

Planning Advisory Committee – Official Plan Update 2021

Held: 4:00 PM, Monday, February 22, 2021

Location: Virtual via Zoom

First Public Meeting in 2021

1. Call to Order

1. Director of Development Services
The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

2. Presentations

1. Official Plan Review Launch – Director of Development Services and Public Facilitator Consultant

The Director of Development Services and the Public Facilitator Consultant welcomed the public into the meeting and reviewed the process with the public. Each meeting will have a presentation followed by small discussion groups in breakout rooms reporting to the whole group. Findings of each discussion group are recorded.

Summary of the discussions from the breakout rooms.

Group 1:

- Small Town appeal while growing the population
- Live, work and play in Town. Avoid bedroom community.
- Waterways and parks
- Concern for climate change
- Subdivisions not visible from Highway 7

Group 2:

- Walkable town
- Maintains or enhances the green canopy
- Functional parklands
- Affordable and senior specific housing within the core of the town

Group 3:

- More greenspace, note made to Perthmore
- More recreational activities for the middle years. Existing activities for children and seniors, but lacking the middle age bracket.
- Transportation – the large transport trailers and trucks off Gore Street
- Some form of public transportation for people in town.

Group 5:

- Keep the community green and compact avoiding the urban sprawl, parks and trails
- Extend the heritage character through to the future neighbourhoods
- Retain walkability, active transportation
- Proper cycling infrastructure

Group 6:

- Improved walking and cycling connectivity
- Improved accessibility to shops for those with walking aids
- Increase the green canopy both private and public lands
- An industry to bring young people to Perth
- Updated recreation complex with arena, pool walking track for people of all ages

Group 7

- Preservation of or green space
- Availability of affordable housing

Group 8

- Transportation
- Accessibility
- Low Income Housing
- Consider the demographic that Perth is attracting

Group 9

- Walkable community
- Provide grocery store options in where people are located.
- Support local farmers, healthy food culture in Perth
- Mixed use housing
- Different types of housing to attract a diversity of residents
- Affordable Housing
- Greenspace
- Everything done for the common good
- Active Transportation
- Integration of infrastructure

Group 10

- Strong business community
- Protecting the downtown core
- Target activities for the “middle” age group
- Consider the new work styles and lifestyles people now have as an outcome of the pandemic building on the digital infrastructure in the Town of Perth
- Make it attractive to the younger people who can work from home

- Transportation networks – consider sidewalks for walking on one side and cycle path on the other side of the road
- Affordable place to live, housing

Group 11

- Friendly and helpful place to live
- Variety of housing – use infill instead of building on the greenspace
- Keep the greenspace – preserving nature
- Affordable housing
- Trails
- Plant more trees to attract birds

2. Next meeting

Monday 4 p.m. March 22, 2021.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.