OP01/25-Official Plan Amendment Updating Public Consultation Requirements

February 11, 2025



Process to Date

Application Received Public Meeting

Staff & Agency Review

Recommendation to Council Meeting

Decision by Council

City initiated application 2024





Background

- City recently approved a Comprehensive Public Notice Policy.
- Province's enactment of Bill 185 – Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.
- City Official Plan needs to be further amended to reflect these most recent changes.



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City of Cambridge's Comprehensive Public Notice Policy

- The Public Notice Policy which was passed by Council in December 2024 includes:
 - Extension of 120 metre legislated circulation radius;
 - Staff are proposing a radius of 240 metres;
 - Including tenants of multi-residential buildings in circulations;
 - Improvements to on-site signage for development applications;
 - Roll out of dedicated public notice webpages;



Notice Methods

- City staff have established a new postcard format for most public notices (design for Planning notices to be used for on site signage as well).
 - Tenants will be able to read the postcard even if addressed to owner.
- New standardized public notice templates for staff to use.
- Centralized public notice webpage where all notices would be posted and notice board at City Hall where physical copies of notices can be posted, including an enhanced development applications webpage.
- Consultation with First Nations.



Notice Templates



DEVELOPMENT NOTICE

Map of Affected Area

A Public Meeting for this

application will be held on

dd/mm/yy at Old City Hall,

46 Dickson Street.

Council Chambers, located at

INSERT SITE **IMAGE HERE** XXX Storeys XXXX Metres



XXXX m2 Office



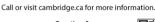
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Council Calendar where meetings are posted and agenda materials can be found at calendar. cambridge.ca/council

Next steps



As of dd/mm/yy,

street level.

Questions? Contact Name Contact Number E-mail address

A change is proposed for this site.

The city has received an application to change

the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to allow the

construction of a residential building with retail at

Applicant: ABC Holdings Inc & XYZ Ontario Limited

Location: 123 Any Street & 456 Busy Boulevard



Current Status



Public meeting to be held.

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Staff consolidating all feedback in order to finalize a recommendation to be considered by Planning Committee and City Council.

Council decision communicated 4 Council decision communicated back to residents who requested

If you require an alternative format, please contact us at accessibility@cambridge.ca, 519-623-1340, ext. 4309





DEVELOPMENT NOTICE



Max height of 4 Storeys permitted



street-facing buildings

As of July 17, 2024,

A change is proposed for this site.

The City of Cambridge has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application to change the site specific provisions for the property located at 1065 Speedsville Road. Under the Planning Act, this Public Meeting is for a revised Zoning By-law Rear proposed Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting for the original application was held by Cambridge Council on April 4, 2023. File No. R01/23



Agenda and livestream for meeting calendar. cambridge.ca/council

Register in advance as a delegate calendar.cambridge.ca/speak

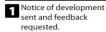


Public Meeting Details August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Historic City Hall, 46 Dickson Street



Questions? Sancy Sebastian 519-623-1340, ext. 4468 sebastians@cambridge.ca Visit cambridge.ca for more info.





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Next steps

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Description:

To be completed by planning



Notification:

To be notified of any future Committee or Council meetings at which recommendations are to be considered, or to be notified of the approval of the proposal, or of the refusal of a request to amend the Zoning Bylaw, you must make a written request or email to the City of Cambridge Community Development Department and the City Clerk at P.O. Box 669, Cambridge Ontario, N1R 5W8. With the exception of this Public Meeting Notice, notice of future meetings on this proposal will only be sent to those persons who have requested to be notified.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Cambridge before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the City of Cambridge to the Ontario Land Tribunal. In addition, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party. See the front of this notice for contact information.

Destination Address Name City, Prov. Postal Code

Importance of Public Consultation and Engagement

- Allows individuals and communities to have a voice in decisions that affect them;
- Provides valuable input to policymakers and ensuring that proposed actions consider diverse perspectives;
- Leads to more informed, inclusive, and ultimately, more effective outcomes for the public at large;
- Fosters transparency and builds trust;
- This process will provide the opportunity to ensure the City of Cambridge's public consultation strategy and application processes are up to date and reflect the best approaches to engage with our community



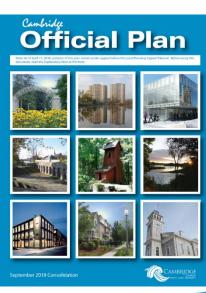
Bill 185 – Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024

- Bill 185 has removed the ability to impose mandatory pre-consultations prior to the submission of a development application.
- The requirement to file a complete application still applies which means applicants will must submit all required documents prior to staff deeming an application complete.



Official Plan Policies City Staff Proposing to Amend

- Remove any policies that require a pre-consultation application prior to submitting a formal site plan, zoning, Official Plan, subdivision application.
- Update policies regarding public meeting requirements as per Planning Act requirements.
- Amend public consultation requirements to reflect the new recommended radius of 240 m for development applications.
- Further amend public consultation requirements to promote community outreach and engagement.
- Amend the requirement for newspaper ads.
- Amend complete application requirements for site plan applications, Zoning By-law, Official Plan Amendments Subdivisions, and Condominium.





Next Steps

Considerations for Review:

- Conformity with new Bill 185 and the Planning Act, City of Cambridge Official Plan;
 and the City of Cambridge Zoning By-law No. 150-85;
- Proposed changes to Official Plan policies;
- Comments received from members of Council, public, City staff and agency circulation.

