Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite, Councillor Chad Stretch, Councillor John Yeo, Laala Jahanshahloo – CAO, Samantha Murphy - SJ Murphy Planning & Consulting, Tracey Wade - SJ Murphy Planning & Consulting		
Attendance	Forty-four people attended the meeting in person (according to the signed name log), and ten Facebook live viewers at the peak (based on Facebook Analytics)		

● Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail started the meeting with “Land Acknowledgement,” as was done in all the previous public meetings, at 7:04 pm.

● Call to order

Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite, Chair of the Planning Board Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

● Official Plan & Land Use Bylaw Presentation

Samantha Murphy started the presentation of the draft OP&LUB at 7:10 pm, and it was finished by 7:36 pm. It was noted that the consulting team and the Planning Board had reviewed all

feedback from the four previous public engagement events, resulting in a range of adjustments between drafts.

- **Q&A**

Samantha Murphy invited members of the audience to step to the mic and ask their questions or mention their concerns and comments. Comments from the public included:

Q1. A resident from New Dominion indicated he would email his comments on the text of the proposed plan and bylaw. He thought the lack of people in the hall showed they had given up, feeling that this plan would happen no matter what they said.

Q2: A resident from Meadowbank had a question regarding the municipal services for subdivisions over five lots. He wanted to know who would administer and maintain those in the future.

Response provided: the expectation at this time is not that the Municipality will be creating those services in the foreseeable future. For subdivisions where central systems are required to be municipal (subdivisions of more than 5 lots subject to the Subdivision and Development Regulations Special Planning Area requirements), the primary option would be to explore connections to systems like Cornwall's if the Town were willing. Those requirements are established by the Province. For private central systems, where provided, the Province and IRAC play a role in ensuring the systems are installed and managed to an appropriate standard.

Q3. A resident from Riverdale had concerns and questions about a habitat area designated in an early draft for a larger watercourse buffer, restrictions on building in flood plains, and parkland dedication requirements, as they had submitted their feedback but did not see a significant change in the revised drafts. They believed there was not enough public engagement and stakeholder consultation and expressed opposition to several components of the plan and bylaw.

No further comments or questions were presented by those in attendance.

- **Feedback**

The feedback deadline was included with the meeting date in the September 3rd and 10th, 2002 public notices in the Guardian as being no later than 4:00 pm on September 23, 2022. Residents were invited to submit their feedback via email, website, or Facebook, drop a written comment or call the office. The Municipality did not receive feedback via any identified means by the deadline. Two submissions were received after the cut-off time.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

SHARON SLAUENWHITE _____

LAALA JAHANSHALOO _____

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER